

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

President Brian S. McCarthy presided; Deputy City Clerk Patricia E. Lucier recorded.

Prayer was offered by Deputy City Clerk Patricia E. Lucier; Alderman MacLaughlin leading in the Pledge to the Flag.

President McCarthy

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 14 members of the Board of Aldermen present; Alderman Shaw was not in attendance.

President McCarthy

Alderman Shaw is away on business travel. Before we begin I would like to recognize Andrew Leach from Senator Sununu's Office in the audience. If any of the members of the Board or the audience wish to speak with Mr. Leach he is here.

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

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Thank you Mr. President. I have two sets of remarks. The first set of remarks will concern city business and secondly will be the presentation of the budget.

Our Assessing Department reminds us that due to a change in state law, the filing date for exemptions and credits has changed this year. Prior to this year, state law allowed taxpayers to file for the elderly exemption until August 1st and for veterans credits until March 1st, following the final tax bill. This year all filing dates for exemptions and credits have been changed to April 15<sup>th</sup>. This new date may come as a surprise to many who think they can file after they receive a tax bill. To avoid any confusion and to prevent any denials due to improper filing, please file for exemptions and credits before or on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Last week BAE Systems sponsored their 2005 First Robotics Unveiling at Nashua High School South. The viewing of the 2005 challenge and robot demonstrations took place with Nashua High School & Bishop Guertin High School participating. Let's hope both teams do well in the state competition.

Congratulations are in order for Nashua's performing arts community. At the 2005 New Hampshire Theater Awards ceremony several weeks ago, The Actorsingers' Peter Baron was awarded Best Original Playwright (for drama); Bethany Cassidy of the Peacock Players won Best Choreographer; Lindsey Davino of the Peacock Players won Best Supporting Actress in a musical and Alexandra Soch of the Peacock Players won Best Actress in a Musical. Congratulations once again to the Peacock Players who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year as a performing arts organization for our area's young people.

Division of Public Health and Environmental Services Director Stefan Russakow reports that April 4<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup> is National Public Health Week, and the Division is working with community partners to develop a community-wide health fair to on this years' theme of "Prevent, Protect and Plan". By emphasizing this message, the Division and their partners will promote a lifestyle that would add more healthy years to life.

The health fair will be held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Nashua South High School from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Information, services and demonstrations are being planned for family fun and education and further information can be obtained by calling Samia Medina-Rogers, the division's Health Program Specialist.

Director Russakow also reports that Dr. Joseph Sabato, the Medical Director continues to provide emergency public health training for the Greater Nashua Medical Reserve Corps as well as emergency personnel. To date, over 300 persons have been trained in core, basic, and advance disaster life support. If you wish more information on the Greater Nashua Medical Reserve Corps, contact Dr. Sabato at 589-4507.

We've been advised by Catherine Masse that the guidelines for the Berard Masse Scholarship, in honor of our former long-time School Superintendent, have been established. There will be single \$1,500 awards made annually to a graduating senior from NHS South and they will be awarded until the fund is depleted. South Seniors are encouraged to consult with the Guidance Department for further information.

From Public Works comes news that our annual Winter Carnival is scheduled for this Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a. m. to 2:00 p.m. at Roby Park. There will be sledding contests, ice-skating, a rock climbing wall and refreshments.

The Community Development and Public Works Divisions are reviewing a total of 7 submittals for engineering design for the Rotary Park Project located on Main Street at the former site of I.P.B. M. Company.

This morning, the Office of Economic Development together with the Great American Downtown hosted a Downtown Business Roundtable at the Hunt Memorial Building. Approximately 50 business people, community leaders and public officials attended. I want to thank Aldermen Kathy Vitale and Dave Lozeau for their attendance and support. Highlights of the Roundtable included a presentation by Don Marquis on the history and importance of the Hunt Building, a

presentation by Joy Barrett, President of the Great American Downtown, on the role of that organization, and an announcement by Sarah DiSarno, the new Director of the Great American Downtown, of a new advertising initiative sponsored by the Telegraph to promote downtown businesses.

Other speakers included Judi Belzer of Illuminata, a downtown high-tech consulting firm. A discussion moderated by Jay Minkarah followed where a number of comments and suggestions were raised that we will help us to frame our downtown revitalization efforts.

On Thursday of this week, we will be hosting another Business Roundtable at the Pheasant Lane Mall for the South Nashua business community where the focus will be on improvements to the Daniel Webster Highway funded by NH Department of Transportation's Congestion Mitigation Air Quality program. Department of Public Works Traffic staff will review plans for transportation improvements on the D.W. Highway and Spit Brook Road, which are planned for this summer as well as a discussion on the passenger rail project. The event will start at 8:00 a.m. in the Mall's Food Court.

Hosting business roundtables is one of the important ways in which the Mayor's Office and the Office of Economic Development reach out to the business community to maintain a two-way flow of communication. Whether we are meeting with corporate CEOs, independent retailers or franchisees, we value input from all sectors of our business community and from all areas of our City.

Mr. President, while you are considering the bond Resolution regarding the proposed new fire station, I also note that the original bond figure has been lowered. In reading the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting, I note that some of the reductions may be dependent on work being done by the Public Works Division. I urge you to give this serious consideration the fiscal impact of that action may have on the Public Works budget. With that, thank you Mr. President.

*Mayor Streeter provided the Board of Aldermen with a PowerPoint presentation on his proposed FY '06 Budget, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.*

## RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

### Alderman Deane

First off I would like to thank the Mayor for his presentation and all of the legislation that he filed. I look forward to discussing it.

The question you have to ask yourself on Step 2 is if the city wasn't up for review and certification through the State would anything have been done. We are in our fifth year. I think it would be reasonable to say that the multi-family homes that have been mentioned – there is going to be more than a slight shift placed on these structures. We're told we will be at 90% of our assessment this year I guess once this process is completed. That means that Step 3 if they go

to 100% would be a 10% increase to get to Step 3 maybe next year. I would like to get the date – I have some data from Mrs. Lemieux on Step 2, and I guess we just realized what will happen by what the Mayor had stated. Thank you very much.

