

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

President Brian S. McCarthy presided; City Clerk Paul R. Bergeron recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Paul R. Bergeron; Alderman Dion leading in the Pledge to the Flag.

President McCarthy

Before we begin I would like to remind the members of the Board and of the public to please turn off cell phones and pagers, and if you must use them to please leave the room quietly first.

The roll call was taken with 15 members of the Board of Aldermen present.

His Honor Mayor Bernard A. Streeter and Corporation Counsel David R. Connell were also in attendance.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Thank you Mr. President. Director Stefan Russakow reports that the Division of Public Health and Community Services received word that the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services will be awarding the Division a two year contract in the amount of \$313,196.00 to continue preventive health programs in the areas of TB prevention, Immunizations, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention, and Sexually Transmitted Disease as well as HIV Testing and Counseling. The Division also expects to receive word shortly on the status of an additional application regarding HIV prevention and outreach.

Although the Flu season is underway, there has not been any widespread flu reported in our state according to Paul Etkind, Deputy Director and Epidemiologist from the Division of Public Health and Community Services. Community Flu clinics are no longer being conducted in Nashua, but if anyone desires a flu shot, please come to one of the regularly scheduled immunization clinics at the division's office on Mulberry Street.

Dr. Joe Sabato, the Division's Medical Director and Medical Reserve Corps Project Officer continues to provide training opportunities in the areas of Emergency Public Health and Disaster Preparation. If anyone is interested in further training opportunities or the Medical Reserve Corps, Please contact Dr. Sabato at 589-4507.

From the Division of Public Works, Division Director Rick Seymour reports that his division is considering a two-stream recycling truck. They have been provided a Heil R-2000 recycling truck for demonstration purposes and it provides more efficient loading and compaction of both fiber and commingled containers resulting in better organization of collection routes. Other demonstration units are scheduled and a Request for Proposal for the purchase of two units will be advertised in March.

The Solid Waste Department is finalizing the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services waiver and permit modification submittal for utilization of the lined expansion within the current 500'

setback area. The submittal will include an environmental health risk component, a noise analysis, sight impacts and an examination and resolution of other potential nuisance conditions.

In total, the projected costs to submit the wavier that will potentially provide over 627,000 cubic yards of additional landfill capacity and over \$30 million dollars of value will be between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Conversations with abutters are underway to provide information and mitigate concerns. A public meeting will more than likely be scheduled by the NHDES in the near future.

The Department has worked on 13 winter events as of January 31, 2005. These include 8 that were weekend or holiday events. The largest event was a storm that started on January 22, 2005 and included snowfall in the range of 20 inches. It was followed by a storm of 6.5 inches for a total for the week of 26.5 inches of snow.

The Department continues to struggle to have a consistent salt supply. Granite State Minerals has failed to deliver material in a timely fashion. As a result the department has been required to haul salt with its own trucks or hired trucks to keep salt available. The supplier has given a discount on the salt to offset the trucking costs.

Additional temporary no parking signs on East Dunstable Road near the Roby Park sledding hill have been installed, and preparations are underway for the division's Annual Winter Carnival set for Saturday, February 26th at Roby Park beginning at 11:00 a. m., weather permitting.

The Traffic Department has been working closely with the Engineering Department getting ready to implement changes to the Charron Avenue intersection this spring in an effort to reduce conflicts.

Verizon Wireless has contacted the department in regards to proposal to replace the left field light pole at Holman Stadium with a new poll and cell tower antenna. This would increase the yearly stadium revenue from cell towers by \$21,000.

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FY '05 Sidewalk Program in the Bramble Dr./ Harris Rd. area will be discussed at a neighborhood meeting, Wednesday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the New Searles Rd. School Library. On Thursday, February 17th, at 6:30 p.m. the Whitford Rd. sidewalk program will be discussed at the Main Dunstable School Library. On Thursday, February 24th, at 6:30 p.m. the Manchester St./Tinker Rd. sidewalks program will be discussed at the Pennichuck Middle School. On Thursday, March 3rd at 6:30 p.m., the East Otterson St. sidewalk project will be discussed in the Elm St. School Media Center. Conceptual designs will be presented at each meeting and notifications will be sent to residences in the area. The Board of Public Works, Board of Aldermen along with representatives from the Board of Education will be invited to attend.

The School Department wishes to revise the Mine Falls Park Bridge & Pathway project to include bus traffic between the high schools. The Engineering Department o Public Works is reviewing proposals previously submitted to short-list 5 consultants for interviews.

From the Great American Downtown comes word that Prints of the winning painting from the 2004 Winter Holiday Stroll are now available for purchase at Bilancia Gallery & Framing. For the past 4

years Great American Downtown has held an art contest during the Stroll with area artists' renditions being exhibited at the Gallery. Past art contest winners include well-known local artists Paula Super of Nashua, Joyce Kingman of Amherst, and Dale Begley of Pelham. The 2004 winner was Marilene Sawaf. She was born in Egypt and raised in Italy and Lebanon and is currently a resident of Nashua and member of the Nashua Area Artists Association. Her winning painting, entitled Holiday Stroll, captures the spirit and sense of community of the holiday season.

In conjunction with the Great American Downtown, I will be holding a Roundtable Business Forum for downtown business people on Tuesday, February 22nd at 8:00 a.m., in the Hunt Memorial Building at 6 Main St. The Board of Alderman is cordially invited to attend.

We have received word that Warren Kean, owner of the Mohawk Tannery property has selected Richmond/GZA as their preferred redevelopment team for the tannery site. We will be meeting with them to discuss their plans later this month. We hope to get the EPA to enter into an agreement with NH DES for this state agency to be the responsible party. Thank you Mr. President.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

Alderman Shaw

I would like to ask through the Mayor back to DPW if the department could try to at least in the future work the schedule of those kind of sidewalk neighborhood meetings with the respective Ward Alderman. These are projects that warrant at least a quick survey – Alderman Lozeau and myself were not aware of those specific schedules or contacted. It would be helpful in the future if we could work to coordinate that. It is certainly of interest as a Ward Alderman.

Mayor Streeter

I will make sure the Director is aware of the concerns. Thank you.

Alderman MacLaughlin

I want to, through the Chair, comment the Mayor for the upcoming business roundtable he is putting together with the downtown business merchants most of whom are small businessmen and women who have invested heavily in this community, and without whom the downtown wouldn't be as vibrant or as interesting or seen as much of a destination for retail as it is. I think that small business is a very good thing, a very well established presence in this city. It needs all the support from city government and city resources. It is refreshing to hear that we will turn a little attention on them and away from some of the larger corporate entities we have all been hearing and reading about recently. Thank you.