Alderman Johnson

Thank you Mr. Mayor for giving us a little hint of what quality of life is like here in Nashua with the high taxes. It is sad that the disabled and the seniors can no longer afford their homes. Also I want to thank you for letting us know what will happen with the Four Hills Landfill. We had B.F.I. come in and give us a presentation. I guess your answer is you will not privatize, but I would like to see a comprehensive plan on what we are going to be doing and accepting additional trash for the landfill, and what the life is now going to be of the landfill. Thank you.

RECOGNITION PERIOD

**R-05-181**

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter  
Board of Aldermen

**HONORING RUSTY BONES LACROSSE CLUB OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Given its first reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON THAT THE RULES BE SO FAR SUSPENDED AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SECOND READING OF R-05-181  
MOTION CARRIED**

*Resolution R-05-181 given its second reading*

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-181  
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-181 declared duly adopted.

*The Mayor read into the record a Proclamation provided to the Rusty Bones Lacrosse Club of New Hampshire outlining their many contributions to the citizens of the City of Nashua.*

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF FEBRUARY 7 AND 8, 2005, AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF FEBRUARY 8, 2005, BE ACCEPTED, PLACED ON FILE, AND THE READINGS SUSPENDED  
MOTION CARRIED**

COMMUNICATIONS

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN MACLAUGHLIN THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Alderman Tollner

I just wanted to let the Board know that the budget as well as the narrative are in the back in the Aldermanic Chamber for everybody to pick up at the end of the meeting.

From: David K. Pinsonneault, Secretary, Board of Library Trustees  
Re: Request for Joint Convention

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DION TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEET IN JOINT CONVENTION WITH THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005, AT 7:30 PM IN THE ALDERMANIC CHAMBER**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

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:

**Conservation Commission**

Nicholas Frasca, Esq., Alternate (New Appointment) 1 Blue Jay Hill Nashua, NH 03064	Term to Expire: December 31, 2006
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**Ethnic Awareness Committee**

Dean E. Shankle, Jr., PhD. (New Appointment) PO Box 825 Milford, NH 03055	Term to Expire: December 31, 2007
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**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

Budget Review Committee.....

02/07/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the February 7, 2005 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Finance Committee.....

02/01/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the February 1, 2005 Finance Committee accepted and placed on file.

Finance Committee.....

02/15/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the February 15, 2005 Finance Committee accepted and placed on file.

Human Affairs Committee **Action Rpt.**.....

02/16/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the **action report** of the February 16, 2005 Human Affairs Committee accepted and placed on file.

Committee on Infrastructure .....

02/09/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the February 9, 2005 Committee on Infrastructure accepted and placed on file.

..... IT Ad Hoc Committee.....

02/02/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the February 2, 2005

IT Ad Hoc Committee accepted and placed on file.

Pennichuck Water Special Committee.....  
01/31/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the January 31, 2005 Pennichuck Water Special Committee accepted and placed on file.

Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee.....  
02/10/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the February 10, 2005 Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee accepted and placed on file.

Planning & Economic Development Committee.....  
01/20/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the January 20, 2005 Planning & Economic Development Committee accepted and placed on file.

Police HVAC Ad Hoc Committee.....  
02/02/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the February 2, 2005 Police HVAC Ad Hoc Committee accepted and placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

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Conservation Commission

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAROSE TO CONFIRM BY VOICE VOTE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2007: DR. MELVIN B. MEYER, 40 PRESTONFIELD ROAD, NASHUA AND MARK NEWHALL, 30 VESPA LANE, NASHUA  
MOTION CARRIED**

President McCarthy declared Dr. Melvin B. Meyer and Mark Newhall duly appointed to the Conservation Commission for terms to expire December 31, 2007.

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel.

Hunt Building Board of Trustees

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN VITALE TO CONFIRM BY VOICE VOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES MATTHEWS, 17 SHELBURNE ROAD, NASHUA, TO THE HUNT BUILDING BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2005**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO CONFIRM BY VOICE VOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN A. PAROLIN, 28 PRESERVE DRIVE, NASHUA, TO THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2007**

**MOTION CARRIED**

President McCarthy declared John A. Parolin duly appointed to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2007.

Personnel Advisory Board

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN ROOTOVICH TO CONFIRM BY VOICE VOTE THE APPOINTMENT**

**OF PAMELA COSTA, 3 WESTRAY DRIVE, NASHUA, TO THE PERSONNEL ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2005  
MOTION CARRIED**

President McCarthy declared Pamela Costa duly appointed to the Personnel Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 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**

**R-04-153**

Endorser: Alderman Kevin E. Gage

**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER DEFINING THE TERM 'CITIZEN' TO INCLUDE RESIDENCE IN NASHUA WHEREVER IT APPEARS IN THE CHARTER**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN GAGE FOR INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF R-04-153  
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-04-153 declared indefinitely postponed.

**R-04-154**

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy  
Alderman-at-Large Steven A. Bolton

**RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION OF \$126,015 IN PSNH ENERGY REBATE FUNDS INTO CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT 781-3774 "NSHS SOUTH PROJECT"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN BOLTON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-04-154**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman LaRose

Could we get an explanation of this more for the general public than for the Board of Aldermen?

Alderman Bolton

This is a rebate from Public Service of New Hampshire for the energy conservation measures that we took in building the school. We are taking that money received and putting it back into the fund to pay for the school so that we won't have to borrow that money and increase our bonded debt.

Alderman LaRose

Thank you.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-04-154 declared duly adopted.

**R-04-160**

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

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$12,000 FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES FY05 BUDGET INTO THE MEDIATION GRANT PROGRAM, ACCOUNT #341-6406**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN ROOTOVICH FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-04-160**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-04-160 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 second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARDIN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-177  
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-177 declared duly adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

**O-04-62**

Endorser: Alderman Kevin E. Gage  
**CREATING A NO PARKING ZONE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WHITNEY STREET FROM LOCK STREET TO CHANDLER STREET**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN GAGE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-04-62  
MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-04-62 declared duly adopted.

**O-04-66**

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

**INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PARKING METERS AND THE TIME LIMITATION OF THE METERS IN THE FACTORY STREET PARKING LOT**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN PLAMONDON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-04-66  
MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-04-66 declared duly adopted.

**O-04-67**

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter  
Alderman Marc W.

Plamondon

Alderman Kevin E. Gage

**ALLOWING MULTI-DAY PARKING PERMITS IN THE ELM STREET PARKING GARAGE**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN GAGE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-04-67**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-04-67 declared duly adopted.

**O-04-68**

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A.

Streeter

Alderman

Marc W. Plamondon

**ESTABLISHING A PARKING CARD DISCOUNT AT THE METERS IN THE TWO CITY  
PARKING GARAGES**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN PLAMONDON TO AMEND O-04-68 IN ITS ENTIRETY BY  
REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDEN ROD COPY PROVIDED WITH THE AGENDA**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN PLAMONDON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-04-68 AS AMENDED**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Johnson

May I ask Alderman Plamondon, through the Chair, to give me a little background on this? I think when this came up in the committee I was away that week.

Alderman Plamondon

This is all part of our downtown parking committee and our presentation and discussion at Infrastructure Committee. It originally came forward as a half price parking discount. The reason is to get more usage in our garages. At committee, we thought instead of going half so it could be \$.25 an hour we amended it to \$.35 an hour. You still get a discount it is just not as much. We want to maximize our garages and that is what is behind this. Thank you.

Alderman Johnson

Thank you. I guess I should ask Alderman Plamondon is that the usage in the garage is not where we – maybe someone can answer me this – it is not where we anticipated this for the downtown parking plan that we have to give a discount now on this? Are we going to cut our revenues even more?

### Alderman Plamondon

Just to address the questions that Alderman-at-Large – we would have liked to have seen higher usage in our garages. Be it a social thing or whatever the usage isn't to the level that we would like to see. The thought is by giving a discounted amount; get more usage we will get more money than what we are currently getting.

### Alderman Deane

Unfortunately we have to bear the reality of the fact that the anticipated revenues were severely overstated when presented to this Board. Now it has come time to deal with that accordingly and try to drive some business into the garages to garner some revenue because we are not even coming close to what we were told we would be receiving when the downtown parking plan was sold to this Board. I think it is a good idea, and I am glad to see that Scott Geno is trying to take some initiative to try to increase the revenue somehow, and if he has to offer a little bit of a discount to try to get people in there then something is better than nothing.

### Alderman Bolton

I can tell you as someone who is in and out of the High Street parking garage at least a couple of times every business day, the usage there is drastically down from before the new plan went into affect. It was common previously for all of the spaces at the street level and the covered spaces on levels 2 and 3 to be completely filled and you would have to go up to level 4 or 5 on the roof to find parking spaces there. That is not the case now. Now the metered spaces are hardly ever taken up at all on the lower floors and on the upper floors you can always find a space on the second or third level. I don't believe just upon what I have seen that we are getting half the usage that we used to get.

It is clear that something needs to be done, and I guess this is the first step and we keep trying things until it gets better.

### Alderman Lozeau

As Alderman Bolton stated the usage is down in the parking garage, but this is also an initiative to try to get some usage off the street into the parking garage and free up more space that isn't down for more on street parking.

### Alderman Johnson

When they originally implemented this plan it was supposedly hopefully to move people to the garage. I am going to support this because it is sad that the numbers were never met and we are paying a bond for numbers that are not met on this plan. It is a good idea at this point in time to drop the cost of parking in the garage. Thank you.

Alderman LaRose

I guess the question is why has the usage gone down so much? I agree with Alderman Bolton. I remember a time when both garages were filled and the open space was actually on the roof.

Alderman Bolton

I think the big issue is that people feel less secure because there is no on-site personnel there. Under the old system where there was a cashier and often times a manager present in the building people felt more comfortable in there. Now that there is no one I think a lot of people feel insecure. Particularly women I have spoken with who work in the office building that I do they won't park in the garage anymore they are afraid. I don't know what the police statistics are on this, but I am hearing reports of cars being damaged and vandalized and nothing done about it. It seems there are more – I am sure it happened before as well, but it seems to me there are more people stopping me to make those complaints now. I know I see more graffiti on the walls and so forth than I used to, which I think makes it somewhat less hospitable and it gives rise to people's concern that it is not as carefully monitored as it used to be. To some extent I think that is it. There has been an increase in price, but the increase in price is matched the increase on the surface streets and in the surface parking lots so I don't know that it can all be attributed to that. People are coming downtown and parking somewhere. Something we have done has moved them out of the garage and elsewhere. It is very dramatic when you have been going in and out all the time. I am not sure it makes a lot of sense to have metered parking on the lower floors. When you are driving past empty meters -- it would be interesting to see what has happened with the people paying the monthly rates because it used to be an advantage to pay the monthly rates and you assumed you had someplace to park when all else fails. Now I think the monthly people say why should I be driving past two floors of parking meters that are empty so that I can have a less convenient space above. They may be making other alternatives as well.