RECOGNITION PERIOD

R-05-174

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Board of Aldermen

EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PAL JR. PEE WEE SPIRIT SQUAD

Given its first reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW THAT THE RULES BE SO FAR SUSPENDED AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SECOND READING OF R-05-174

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-05-174 given its second reading

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-174
MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-05-174 declared duly adopted.

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF JANUARY 25, 2005, BE ACCEPTED, PLACED ON FILE, AND THE READINGS SUSPENDED
MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS - None

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – None

PETITIONS – None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

The following Appointments by the Mayor were read into the record:

Child Care Advisory Commission

Mary Ann Melizzi-Goldja (New Appointment)
2 Amble Road
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: October 13, 2006

Awilda Muniz (New Appointment)
72 Vine Street

Term to Expire: October 13, 2006

Nashua, NH 03060

Planning Board

Kenneth O. Dufour (Re-Appointment)
52 Conant Road
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: March 31, 2008

Hugh Moran (Re-Appointment)
21 Danbury Road
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to Expire: March 31, 2008

MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER THAT THE RULES BE SO FAR SUSPENDED AS TO ALLOW FOR THE READING OF A MAYORAL APPOINTMENT RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PREPARED

MOTION CARRIED

Conservation Commission

Alexander Duran, PHD (New Appointment)
21 Manchester Street

Term to Expire: December 31, 2007

Nashua, NH 03064

Alderman Tollner

For everyone's information Mr. Duran was re-appointed back in February of '04 and is moving from an alternate to a full-time member.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR AS READ AND REFER THEM TO THE PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Human Affairs Committee..... 01/19/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the January 19, 2005 Human Affairs Committee accepted and placed on file.

Committee on Infrastructure 01/26/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the January 26, 2005 Committee on Infrastructure accepted and placed on file.

Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee ... 01/24/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the January 24, 2005 Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee accepted and placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

BPW Retirement System Trustees

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO CONFIRM BY VOICE VOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANK ANDERSON, 17 RANCOURT STREET, NASHUA, TO THE BPW RETIREMENT SYSTEM TRUSTEES FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2007
MOTION CARRIED

President McCarthy declared Frank Anderson duly appointed to the BPW Retirement System Trustees for a term to expire December 31, 2007.

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel.

Hunt Building Board of Trustees

MOTION BY ALDERMAN BOLTON TO CONFIRM BY VOICE VOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF MARILYN SOLOMON, 16 DURHAM STREET, NASHUA, TO THE HUNT BUILDING BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2005
MOTION CARRIED

President McCarthy declared Marilyn Solomon duly appointed to the Hunt Building Board of Trustees for a term to expire December 31, 2005.

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - RESOLUTIONS

R-04-119

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman Kevin E. Gage
Alderman-at-Large David Rootovich
Alderman David D. Lozeau

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER RELATIVE TO THE DATES FOR SUBMISSION AND ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET

R-04-121

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson
Alderman Robert A. Dion
Alderman-at-Large David Rootovich
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman David D. Lozeau

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER RELATIVE TO REQUIRING THE VOTE OF AT LEAST TEN (10) ALDERMEN FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATION

Given its fifth reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO AMEND R-04-121 IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDEN ROD COPY PROVIDED WITH THE AGENDA

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Shaw

One clerical – does this truly become R-05-121 or is it really still R-04?

President McCarthy

We have typically referred to them by their original number until..

Alderman Shaw

I am just going by what is typed on the amended golden rod copy.

Alderman Bolton

What is the substantive change that this amendment will accomplish?

Alderman Johnson

What happened was this way it basically brings you back that you will need 10 Aldermen to exempt all or any part of the principal and interest payments of the bond and also we are going back to may be exempted from the limitation defined in 56(c) at least ten Aldermen. You are taking out the piece that Alderman Tollner and some other Aldermen had where this is going to be to accept the budget. We are not talking about decreasing it or leaving it this is just basically on the budget end of it – the affirmative vote of ten Aldermen. This is where when the petitions came out for the Spending Cap, this is where almost all the voters thought it was going to be – 10 Aldermen not just 2/3 of whomever is at the meeting.

A Viva Voce Roll Call was requested, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Tollner, Alderman Vitale, Alderman LaRose, Alderman Gage, Alderman MacLaughlin, Alderman Deane, Alderman Shaw, Alderman Lozeau, Alderman Dion, Alderman Rootovich, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Bolton, Alderman McCarthy

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Nay: Alderman Cardin

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MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON THAT R-04-121, AS AMENDED, IS NECESSARY AND THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2005, AT 7:00 PM IN THE ALDERMANIC CHAMBER

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Bolton

The previous speaker suggested that this comported with what almost everyone thought back some 10-12 years ago when the spending limitations were added to the city Charter. I am wondering if there is any evidence to support that it is what almost everyone thought. That Alderman could perhaps inform us of where that information arises.

Alderman Johnson

Well I am not in a court of law right now so I am just going to say when we did the Spending Cap petition we always thought it was going to be at least 10 Aldermen not 2/3 of the Aldermen that are sitting in the Chamber that night. This is where I thought it was going to be, and I know a lot of people came up and spoke that night at the public hearing. I am going to stick by what I felt was right when I went out and did the Spending Cap Petition 2-3 times.

Alderman Bolton

The fact is that I know what I knew that it meant and most everyone I talked to understood that when something requires 2/3 of the Board of Aldermen that means 2/3 of the people who are sitting there making up the Board of Aldermen. The Board of Aldermen does not exist when people are at the beach or at amusement parks or otherwise engaged. The Board of Aldermen exists when we convene as a group in a meeting and take actions on things within our authority. The fact is this is not necessary. The fact is that what this is, is an effort by a minority to allow themselves to control things even when they don't bother to show up. That is what this is all about. That is the affect that it will have that affectively people cannot even bother to come to a meeting and their vote counts no. That is not the way we ought to run things. If you want to have input on this, if you want to vote on this all you have to do is show up. If everyone is here 10 votes makes 2/3, but to say, which affectively this does, when you don't show up that counts as a no vote that is not the proper way to do business.

Alderman Johnson

I guess it is all in how you interpret the law and that is what happens when you go to a court of law also. You know some people – we are going to go back I guess to the summertime in August – it was an unfortunate thing that three members of the Board were away on vacation. What happens if you are sick? People do get sick and you can't help it if you are not here. The issue is let this go back to a public hearing again, let the people come out and speak on it, let it go to the ballot box. If the people feel that we don't need to have 10 sitting Aldermen here to vote on the budget then they will vote against it. If they feel that we do then they will vote for it. Don't take the rights of the people away to vote on the ballot box. Isn't that what basically democracy is all about? Thank you.

Alderman Lozeau

When I was a citizen it is what I thought when I voted for it. Thank you.