Alderman Plamondon

I wish to address a couple of the questions that were posed. One of the reasons that the revenues are down is that the leasing is down. For example the Temple Street, the large Temple Street addresses aren't leasing as many spots, which is having an impact on the High Street garage. As far as a safety issue or a manned issue, the garages are manned as they were in the past during operating hours. We do have personnel in both Elm and High Street garages. They are there. As far as safety both of these garages are the safest place to park in the entire city. No lot or street has got the security in place that these two garages have. I have been involved and been shown three or four occurrences where there were some vandalism taking place with

vehicles or spraying the water hydrants and such in the garages. In each case the cameras caught the individuals and police knew them and arrests were made. With the security in place they are in fact the safest places to park. It is just a matter of trying to educate the public that particularly after 5:00 p.m. the parking there is free as any city lots or facilities are. Thank you.

President McCarthy

Is there any further discussion? The motion was for final passage of O-04-68 as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-04-68 declared duly adopted as amended.

**O-05-69**

Endorser: Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

**ADOPTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON CHESTNUT STREET BETWEEN  
CENTRAL STREET AND WEST HOLLIS STREET**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN PLAMONDON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-05-69**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-05-69 declared duly adopted.

**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 second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOZEAU FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-05-71**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Gage

I have a couple of issues with the situation that we have with this particular one. I sat in the Infrastructure Committee meeting a couple of weeks ago on a different issue, and was made aware that evening – two weeks ago at a full Board meeting this was brought forward, and this piece of legislation, which would normally be heard tomorrow evening was taken up by the committee at the urging of its sponsors the night after it was introduced here at the full Board. This street is adjacent to Mt. Pleasant School. When it came up to the Infrastructure Committee the first question I asked was had anybody spoken to the school regarding – if any body is familiar with that area it is really limited parking in that area for residents for businesses for school

teachers – anybody. I said well during the day a lot of that parking in the area is for the school. Has anybody spoken to them? The answer was no. That concerned me quite a bit. The Traffic Department, Sue Klasen, was here our Traffic Engineer was not prepared that evening to speak on that piece of legislation. She did say that she had taken a measurement of the street. That was the extent of her involvement with this piece of legislation.

There was one gentleman from the ward that was here in favor of the legislation. He had talked to one of the sponsors of the legislation to have it brought forward. Again I was not aware of it until two weeks past since the Board of Aldermen meeting when it was submitted. I don't think there was appropriate public notice to those folks in the area that would be affected by that whether it be the businesses, the school or other folks on the street that may or may not have had problems with this piece of legislation.

I would ask that this piece of legislation be sent back to the Infrastructure Committee so that the appropriate notice could be given to folks in the area, to the school, to the teachers, those businesses that would be affected, and I would ask that this go back to the Infrastructure Committee – I don't see the rush. I don't see an emergency situation here. I think that the committee chairman has always been excellent about allowing public input at his meetings in the almost five years that I have been on this board and the four years I was on the Infrastructure Committee. I certainly think that if the public does come with proper notice that they would be allowed to speak. I would prefer as the Ward Alderman that this go back to the Infrastructure Committee and that those folks involved get a chance to talk. Thank you.

President McCarthy

Did you want to make a motion to re-refer?

## **MOTION BY ALDERMAN GAGE TO RE-REFER O-05-71 TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE**

### ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Johnson

I would just like to ask before the motion was even made, the makers of this ordinance, Alderman Deane and Alderman Lozeau – because I was in Florida that week – to please give me a little bit of a background why – especially Alderman Lozeau was involved in this ordinance – if you don't mind if I could ask through the Chair.

Alderman Lozeau

I would defer to – I actually wasn't a sponsor of this legislation I was the co-sponsor and Alderman Deane was the sponsor. I can tell you that this person called me up many times and I referred him to Alderman Deane. He had stated that he .. well I am not going to go there. The

Fire Department has also been out on that site and they absolutely stated they can't fit a fire truck down that street. I would defer to Alderman Deane. Thank you.

### Alderman Deane

I was just answering a phone call from a resident up there who has repeatedly called the school department to the tune of about close to 30 times asking them if there was any way that they could not park on that side of the street or in that section because he could not get his car out of his driveway. At times some of the discussions turned into heated arguments where people were yelling at him when all he was trying to do was get out of his driveway so he could go to work. I did send an e-mail to Sue Klasen and Mr. Conrad was copied with it. Sue Klasen didn't get back to me. I never heard from Mr. Conrad until the budget meeting the other night where he felt it was unfair to stop the parking on that side of the street. I explained to Mr. Conrad that the gentleman has tried in vein and asked people politely not to park because he can't get out, and then when the snowbanks come it is even worse to the point where I believe Sue measured the street and there was no more than I believe she said a little less than 11 feet between cars on that section of French Street, which obviously you can't even get a regular vehicle down there nevermind a fire truck.

That was the status of it. This gentleman has just had enough. Basically we were just answering his call to deal with an issue over there along with the increase of business at one of the corner businesses up on the edge of French Street – it appears now as if they are leaving their lot open – site plan approval they have to have so many parking spots well I believe as their company grows so do their employees and their cars – now they are all off street parking. It is similar to any other situation in the city where things go to the Planning Board and some of that off street parking has been used countless times on countless occasions and now what comes to fruition is everybody is there at the same time for the purposes in which it was expressed for at the Planning Board level and low and behold there are only so many parking spots, and this is the problem that we end up having.

It is not a short term parking issue like we have somewhat on the Manchester Street – that is only in the morning and the afternoon when the children are being dropped off and being picked up because that school has no busing. The children are either walked or their parents bring them in a vehicle and pick them up in a vehicle and they park from there down to basically somewhere down towards Jeannotte's – not quite as far as North Common up on Merrimack Street and in the back there.

I think there is ample parking in other areas and I want to move forward with this because I believe this gentleman has waited long enough for a response from the city. Thank you.

### Alderman Plamondon

If I might through you to the Alderman from Ward 3 – if I recall at Infrastructure you or someone was going to contact the Principal the next day. To your knowledge has the school Principal or

the faculty there been contacted regarding this as of today?

### Alderman Gage

Yes I spoke to the Principal the next day. They certainly weren't aware of the situation. He would have liked to have had a chance to bring some folks into a Infrastructure meeting at least to speak to the committee. Obviously that didn't happen. He was hoping that with my motion tonight we could send it back to Infrastructure so that he could at least come in and talk to the Infrastructure and see where things could be worked out.

### Alderman Tollner

I was at that Infrastructure meeting and I thought that a question was asked was the school department in favor of this or opposed and I thought that a response that we got was that the school department didn't have a problem with it. It seems a little different. I guess the other question that I have maybe for the Chairman and I would probably rest my vote on what the Chairman would like to do, but was this particular piece on the agenda at the last Infrastructure meeting? Was it posted?

### Alderman Dion

In response to Alderman Tollner no it was not. The first reading was held at our last Board meeting two weeks ago. The Infrastructure meeting was the following evening. Normal procedure would be that it would be on tomorrow night's agenda. We are having an Infrastructure meeting tomorrow night. This was brought in under suspension of rules to the committee the day after it was introduced by the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Gage was there and he was a little taken aback by – he was a little shook up about it coming up so quick that evening. I remember he was kind of surprised. Sue Klasen wasn't prepared. The School Department – we had no word from the School Department. Nobody had spoken to the School Department. I have no objections to bringing it back to the Infrastructure Committee so that if people want to attend the meeting and speak for or against the legislation they are perfectly will be given the floor and be able to speak on their behalf. I see nothing wrong with sending it back to committee.

### Alderman Gage

I just want to mention the Infrastructure Committee – I would ask that if this does go back to the Infrastructure Committee that it is scheduled two weeks from tomorrow evening so that we have time to get the notice out to folks – the neighbors and businesses and the school. Thank you.

### Alderman LaRose

I happen to live in that area, and I go down Manchester Street just about every day. It is a tight situation, and I think especially in the winter and we have a lot of snow like we have had this year

– I think one of the solutions to the problem is if we can get the Public Works to remove that snow bank on the south side of French Street I think that would alleviate some of the problem. There is not that much parking on the south side of French Street because most of it is made up of driveways and most of the parking is more to the western end of the street.

Alderman Lozeau

I would just pose the question if it doesn't go on tomorrow's Infrastructure agenda that means it is another 3-4 weeks that a fire truck cannot get down that street. Thank you.

Alderman Bolton

Maybe I am missing something, but I had understood that while the Fire Department sort of said yeah that would be a good idea, the impetus was from the property owner not from the Fire Department. Does anyone know how many parking spaces this eliminates?

Alderman Deane

Somewhere in the vicinity of 8.

Alderman Bolton

If the real issue is that people are parking in such a way that this property owner can't get out of his driveway is it because people are partially blocking the driveway? Well we already have laws against that. I think he has to call the police and get anyone towed who is blocking his driveway, but if people are willing to disobey the law against blocking a driveway I am not sure why we think other laws ... I guess I am going to go along with the motion to re-refer it to committee because it seems like more work could be done.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN ROOTOVICH TO MOVE THE QUESTION  
MOTION CARRIED**

President McCarthy

– The motion is that of re-referring O-05-71 to the Infrastructure Committee

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-05-71 re-referred to the Committee on Infrastructure.

**O-05-75**

Endorsers: Alderman David D. Lozeau

Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

**CREATING A NO PARKING ZONE ON REDMOND STREET**

Given its second reading;

## **MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-05-75**

### ON THE QUESTION

#### Alderman Deane

This piece of legislation went through the same process that the prior piece did. This is an issue up by the High School. Maybe some of you are familiar with Redmond Street – if you drive down to the end of it the F.W. Webb Company is down there. The off-street on private property parking and on-street parking and angle and positioning of vehicles down there towards the end of the property especially and up where the small business is in the front has created such a situation that these two companies can't get trucks in to deliver products that they sell to tradesmen. That is the overall impact of this piece of legislation – to stop all of that high school parking on that side of the street. It is already posted on the other side. It has gotten to the point now where even the businesses can't get truck traffic into the back to drop off the products that they have ordered to distribute to people that have ordered it. Thank you.

#### Alderman Lozeau

It is also important to note that there was no parking on the east side of Redmond Street and what we propose to do is put a no parking zone on the east side of Redmond Street and a parking area on the west side of Redmond Street so it is a swap. We have spoken with the School Department; we have had the Mayor's office out there because it was a community relation problem regarding the F.W. Webb Company and the paper manufacturer right there. The School Department was in total agreement to stop parking altogether on this street, and we came to a compromise where we are going to try to flip it to see if the problem goes away. This side of the street has no woods that the parking will go on whereas the opposite side of the street has a whole bunch of woods that there is also some activities going on in the woods. This is a compromise. It does eliminate two parking places for the high school. The high school kids park there because they are not eligible for parking at the high school or they don't want to pay the \$50. Like I said the school department has been notified. They are in full agreement to do no parking at all on Redmond Street, but to start with we are going to do a compromise situation where we are going to try to flip it to alleviate the problem.

#### Alderman Johnson

I have one comment – as far as I am concerned let them park at Stellos' and walk and take the parking off of that street altogether. Let them walk a little bit. The other thing is I would like to pose a question to the Chair of the committee if you don't mind.

#### President McCarthy

Alderman Johnson go ahead.

Alderman Johnson

Did you have a problem with this Alderman Dion the way it went into the committee?

Alderman Dion

No. No problem whatsoever. In fact I remember Alderman Tollner spoke up and said he observed that problem over there. He thought it was completely justified.

Alderman Johnson

I just wanted to make sure that the way this piece of legislation was introduced the way the other one that there was no problem from the committee chair. Thank you.

Alderman Dion

A different situation Alderman Johnson.