Alderman Bolton

The motion is and the requirement of the law is that this Board finds that this is necessary before anything else happens. I am not taking anyone's right away it is obeying the law. If I don't believe it is necessary I have an obligation -- part of the oath I took when I was sworn into this Board – if I don't believe it is necessary I have an obligation to vote against. People can make all the disparaging remarks about court and the law, but that is what primarily separates this country from countries like Iraq and others who don't believe in the rule of law.

Alderman MacLaughlin

We may not be in a court of law, but we are sitting in a court of public opinion, and I can tell you that there are some people in Nashua including myself that take some comfort in knowing that those who are elected to serve on this Board and make decisions on matters such as the budget do so with a great level of seriousness and deliberation. That was evident to me throughout the whole last process. It took a while and we finally came to what I call compromise. We can debate the meaning of compromise in terms of each individual member's view of what that might be, but it hurts to think

that we would even come close to suggesting that several of our colleagues who I hold in high esteem would deliberately not be at a meeting to prevent a decision from being rendered on a policy question as important as this. It is unfortunate that the timing was what it was and unfortunately that the three colleagues in question happened to hold similar views, but I am sure they would have been here if they could have been here. It is in that view that I feel that the ten vote minimum is actually very acceptable to me.

It could easily have been three yes votes or those who might have been inclined to have supported the budget, and yet we still wanted a void casting doubt on the intent of those who are not here when we go to render the decision. I am very comfortable with this. I do believe it is what the prevailing opinion is out there from those that I have spoken with. I am prepared to support it. Thank you.

Alderman Shaw

I guess my biggest concern with this requirement is that it does put the Board in the potential situation of meeting with a quorum of having 8 or 9 members present and not being able to pass the budget. Regardless of how 6 or 7 people might not be here it is a possibility that we put ourselves into that we then define the Board incapable of taking action even if we are able to meet and hold a quorum. I ask the question whether it is wise to put ourselves in that position or not. I think what we saw happen this past summer was an extreme situation, and what I offer up is quite further extreme, but it is something that is in the realm of possibilities and something that I do have concerns about. Thank you.

Alderman Vitale

I would echo Alderman Shaw's concerns. I believe that most of us at budget time will be at every meeting that we can possibly be at. If that is the case, and as Alderman Bolton had stated, we will have ten Aldermen making up 2/3 of the vote. I think there are times that people will miss. I think there could be 5 people missed. I think everybody on the Board votes on the budget as they see fit, and if there is only 9 people that happen to be here that day voting in the best interest of the city and that should prevail at that given time. I don't think that will normally be the case. I think we will have more people here at such an important vote. I have concerns where as I said I echo Alderman Shaw's comments. I don't think it is necessary, and that is how I am going to vote. Thank you.

Alderman Deane

I look at this as 2/3 of 15 is 10. That is the way I understood it. Perhaps there is a differing opinion on it. I would also like to comment on Alderman Shaw and Alderman Vitale's support of the fact that with 9 you could hold a meeting but you couldn't pass the budget. I don't think it would turn into that much of a crisis because we could do as we have done in the past. Last year was when we filed a continuing resolution and city government operated just fine thank you and there was no issue with that. I am going to support this as well. Unfortunately people had commitments they had to make, and it is unfortunate that they weren't here. Things happen. I believe with the amount of money that these budgets are running up into now that we should have at least 10 members supporting the expenditures that are brought forth by the administration. I am going to support this. Thank you.

President McCarthy

Is there any further discussion? The motion was that R-04-121 as amended is necessary and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

A Viva Voce Roll Call was requested, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Tollner, Alderman LaRose, Alderman Gage, Alderman MacLaughlin, Alderman Deane, Alderman Lozeau, Alderman Dion, Alderman Rootovich, Alderman Johnson

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Nay: Alderman Vitale, Alderman Cardin, Alderman Shaw, Alderman Bolton, Alderman McCarthy

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MOTION CARRIED

R-04-148

Endorser: Alderman Lori Cardin

CHANGING THE NAME OF HAVELIN AVENUE TO HAVEN AVENUE

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARDIN TO AMEND R-04-148 IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDEN ROD COPY PROVIDED WITH THE AGENDA

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Cardin

In having conversations with a constituent who lives and owns both properties on Havelin Ave., it was my initial understanding that he wanted to change it to Haven Ave., but after doing a little further research and talking to him a little bit more his original intent was to have it named Eckler Ave. I will wait to get into the rest of it if you want to move on with the amendment.

President McCarthy

Is there any further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARDIN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-04-148 AS AMENDED

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Cardin

My constituent, Chris Eckler is a property owner in the Bridge Street, Union Street, Amory Street, and Havelin Avenue neighborhood of the city. He owns 18 properties. I believe he has about 59 apartments in this neighborhood. The only two properties that are on Havelin property now are his properties. One is a business that he owns that he built and designed; fitness equipment. The other is an auto repair business. After doing some study of deeds and things in the neighborhood this street

has a history of name changes without anything being accepted. We felt that in order to have a name for this street that we have Haven Ave., Havelin Ave., Haven Street – it is currently Havelin Avenue, but there is nothing that has been accepted by the city to call it Havelin Avenue. In fact in '92 there was actually a letter from the city to a realty company, Stevens Realty Co., on April 6, 1992 changing an address that says it will now be known as 6 Havelin Avenue, but we could never find anywhere where it was ever accepted as Havelin Avenue.

Most of you are probably pretty familiar with the Amory Street/Havelin Ave./Bridge Street neighborhood, and I would say in the last 7-8 years that neighborhood has really been cleaned up quite a bit. It shows pride of ownership by this landlord. There was a lot of drug activity in this neighborhood. I think 90% of that has been cleaned up. Mr. Eckler actually lives in this neighborhood. I think his efforts have improved the quality of life for the people that live there. They certainly have cut down on the number of police calls and activity in that neighborhood. He has done an admirable job. I think it is a fitting change.

Mr. Eckler was actually motivated by his father who was Warren Clarence Eckler, a WWII Veteran, to motivate Chris to do all of this work and make this a better neighborhood for our city. I think it is a fitting thing. It is a very short street. Like I said it has two commercial properties – he owns them both. It will not affect anyone's address but his. I ask the Board to please accept this resolution. Thank you.

Alderman Tollner

I have a question through the Chair to Aldermen Cardin. I am to understand that right now from the city's perspective there is no formal on the record Havelin Avenue right now?

Alderman Cardin

No – never been accepted as Havelin Avenue.

Alderman Tollner

Thank you.

President McCarthy

The motion is for final passage of R-04-148 as amended. Is there any further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-04-148 declared duly adopted as amended.

Mr. Eckler

I would like to thank everybody for accepting that. There is one thing I want to mention. The reason I really wanted the street to be named Eckler was after my father. He did move to Nashua last year, and he passed away in April. He was a WWII Veteran, a Mason, and a great guy.

R-04-149

Endorser: Alderman David MacLaughlin

Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

CHANGING THE NAME OF POISSON AVENUE TO SKYVENTURE WAY

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN MACLAUGHLIN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-04-149

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman LaRose

They are going to take away my fun of being able to pronounce Poisson Ave.

Alderman Gage

I am not going to support it. Number one I want to hear him say Poisson more often. We start to change street names for businesses we could do that on a lot of streets in this city. If that business goes under 3, 4, 5, or 10 years from now and a new business comes in they will come to us and say well we want it named after us now. It is one of the old French names on the city street – French had a large part in making this city what it is, what it has become, and I will not support it. Thank you.

Alderman MacLaughlin

I respect the concern of my colleagues. Certainly they bring up valid points. The word Poisson is a word that takes some getting used to to try to pronounce, and that is one of the reasons I propose to change it. It is confusing. It is often misinterpreted to mean something that it is not. It looks like it means poison because of its location next to a now defunct chemical plant – many people associate that word with that meaning. That really isn't the meaning of it at all. The meaning of it, which had more to do with the river beyond is lot, and that is French for fish. As I look at this name and I look at SkyVenture I look at it to reflect a vision that I have and maybe others share in this city for the site that it is next to. It happens it is a small street with three properties, has been purchased by a company called Sky Venture New Hampshire. Part of the business name is being proposed for the street, but I like the word. I like the word a lot better than the current word. The reasons are in the roots; sky – upward and forward thinking, venture meaning risk, investment, opportunity and the future.

I think that when we talk about new businesses coming to our city what I am hearing in these discussions, and it is a valid concern, is what happens if the business should fail and no longer be there, but you know what I am not about failure I am about success. I want to see our city do all we can do to get behind businesses that choose Nashua as the place to do business, to grow, to expand, to invest, and to do business. This particular business happened to have looked at many places within New England before coming here and investing here in the properties on this street. It is the first of its kind indoor wind tunnel type business. It is very environmentally friendly. It is very revolutionary. It is brand new. It is a clean industry. That is exactly the type of thing that we should be welcoming here. We should not be in the position now after they might have chose us to do business here and add to the many offerings of our business clients here, the fact that we expect that they might fail. You know

what when they decided to form a business they took the risk and possibly chose to either make it or not.

This has less to do with the name of that business and more to do with what I hope will happen on that property in terms of public transportation at some point. It is visionary. It is something that ties in well with the commuter rail project that I am excited about and I think people in this city are excited about. I feel that this ties in very well. It certainly suggests a bright future for that part of D.W. Highway. I am very pleased to forward this proposal to you this evening.

Alderman Bolton

I have a couple of questions that perhaps my Alderman of Ward 8 could help me with these things. Are we certain that the Poisson name merely stems from the fact that the street is located near the river? There was no family named Poisson that was honored at one time that we would now be detracting from? Do we know that?

Alderman MacLaughlin

My research has shown that it is more geographically chosen title than it is a familiar one. That is a fantastic question.

Alderman Bolton

Good. Are there other properties with addresses on this street that would be impacted by the change?

Alderman MacLaughlin

That is a very key point. There are three properties on the street itself. At the end, on D.W. Highway is C.V.S., and then there is a small mini-plaza, which is on D.W. Highway. That is the entrance to this particular cul-de-sac essentially. Three small homes exist there two of which are abandoned and the third which previously held an elderly occupant whose name I cannot recall this evening, but this person is very retired and now geographically located in Florida, and has no opposition to having this particular address renamed. It is significant that all three properties have been purchased by this particular enterprise. Really they are the only voice being added to lend weight to the proposal.

Alderman Bolton

Under the circumstances, I am not worried about the fact that at some point in the future they may be so vastly successful that they move to another location and someone else relocates there, and if that is the case we can do what we can to promote the future business as well to the extent it doesn't inconvenience anyone else. Thank you.

Alderman MacLaughlin

May I add another thought. I know it is a concern among some of my colleagues and I respect that – Joe's Pizza might ultimately move in on the street one day and would I propose renaming this street to

Pizza Street or Pizza Park or something of that nature – some have poked fun at other unique street names within the city, indeed within Ward 8 like Spit Brook Road. Certainly this is not a pattern that I intend to pursue it is simply we are focusing so heavily on what we are going to do once the chemical plant is disassembled and what we might do to build a transportation center perhaps in this particular location of a former chemical plant. I just feel that the name change ties in very well with the process of deliberation as we debate the future of that property. Thank you.

Alderman Shaw

I have a question for Alderman MacLaughlin. The CVS and that mini plaza do they use the D.W. Highway address or do they use the Poisson Avenue address currently?

Alderman MacLaughlin

I thank my colleague for bringing up that point too. They have D.W. Highway listings, and are, therefore, not affected by the name if it stays the same or changes.

Alderman Shaw

Thank you.

President McCarthy

Is there any further discussion?

President McCarthy stepped down and Vice-President Tollner presided.

Alderman McCarthy

I just want to relate a story that I related to the Infrastructure Committee a year or so ago when we were going through the same issue with another place in town. Frankly I had forgotten about it until just a few minutes ago. My parents in 1956 moved into a newly created subdivision and apparently when the subdivision was created there was one set of street names originally recorded, and they thought better of it and changed them around by the time it was built. In fact some of the house in the subdivision date back to the very early '50s or the late '40s. Maps never got corrected and in fact as late as 2002 the last time I was there 46 years later the maps of the area still have the wrong street names on them. Someone stopped who was looking for a house two houses down that was for sale, and was confused by the addresses. If I go to Yahoo and look for the surrounding streets I can't find them, if I go to Map Quest I can't find them, and if I go to Microsoft MapPoint I can't find them.

I guess the worry I have when we endeavor to change street names a lot it may actually be a great idea to do it I actually shy away from this one particularly because I don't like changing the name because it is Poisson Avenue. I think looking at that name and finding it confusing to track from its original whatever that may have been, but I guess the question that I would like to put forth to the Board is whether we are really doing a favor to anyone who is on one of these small streets by renaming it so that they place a business on a street you can't possibly find when you are looking for it because nothing in the world except the records of the City of Nashua would keep track of the fact that

the name has been changed.