President McCarthy

I would observe that in this case the Ward Alderman in fact was a sponsor of the piece of legislation. I would also point out to the authors of the legislation that the current parking is the compromise that was arrived at several years ago when the problem first came up on the other side of the street so I suspect you will be back here with the no parking zone when the students start parking and blocking Webb's driveway again.

Alderman Lozeau

I wish we had known that former Alderman of Ward 5. I would like to add that a fire truck does fit down Redmond Street.

President McCarthy

Is there any further discussion? The motion was for final passage of O-05-75.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-05-75 declared duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-05-182**

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 \$8,500 FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CITIZENS CORP COUNCIL INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT 335-6351**

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

**R-05-183**

Endorsers: Board of Aldermen

**OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

Given its first reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARDIN THAT THE RULES BE SO FAR SUSPENDED AS TO ALLOW FOR A SECOND READING OF R-04-183  
MOTION CARRIED**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARDIN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-04-183**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Cardin

It is my understanding that the federal budget process begins next week. That is why I asked for a suspension of the rules to get this out. As you all know the Community Development Block Grant is vital to the inner city here in Nashua. The projects and the programs that this money supports. I don't know what we would do without this money. It is \$900,000 a year that we use to fix up blighted neighborhoods, to provide services to those that wouldn't have these services otherwise. I appreciate the sponsorship and passing of this tonight. Thank you.

Alderman Gage

I just want to make sure that Senator Sununu's representative in the back there is paying attention to this particular piece of legislation. Thank you.

Alderman MacLaughlin

I might add that I might bring forward a resolution regarding the proposed elimination of the Amtrak funding because it is at scale with something of this that would affect transportation not just here in New Hampshire or our border states, but throughout all of New England. I think these type of cuts in the federal budget are a mistake especially at a time when we are spending billions of taxpayer money for programs overseas that whose benefit which may not be realized by the

taxpayers who finance those giveaways. I wholeheartedly support and enthusiastically applaud whoever thought of this particular piece because it makes perfect sense to do this.

Alderman Plamondon

I really wholeheartedly support this message to the federal government. It is really concerning looking at federal cuts to Community Development Block Grant money. These monies go directly to those individuals with the greatest needs in our society – the low social strata and to look at cutting these funds to assist the poorest of the poor, the weakest of the weak is another example of an elitist government. It wasn't just a few generations ago where the saying was let them eat cake, and I think that is what we are seeing now with our federal government. Thank you.

President McCarthy

The motion is for final passage of R-05-183.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-183 declared duly adopted.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN BOLTON THAT THE RULES BE SO FAR SUSPENDED AS TO ALLOW FOR THE FIRST READING OF RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PREPARED  
MOTION CARRIED**

**R-05-184**

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

**RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2006 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NASHUA GENERAL AND ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

Given its first reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN BOLTON TO ACCEPT THE FIRST READING OF R-05-184 BY ROLL CALL, ASSIGN IT TO THE BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2005, AT 7:00 PM AT THE NASHUA HIGH SCHOOL NORTH LECTURE HALL**

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

Yea: Ald. Tollner, Ald. Vitale, Ald. LaRose, Ald. Gage, Ald. Cardin, Ald. MacLaughlin, Ald. Deane, Ald. Plamondon, Ald. Lozeau, Ald. Dion, Ald. Rootovich, Ald. Johnson, Ald. Bolton, Ald.

McCarthy,

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Nay:

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**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-184 assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

**R-05-185**

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

**ESTABLISHING THE USE OF UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR TAX RATE**

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

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**O-05-76**

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

**RELATIVE TO DISCONTINUING THE SCHOOL BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

Given its first reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN BOLTON TO ACCEPT THE FIRST READING OF O-05-76, ASSIGN IT TO THE BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2005, AT 7:00 PM AT THE NASHUA HIGH SCHOOL NORTH LECTURE HALL**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-05-76 assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

**O-05-77**

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

**ESTABLISHING A NEW “SCHOOL BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND”**

Given its first reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN BOLTON TO ACCEPT THE FIRST READING OF O-05-77 ASSIGN IT TO THE BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2005, AT 7:00 PM AT THE NASHUA HIGH SCHOOL NORTH**

**LECTURE HALL  
MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-05-77 assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

**O-05-78**

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

**AMENDING THE RESTRICTIONS ON ACCEPTING SOLID WASTE FROM OUTSIDE  
NASHUA AT THE CITY LANDFILL**

Given its first reading; assigned to the COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE and BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS by President McCarthy

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Burgess, 32 Bates Drive

It is good to have the representative here from Mr. Sununu. It is too bad Mr. Gregg; our representative in the area isn't here tonight. I would appreciate it if you would go back and tell Mr. Sununu and maybe some of those politicians in Washington a good many of us are – I know I would love to sit down one on one and really get some answers. It is amazing how these people come up here from Washington and they pick their crowds and who will get the choice questions to thrown at them. Being a senior I think that we need some answers. We talk about the inner city, the poor, and the hard, and everything else, but we look around at the seniors in the city – when I was growing up the seniors never had to work after 65. They could retire. Today you go to the stores throughout the city and a good many places those seniors are out there, they keep their homes, pay their prescriptions – I know one thing you ought to go back to Washington with and tell them that the Medicare plan stinks. I think the prescription program is for the birds. I don't think it is helping any seniors out, and I would love to – even though Mr. Sununu doesn't represent me in this area I would love to sit down one on one and really have a good discussion with him and get some answers. Like I say politicians come up here and they pick their crowds and their questions, but they don't meet the people like me that want to come out and really get to it.