Alderman MacLaughlin

And on the previous proposal whether or not to change the name we actually in just a few moment's time changed the name that was being proposed to be changed and now we have successfully named it after an individual who contributed a lot to our city in the past. What I am doing as an Alderman is trying to provide an eye toward the future. Out of respect to those who have contributed to Nashua's great past I would suggest that small businesses such as this particular one, which happens to be new, will be here long enough to contribute greatly to the years to come. I believe that what I am hoping to accomplish here is to send a signal that says you know what there is going to be a lot of change in this particular corridor of D.W. Highway should we actually move forward with the transportation proposal, which is huge and is significant, and it is precedent setting in itself if we are able to promote a regional transportation center. I just think that such a grand vision for that particular site would be reflected in some of the details, and in this particular case Sky Venture is well chosen. Thank you.

Vice-President Tollner stepped down and President McCarthy presided.

Alderman Vitale

Could I ask how as this initially brought up? Was it that the business came in? Why the decision to change the name of this street to start with?

Alderman MacLaughlin

That is a great question also. It had less to do with this business deciding to buy that property and more the realization that there is going to be great change to that particular street. Those homes are going to come down, the plant at the end of it is going to come down, the ugly storage tanks are coming down – there is going to be great change there. I frequent D.W. Highway often. I am sure many of us do. As I drove past this little street, which is relatively inactive and certainly not contributing its full potential to our city, I thought of change many, many months ago. It just happened that it was coincidental that the new business happened to appear as the sole proprietor of the three lots this past fall. As I searched for some of the details, as I looked as to how to really promote the possible transportation center that I see there at some point, small things began to mean very large things, and this particular street although I am familiar with French as I had two years of it, and I could see that every time I mentioned the word I would either butcher it myself or if I were to refer to it geographically very few people would fully appreciate the meaning of the word so through ... **tape flipped** ... environmentally friendly type name. Skyventure happens to fit very well.

Alderman Plamondon

First I want to apologize to the Infrastructure Committee. When this was discussed I was ill and not there, but I did watch it on TV and I just wanted to say I would not have supported this legislation in Infrastructure. My perspective is more of one on heritage. The only reason I can really see the undermining reason to potentially change the name of the street is when anglicizing a French name it

maybe has a negative connotation when it fact the name is Plus in Latin. I don't know the history. I don't know if maybe there was a well know fishing hole, which Poisson is fish in French. Maybe there was a fishing hole there. Maybe there was a Poisson family. I don't know the history, but I do know I looked at a map today and I looked at a series of names just French names in the city. This is part of our heritage. I think if we were to go about and use improper pronunciation and anglicize a lot of these names be it French, Lithuanian, Polish, Spanish it is precedent setting. Look at the name Blanchard, Dion, Henry Burke Highway, Notre Dame Street, Rochette – it all comes down to pronunciation, and it is our heritage. The French were the third immigrant wave to the city. This is why we have a strong French cultural heritage within the city. Based on that I can't support changing a name of a street, a name of a monument, a name of a building without a very, very strong argument. This alters our heritage, it alters the culture that makes this city so great. Based on that those are my arguments or my concerns regarding this – trying to come up with a compromise if we were to look at some of these streets and there was a problem for example Croissant Ave. if we were looking at replacing it and putting up a new sign maybe we could put up a sign with the correct pronunciation underneath it so that when people come by and look at it they see Poison, but if they see it is actually Poisson maybe that will address some potential negativity or misinterpretation as to what exactly is the name. Thank you.

Alderman MacLaughlin

As a former history major at the University of Vermont, I agree that you should honor the past and the meaning of things that contribute greatly to the city's history. Certainly I am not trying to denigrate that in any way, but I must say that the suggestion that we put the meaning of the word on the sign that might be above the street will ultimately make this whole thing rather unsafe as motorists try to navigate the intersection saying what the heck doe that mean because now they will truly have a lot more to read in their mission of getting to their destination, which should be the shops and the businesses on the corridor or to other points North or South and will become somewhat obscured. This is not an attempt to erase the city's past or the significance of the contribution of the French – certainly not. This is an attempt to re-establish visions for the future, forward thinking, upward thinking, risk taking, positive name that doesn't sound fishy at all. Thank you.

Alderman LaRose

It wasn't that long ago that Croissant Ave. was actually the main entrance to the chemical plant. You had all of these truckers coming down, and I am sure most of the truckers weren't Franco American so they were able to find Croissant Ave. I have mixed feelings on switching the name. I think I will be voting against changing the name at this time from the discussion that we have had from everybody. Thank you.

Alderman Shaw

I was actually quite inclined to not support this and had some real reservations, and I have actually I think been swayed to support it. This is one of those items that seems to be more emotional than many other things we deal with. I guess the thing I do see is that at this point changing the name is a way to support this new business. It is not an area that has some significant cultural history behind it. It is not in a neighborhood where there was a lot of history to draw upon that we are doing away with. I will say my one concern remains that this seems to be perhaps an easy way to try to support one of

our new businesses coming into the city. What I do see as more of an issue is in many other locations where we have multiple parcels on a given street and then maybe start seeing requests from various business owners to change a street to support them. We might be opening a Pandora's box. This seems to be an isolated case, but that remains my one concern. Thank you.

Alderman Deane

I appreciate everybody's comments. I hope we have this sort of enthusiasm throughout tomorrow evening when the Fire Department presents its \$5.8 million expenditure on a new fire station on East Hollis Street to us. Thank you.

President McCarthy

Is there any further discussion? The motion was for final passage of R-04-149.

A Viva Voce Roll Call was requested, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Cardin, Alderman MacLaughlin, Alderman Deane, Alderman Shaw,
Alderman Lozeau, Alderman Bolton

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Nay: Alderman Tollner, Alderman Vitale, Alderman LaRose, Alderman Gage,
Alderman Plamondon, Alderman Dion, Alderman Rootovich, Alderman Johnson,
Alderman McCarthy

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MOTION FAILED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO RE-REFER TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Gage

Can I ask through you to the maker of the motion what his plan is for this piece of legislation – what he expects to happen.

Alderman Deane

I cannot predict the future Alderman Gage. I would expect there would be perhaps some conversation and we will deal with it at the committee level. Thank you.

Alderman MacLaughlin

I respect that and I thank Alderman Deane for that. For my own part I think I am going to investigate the meaning of the word Venture because I am quite sure there is some French connotation there.

MOTION FAILED

Division Taken

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MOTION BY ALDERMAN GAGE FOR INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF R-04-149

ON THE QUESTION

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Alderman Deane

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I would like to ask the maker of the motion why he would want to do that.

Alderman Gage

Because obviously it is not going back to committee, and it has been voted down by this Board. I think we have spent plenty of time on it. Thank you.

Alderman Deane

I will not be supporting this motion.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-04-149 declared indefinitely postponed.

R-04-150

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Alderman Lori Cardin
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000 FROM
SAM'S CLUB FOUNDATION INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #331-6213
"SAM'S CLUB – INVESTIGATIVE EQUIPMENT"**

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-04-150

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-04-150 declared duly adopted.

R-04-151

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Alderman Lori Cardin
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$357,660 OBTAINED
FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT INTO
SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #352-6513, "MINE FALLS HUD GRANT – PHASE II"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN PLAMONDON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-04-151
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-04-151 declared duly adopted.

R-04-152

Endorsers: Alderman Robert A. Dion
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF THE SUM OF \$100,000
FROM NASHUA ROTARY CLUB INTO CAPITAL PROJECT FUND ACCOUNT #752-
3709 "ROTARY COMMON – IMPROVEMENTS" FOR IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN LAND
ADJACENT TO SALMON BROOK PROPOSED AS A PARK AND NAMING SAID PARK
"ROTARY COMMON"**

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DION FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-04-152

ON THE QUESTION

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Alderman Bolton

I intend to support this resolution despite the fact that Map Quest may not be able to pick up the Rotary Common name and there may be confusion and that our long heritage is having an eyesore ... not be continued.

President McCarthy

I don't believe Map Quest actually now notes it as an eyesore. Let's hope it doesn't get that far.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-04-152 declared duly adopted.

R-04-155

Endorser: Alderman Kevin E. Gage

**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER RELATIVE TO THE
APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Given its third reading

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN GAGE THAT R-04-155, AS AMENDED, BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT
AT THE NEXT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND THAT COPIES OF THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENT AND A SUMMARY THEREOF BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE
PUBLIC IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT LEAST TWO WEEK'S PRIOR TO THE ELECTION**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Lozeau

The Mayor asked to speak on this. I would like to hear what he has to say.

Mayor Streeter

Thank you Mr. President. I was just going to comment that the President of the United States gets to select his Administrative Assistant or Chief of Staff, all 50 Governors get the chance to select their top person in their office, and most Mayors in the major cities in this country have the opportunity to select their own staff. I think that this is an amendment to the Charter that is long overdue. I also think that the Charter itself needs to be looked at at some point. I hope to, with your support, propose a long look at the Charter. There are some ancient language in there that needs to be corrected. In this particular case, it certainly wouldn't affect me, but I think that any future Mayor of this city should have the opportunity to pick his staff including the Administrative Assistant, which in my case I refer to her as the Chief of Staff because that is the chief person in the Mayor's office. Thank you.

President McCarthy

The motion is that R-04-155 as amended be placed on the ballot at the next regular municipal election and that copies of the proposed amendment and the summary thereof be made available to the public in the City Clerk's office at least 2 weeks prior to the election. Is there any further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-04-155 declared duly adopted as amended.

R-04-157

Endorsers: Alderman Lori Cardin
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner
Alderman Kevin E. Gage
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

CONSENTING TO THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY AT 31 CROSS STREET BY THE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE TO THE GREATER NASHUA DENTAL CONNECTION, INC., AND ASSUMPTION OF A MORTGAGE SECURING OBLIGATIONS OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARDIN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-04-157

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Cardin

The Dental Connection has quite a presence in this neighborhood especially in this building at this point. Police Athletic League has not been holding programming in this building. It is a really good fit for the Dental Connection, and they have come forward and asked that they assume the mortgage on this property through the Block Grant funds.

Alderman LaRose

May I ask the Ward 7 Alderman a question through the chair – is the Girls Club still upstairs?

Alderman Cardin

No.

Alderman LaRose

Will this property come on the property tax rolls now or is the Dental Clinic a non-profit organization?

Alderman Cardin

Yes they are non-profit.

Alderman LaRose

Thank you.

President McCarthy

Is there any further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-04-157 declared duly adopted.

R-05-164

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Alderman Lori Cardin
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000 FROM
COMMUNITY HEALTH INSTITUTE (CHI) INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT
#341- 6403 “NEW HAMPSHIRE TURNING POINT INITIATIVE”**

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-164

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-05-164 declared duly adopted.

R-05-165

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

Alderman Lori Cardin
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$63,125 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #331-6207 "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT 05 FUNDS"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN PLAMONDON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-165
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-165 declared duly adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-05-175

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Board of Aldermen

**RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION OF \$655,000 FROM THE PENNICHUCK JR. HIGH
SCHOOL ROOF COLLAPSE SETTLEMENT INTO ACCOUNT 681-31 "CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS – STELLOS STADIUM" AND THE TRANSFER OF SAID AMOUNT INTO
CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT 781-3761 "STELLOS STADIUM PROJECT"**

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

R-05-176

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Alderman Lori Cardin
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROPRIATION INTO FIVE #342 SPECIAL REVENUE
ACCOUNTS FOR DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM SERVICES**

Given its first reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARDIN THAT THE RULES BE SO FAR SUSPENDED AS TO ALLOW
FOR THE SECOND READING OF R-05-176
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-176 given its second reading

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARDIN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-176

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Cardin

These are grants that have been ongoing for 8-10 years. It is a two-year renewal. The reason we asked for a suspension of the rules tonight is that the State has asked for a quick turnaround in order to get this to the Governor and Council. This is \$313,196 that the Mayor mentioned earlier this evening for five different programs; immunization, tuberculosis, control grant, STD grant, HIV counseling, and lead poison case management. I would ask that you please pass this this evening.

Alderman Deane

I just had a question on how much of these funds are used for administration? Does anybody know? I see the five different items that are there, but ... I don't have an issue with accepting the money. What is the sense of urgency?

Alderman Cardin

This is the notice that I got – please accept this memo as a formal request for suspension and a second reading for the attached resolution at the next full Aldermanic Board meeting. The New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services has requested a 1-week turnaround in their paperwork for acceptance of the funds for the Community Health Department. If possible a quick turnaround at the Aldermanic level provides a timely process for the State to present to Governor & Council.

Alderman Deane

Who sent you that?

Alderman Cardin

That is from Chris Lister, Community Health Department.

Alderman Deane

That is quite a request because not much gets done in city government in a week. She happened to send that at the right time. So I would talk to her about how this fund is spent. Thank you.

President McCarthy

Motion is for final passage of R-05-176. Is there any further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-05-176 declared duly adopted.