Mr. Mayor I was coming here tonight to listen to your presentation on the budget and I was kind of disappointed totally with the whole presentation here tonight. I didn't find out what the increase in the percents in the budget were going to be in the different departments. I think in the school we are talking right around 5%. I know you threw in a figure well they got a 4.9% raise this year and I know the Aldermen voted for the contract for the teachers and the firemen, but you didn't veto it either. It kind of disturbs me. I know we are hiring an attorney to negotiate some contracts – I believe it is somewhere around \$30,000. I think this lawyer it will do him great to go up to Manchester and down to Lowell where the unions did a good many of these contracts were signed around 2%. Their health insurance I think the city is only paying 86% versus our 95%. I

think this would be a perfect start to go to these cities and find out how come these unions signed for these raises. I understand Manchester a good many unions were involved in it and in Lowell I think the schools went for a three year at 2, 2, and 2.

We talked about Step 2. I know it has been discussed here several times Mr. Mayor and you said well we are going to have to bring it up to 90% across the board. Well let's look at the figures with the last meeting with the Assessors we sat in there on – I happened to sit in there – the commercial property was 84%, a single home was 80%, the multi-family was 76%. Now if we want to bring this up to 90% anybody with a multi-family well we have to bring them up 90% - he is only paying 76%. I am only paying 80% on a single home. That means my assessment will go up 10%. In your State of the Union message you stated how good the economy was in the city, and I have lived here a few years longer than you Mr. Mayor and I look at the manufacturing jobs – place after place after place is closed in the city. All of the good paying jobs are gone. I think we can attribute this back to Washington with all of these jobs that went overseas to Puerto Rico and everything. All we have left here is the basic little store jobs that pay \$8 - \$9 an hour. I kind of wonder how anybody can afford to live in the city here with these wages. We don't have any good paying jobs in the city.

We were talking about our park system how great it is in the city well I don't know what it is about my ward – we have the only park in the city that hasn't been renovated up off of Pennichuck Street. We have one of the major thoroughfares in the city we can't expand the sidewalks all the way up to Concord Street. We are going to handle the Pennichuck. Coming in here tonight I rode down Hills Ferry Road and when they said well we are going to put in these sidewalks for the school system I said it looks cosmetic, but who will do it – who will plow it? Here it is 4-5 years later and those sidewalks aren't plowed for those youngsters to walk down there. This goes on and on. You said well the departments have held their budget real tight – I am not going to cut nothing out of the schools – Mr. Mayor we have I don't know it is 1,500 less youngsters in grade school than we had back a number of years ago. We got rid of the portable classrooms. I talked to a good many of the teachers and some of the other people and they said there is no reason we couldn't cut a grade school in the city. I know it ain't a popular thing, but we have to think of that senior that now is having his assessments up another 10-15% besides this budget. I can't understand why we couldn't have cut that.

Picking up the paper the other day and I was really really stunned when we had a full day kindergarten in the city. When I had to pay for my youngsters going to kindergarten or anybody else in this city we had a half day kindergarten – you couldn't expect a kid 4 or 5 years old to sit still for the entire day and I am sure they can't. I kind of wonder why we are going to a full kindergarten in the city. To me this is nothing but another daycare. This is another expense that those seniors trying to pay their prescriptions because these people in Washington are trying to cut the buying out of Canada because you can't afford the prescriptions here – this is another big expense in here. The headmasters now if you look at the state standards they say 500 for every vice-principal for every 500 youngsters. I bet you if you go through this thing here we could cut out about 10 or 15 vice principals or headmasters and meet the required standards. This is another place you could. Like I say the only way we are going to get this out is to keep these

wages down.

I think it was Mr. Tollner a while back that said let's get all the figures from the surrounding towns what they have for plans. I don't know if they ever got that or not. That would have been a right start. Find out what Manchester what the raises were there and Lowell.

Now the landfill – this is a very, very to me – it is easy to pass the buck and say hey we will bring in the doe, but we will take 7 years away of a 20 year landfill. Right now we have 21 years there with the new landfill. If we bring in all the goodies and all the trash we are taking 7 years away. It might look good for people sitting in here or politically, but those people down the road – your kids and my kids when this trash has to be lugged out of town – I would just assume leave this in the tax rate. I think if we look at the sewer bill I think a good many of us are probably paying around \$150 or \$160. This was in our property tax in the budget, but they went to a separate fund. Really truly I can't see bringing any other trash in there. I think we ought to hold onto everything we have.

I think we need the – funding 82 sports teams in our high school – I cannot realize why they can't put a fee on here. Dracut has it, Tyngsboro has it, Amherst has it. I think that would bring in a little more revenue, that is that much more coffee money that the senior hasn't got to go out and go to work because if you look around here those are the people that are working in these stores today because it is hard to get some of these kids off their rear ends they are all tied up in special sports and special interest groups. In my day we had to go out and work for a living.

Let's get back to the fire station on East Hollis Street. I cannot see putting in this bonding to fix East Hollis Street. All of those bricks and things that are in there that should be in the budget. We shouldn't be using bonding money for something that is in there. It is true we need a fire station, but we don't need another taj mahal. I think we have been very good to the inner city. I think Mr. Mayor over the weekend before it snowed I took a ride down Main Street. The brick sidewalks are deplorable. They are breaking up, they are bent over, there are holes in it, the storeowners aren't sweeping the sidewalks when the snow is gone. Coming down here tonight a good portion of that – if they want to bring the business downtown they have to shovel the snow in front of these buildings.

I am looking forward to looking this budget over Mr. Mayor, but I think you were kind of lax on really getting to the nit and gritty and I don't know if the answer is to take all the money and put it against the taxes this year and get rid of it. One other thing I don't know how I can get an answer from your traffic department Mr. Mayor my problem I have been through the Infrastructure Committee – Mr. Seymour I have e-mail him three e-mails – the traffic department gives me nothing but the runaround, and I mean the runaround, and I would appreciate it if you could have him get back to me in e-mail. Let's be honest about things. You know the issue that for three years I have been fighting them four way illegal stop signs in the city and nobody has the guts to take the move, but yet we can railroad things through. I would appreciate it if you could get him to get back to me at least have the courtesy. If not I guess we will have to get the answers at the budget committee because the only time you get ahold of these people is when you have them

on the stand in front of the line and throw questions at them. Thank you.