R-05-177

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Alderman Lori Cardin
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner

Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$30,000 FROM THE MCLEAN CONTRIBUTIONSHIP INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #331-6214 "MCLEAN/PAL-OUTFITTING BOMB SQUAD VEHICLE"

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

R-05-178

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$17,592 FROM ACCOUNT 596-86513 "CONTINGENCY-RETIREMENTS, CITY CLERK" INTO ACCOUNT 513-11171 "VITAL RECORDS CLERK II"

given its first reading; assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE by President McCarthy

R-05-179

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$27,195 FROM ACCOUNT 596-86563 --"CONTINGENCY-RETIREMENTS, WOODLAWN CEMETERY" INTO ACCOUNT 563-11657 "SUPERINTENDENT CEMETERY, FULL-TIME PAYROLL"

given its first reading; assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE by President McCarthy

R-05-180

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon
Alderman Lori Cardin

AMENDING THE USE OF FUNDING BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF GREATER NASHUA IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2003 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

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

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-05-71

Endorsers: Alderman David D. Lozeau
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

CREATING A NO PARKING ZONE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF FRENCH STREET

Given its first reading; assigned to the COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE by President McCarthy

O-05-72

Endorser: Alderman David MacLaughlin

PROHIBITING UNLAWFUL GAMBLING

Given its first reading; assigned to the PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE by President McCarthy

O-05-73

Endorser: Alderman Robert A. Dion

**CREATING A NO PARKING ZONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF HAMILTON STREET
NEAR ITS INTERSECTION WITH LAKE STREET**

Given its first reading; assigned to the COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE by President McCarthy

O-05-74

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

Board of Aldermen

**ADJUSTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
AND THE TAX CREDIT FOR THE DISABLED**

Given its first reading; assigned to the PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE by President McCarthy

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOZEAU THAT THE RULES BE SO FAR SUSPENDED AS TO ALLOW
FOR THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS
PREPARED**

MOTION CARRIED

O-05-75

Endorsers: Alderman David D. Lozeau

Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

CREATING A NO PARKING ZONE ON REDMOND STREET

Given its first reading; assigned to the COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE by President McCarthy

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Alderman Bolton

In the late afternoon/early evening, Alderman Vitale, Shaw, and I had the opportunity to meet with the Governor along with some other municipal education officials, and the President of the Nashua Board of Education, Kim Shaw, was also present. The Governor informed us all about what his education-funding plan was all about, and what it would do. Happily it has an impact of increasing the grant to Nashua over last year by \$5.2 million. So far so good.

Alderman Johnson

Thank you Mr. President. I have already informed the Telegraph that I won't be here from tomorrow until next Tuesday. I hope to be back for the State-of-the-City Address. I am flying out to Florida on business. I am sorry I am going to probably miss the snowstorm on Thursday. In my absence, I hope the bus stops will be cleaned.

I want to let the residents know that I was in a meeting today on transit, and now are having some of the county workers that are in jail out there cleaning bus stops. Now Amherst Street has been done and there have been some other areas. I would like to let people know that we are making progress in the city so people can get on the bus especially our handicapped citizens who are in wheelchairs and have walking disabilities.

Also I want to talk about what happened with the assessors and Conway Ice. I think it is outrageous about the tax situation. I wanted to read something that I read in the paper because I hope that we are going to be just as considerate to homeowners that have a problem because according to Mr. Hall the rink operators have no determination as to how much money is available to distribute to local programs or when to start the process, but rink officials would get together quickly to study the situation he told the assessors. Well I mean this is just outrageous. They got an exemption of more than \$60,000. If a homeowner and taxpayer in this city couldn't fill out paperwork and couldn't answer the questions would we be this considerate to them? That is \$60,000. I know what is coming up. They are asking us to forgive \$56,705.50 on work that was performed by Public Works for the exterior of the building, the landscaping – again I think that is a little bit outrageous. How much more do we give? Well we give them a buck a year to rent the land that is worth over \$2 million at this point in time. Sixty thousand dollars – I have elderly constituents that are calling me up who can't afford to pay their taxes, and if they didn't fill out any paperwork and they weren't able to prove their exemption they wouldn't have gotten this. I would almost bet on it.

The other issue I am a little bit concerned with was the other night I was down on Factory Street and I happened to be riding by the parking lot there, and I am sad to say that the Mayor's car after hours was in the parking lot. I happen to have pictures that I took on my cell phone. It is just say to see that after everything that happened in Manchester with the accident he is still driving the car after hours. That is why my legislation is so important. During the campaign he drove his car and I don't think any of us know if he ever reimbursed the city for the mileage that he put on the car and the wear and tear that he put on the car through his campaign, and now here it is. This was the other night, Friday night. I just think it is outrageous that the Mayor after hours is using the vehicle. That is a city vehicle. He has his own vehicle. He should be parking that car especially on a Friday night in the garage and using his own vehicle. I know Friday night is the Lafayette Club. I have been told by many people. That is all I have to say. Thank you.

Alderman Dion

I will be real brief. I just want to congratulate the Patriots for winning the Super Bowl for the third time. I know it is probably asking too much, but I hope to see them there again next year.

Alderman Shaw

On a lighter note, perhaps after the great experience of having the PAL Jr. Pee Wee Spirit Squad here tonight, and seeing what good there is in having a cheerleading section maybe you Mr. President might want to look into that possibility. Thank you.

President McCarthy

I am sure an appropriate Charter amendment will be forthcoming.

Alderman Plamondon

Earlier this evening it was stated that the Influenza in this area was not epidemic or spreading, and I think I would debate that after what I have been going through. The doctors I have been to – I just want to forewarn everybody, this upper respiratory turn into Bronchitis and there are many cases of Pneumonia that this turns into if left untreated. I would strongly encourage all residents out there to go out and do your utmost to get the Influenza shot and try to protect yourself. It is I will tell you right now no fun. I almost hit 104 degrees. I don't want to do that again.

For residents of Ward 4 I just want to let them know that the Planning Board has delayed the methadone clinic hearing until early March. I am hoping to see residents turn out and express their views on that. For those of you who don't know it is the old 33 Pine Street, the old unemployment building. Tonight the Zoning Board held the proposed chain drug store for the corner of Main and Otterson. That is being held until March 14th. Thank you.

Alderman Deane

I too watched the Patriots game. That was a great game – great ending. You had to watch the whole thing to really enjoy it. It wasn't a one-sided/lopsided game. I saw a little bit of the parade today. I think it is great.

I wanted to comment on O-04-71 creating a no parking zone on the south side of French Street that Alderman Lozeau and myself have sponsored. We have no intentions of doing anything with the French part of French Street. We're not even going to put a corrective pronunciation on it. We know the French Alderman lives up the street and we wouldn't want to do anything with that.

The other thing I wanted to comment on was the meeting we had last evening with the Budget Review Committee pertaining to the proposed fire station. I had sent an e-mail out to the Board as well as to Chief Hatfield, the Mayor, and Mrs. Anderson. I have requested Alderman Dion as Chair of the

Infrastructure Committee to have the Chief come in tomorrow for further discussion on the proposed station on East Hollis Street. I was a bit confused on what people voted for last night. There was a not to exceed amount of \$5.8 million on a bond, and there was a proposal of a 26,000 sq. ft. station reduced to a 22,000 sq. ft. station – I felt as though perhaps maybe we should amend the bond amount if the majority of the Board feels it appropriate. I just looked at the fact that if we are reducing the station – my tax dollars as well as others are being used to fund this – if we are paying \$5.8 million for 22,000 sq. ft. and we were offered an initial design of 26,000 sq. ft. for the same amount we are paying the same amount for 4,000 sq. ft. less, which to me doesn't make sense or not to exceed the \$5.8 million. The discussions that I have had with the Chief pertain to a lot of different areas of the building, and I am not in disagreement that building over on Arlington Street needs to be replaced – anybody who has gone through that knows full well that building's life expectancy has been exceeded. The changes and upgrade to fire protection just don't suit what needs to be housed in there for appropriate protection in the city in that section of town. What really concerns me though is the current design of the building and some of the proposed chopping of certain sections of the building to try to reduce the square footage amount, which would adversely affect some of the fit-up of the interior of the building – it is not an easy task to just go in and start peeling out square footage out of the inside of the building. If you would like to practice that take your house and reduce it by 8 feet of length and 6 feet of width and then look at what you are left with for rooms and are they feasible to even have at that point? Although there was a favorable recommendation to issue the bond last evening I still have major concerns with the current design, the proposed 4,000 sq. ft. reduction – what the end result will look like.

I do realize the Chief wants to get an RFP out by March 1st and try to avoid the winter months of construction, which are very costly and we all know that when we pay our fuel bills to heat our homes – you heat a large structure like that covered up with plastic and you go through some tubes of propane in a hurry. Tomorrow evening I look forward and I would hope that the rest of my colleagues come to the Infrastructure meeting. I think that we should really have – I personally don't feel as though we have a handle on just exactly what is going on over there on East Hollis Street. I think that it would be best if we had a thorough explanation of what is proposed and what they may want to reduce because if they are reducing bay sizes and the end result is you park fire trucks in there but you can't open one door because somebody is getting out of a fire truck on the other side it just doesn't make sense to me. I want to make sure that we don't end up with those issues in the long run for the kind of money that it will cost to replace the Arlington Street station. Thank you.

Alderman Plamondon

I think I am still ill. I have forgotten the most important point. I notice the reporter in the audience. I just wanted to say that while I was ill I did bring in a doctor's note. It is on my file. I did give it to the President of the Board. I just wanted to cover that.

Alderman LaRose

The Alderman-at-Large who lives down the road from me I would just like to mention that his better half happens to be Franco American and many times I have accused Alderman Deane of being a social climber.

Alderman Deane

She may be my better half, but only 1/3 of her is French.

Alderman Tollner

I have a number of topics. Regarding the Conway Ice Rink, I applaud the actions of the Board of Assessors. I think after the number of conversations and receiving additional information over the last few weeks, they came to a sound decision at least for the time being to write off the \$60,000. If anybody was at the meeting part of the commitment was from the Board of Assessors that they would over the next 12 months monitor and watch the work and the action of the Conway Ice Rink Commission. I think that was a good decision on their part.

Scott McCullah he has called me twice and both times I did not receive the number on my answering machine when he finished his message. Scott if you are listening I think you called me with regard to the bus stops and cleaning the snow off of the bus stops.

With regard to the fire station, the Chief is going to come to Infrastructure tomorrow night. I am confident that the Chief will be able to present to the Infrastructure Committee a somewhat different plan. After last night's meeting and over the last few weeks, the Fire Commissioners and the Chief as well as Assistant Chief Morrissey that asked for some feedback on the presentation and the building – talking to some of my colleagues some of them thought that the station was somewhat large, a little too expensive – what they have done is they have taken that feedback and as recently as today have sat down with the engineers and the architects to see what they can do to address some of the concerns of some of my colleagues. Hopefully they will be able to present that tomorrow night. Any time you look at a project like that or like the schools it is an ongoing project where you are constantly getting feedback. Until the final plans are approved I think we have to look at it as a fluid process. I am confident that we won't be shortsighted to reduce the size where it would impinge on the activity of the workers in the new firehouse.

Alex Duran who was forwarded to the Personnel Committee under exception tonight – I just want to let the public know that is for the Conservation Commission. He will not be interviewed on Thursday night. I think it is appropriate that the public is aware of those people that are going to be interviewed to be posted on the agenda that was passed out about a week ago. It is probably appropriate that we take up his interview at the next Personnel/Administrative Affairs meeting.

What I would like to do now is send out condolences to Anne Willey and her family and co-workers at the Nashua Chamber of Commerce. If anybody ever had the opportunity to meet Ann she was a very nice lady. I know that she is going to be missed by the businesses in Nashua, her family, and her co-workers.

Another person that passed away who did a lot for the City of Nashua is Maura McCartney. I know that her loss right now is being felt greatly by Tom and the kids. That family has contributed a tremendous amount to the Boys & Girls Club as well as a number of community projects and programs in the City of Nashua.

I would also like to send best wishes and get wells to my wife, Patti, who is home. She had some

pretty serious surgery about a week ago. She will be out of activity for a couple of months. I just want to tell her to hang in there, and to get better.

Last, but not least, I would ask if the Board would join me when I am done making this comment to stand up for a moment of silence for Marine Corporal Tim Gibson. I would like to send condolences out to his family and his mother, Elaine. I think everybody in the room knows that he was the Marine that was killed over in Iraq. I think every story that you saw in the paper was he was a young man who put his teammates before himself and was someone who should be recognized as not only a hero, but also a good citizen. If the Board would stand for a moment of silence I think that would be appropriate.

The Board of Aldermen stood for a moment of silence in honor of Corporal Tim Gibson.

Committee announcements:

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Alderman Dion

Tomorrow night Mr. Chairman the Committee on Infrastructure will meet as you have heard. Alderman Deane sent an invitation to the rest of the Board pertaining to the discussion we are going to have with the Fire Department to speak about the bond for the new fire station. If you are interested in coming down tomorrow night you are welcome. I am sure we will be having a very intent conversation.

Alderman Tollner

Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday here in the Chamber.

President McCarthy

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Alderman Dion had asked me to – there has been a request to have a meeting before the Infrastructure Committee about the space needs update. Alderman Dion suggested that it might be more appropriate to have that before a meeting of the Board or the Committee of the Whole. I am going to have our assistant find a date for that. Our calendar is in fact quite full. You will note that this evening we scheduled a public hearing for April 11th, which I assume is the first empty date on the calendar at this point. We will have that meeting – I hope to have it earlier than that, but it will probably have to be along with another meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

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MOTION BY ALDERMAN ROOTOVICH THAT THE FEBRUARY 8, 2005 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Attest:

Paul R. Bergeron, City Clerk