President McCarthy

Mr. Burgess I would like to point out that Senator Sununu is a Senator and does in fact represent you and all of the rest of the people of New Hampshire as does Senator Gregg.

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Alderman Johnson

I want to just say to Mr. Burgess thank you for coming and always being an advocate in the community. Maybe WalMart will come to our rescue. Upstairs tonight the Zoning Board is hearing the case on WalMart – how big the store is, what will happen to our wetlands – I was able to hear a little bit of the conversation at the Zoning Board tonight. If this store is anything the size of what I saw in Florida it has to be at least a five mile store if not bigger to walk through it. I think it is sad that we are banking, literally banking on the tax revenues to come in from that store to get the city straightened out on all of our tax roles here. It is not about what we need from WalMart it is what we need not to do and that is spend a lot.

I am saddened to hear what is going on with this WalMart issue. Members of the Conservation Commission originally gave an unfavorable recommendation and some members decided to vote for it. If that WalMart comes into Nashua I don't care what the engineers are saying for WalMart that traffic in that area will be horrendous. I have saved articles from the paper and we all received a letter from constituents talking about WalMart. If people can't drive to Amherst I feel bad for them. It is a beautiful drive to Amherst, the store is already there, it is not encroaching on our wetlands. Isn't this what Pennichuck is all about and what the homes were all about when they were put on our wetlands and on our buffers? It is sad WalMart is coming to Nashua.

Mr. Burgess talked about sidewalks not being plowed in the city where walkers are, well our bus stops aren't done either again. I was on the phone with Congressman Bass' office. I have a letter going out to him cc to you Mr. Mayor and to Mrs. Hersh and to Paul Newman. I can't understand why the snow has fallen and they haven't made any attempts to get the inmates again. I feel it is a violation under ADD, and I am going to get to the bottom of this. With that said the Telegraph in their editorial yesterday had some wonderful quotes from our former Presidents, and I think some of them fits the Board and some of the people in the community – “top rank – President Abraham Lincoln – I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth they can be depended upon to meet any national crises. The great point is to bring them the real facts.” I think that is what we need to do with our constituents. James Madison – “The truth is all men having power are to be mistrusted.” I don't know if that is true. Andrew Jackson was their 8<sup>th</sup> pick – “It is to be regretted that the rich and powerful too often bend the ax of government to their selfish purposes.” Then there was Harry S. Truman – “When even one American who has done

nothing wrong is forced to fear to shut his mind and close his mouth then all Americans are on peril." Thank you.

### Alderman Dion

If you noticed Mrs. Dot Nice is not in the Chamber this evening. She is always here. I thought I would let my colleagues know what is going on with this young lady. Alderman Rootovich nicknamed her our 16<sup>th</sup> Alderman and I think it is a very apropos distinction. She is home sick and she is not feeling good at all. I ask my colleagues to say a pray for her and to join me in wishing her a speedy recovery and hopefully two weeks from now she will be here with us again. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

### Alderman Deane

I would like to address a couple of different items. As Mr. Burgess had mentioned the sewer bill – I had a talk with DPW Director Seymour about that. I had mentioned it earlier about perhaps reducing the rate. What he told me was that the current fund balance we have and the amount of work that has to be done that it should be left where it is. If we had in fact reduced it any further than what this Board had approved – if we had followed what the Administration had wanted to do, we would have been borrowing money to pay for this project. Where our current sewer user fee sits the funds that are brought in we will be able to pay cash for the project as we move along.

The landfill on the other hand we have been charging the residents a fee for the last couple of years as far as I am concerned. I am going to have a real hard time supporting bringing in outside trash into that landfill. We all know once you start becoming dependent on revenue such as the landfill will be if you start bringing up to \$2 million a year the landfill will become permanently dependent on those funds and once you remove them the problem does not go away.

Another thing I wanted to talk about was the other day I was down at the South High School and as the kids were getting out of school I was watching them walk up – I would say there was probably a good 75 cars parked in the Conway Ice Arena parking lot. We were specifically told that wasn't going to be going on when the rink was put in and that parking was for that rink only. Now that appears to be happening. Perhaps if the students were going to park they could park on the other side so that they didn't infringe on the parking for the arena.

Today from 12:00 p.m. to about 4:05 p.m. myself and Alderman Lozeau sat down with the hierarchy of the Nashua Fire Rescue and interviewed discussions with three proposed construction management firms. I thought the discussions went well. We weren't there to render a decision on an acceptance of whom if anyone they were going to hire, but we did raise the question to each one of the firms on what their opinion was on the reduction of the bonded amount from \$5.8 to \$4.7 million. We asked them on a scale of 1-10 1 being very uncomfortable and 10 being ecstatic about \$4.7 is more than enough money – we got a 9 and a 9.5 respectively and the other fellow we got 7-8 so still waiting to hear back from Steve Dookran. He was going to

bring forth some of the offsite issues. It is nice to see that we have reduced this proposed bond about close to \$1.1 million just by asking a few questions and sitting down with people.

On a final note, I just wanted to alert all of the children age 5-12 in North Nashua that the Nashua North Cal Ripken Baseball League has registration forms available at Mt. Pleasant, Charlotte Ave., and Amherst Street School, and everybody's favorite in town market, Jeannotte's. They are due back by March 4<sup>th</sup>. There is an evaluation the 19<sup>th</sup> at the Amherst Street School. Any of you kids who want to play some baseball look around for your registrations and get them in the mail. Thank you.

#### Alderman MacLaughlin

I want to reiterate that I am deeply concerned over the proposed elimination of the Amtrak funding in the President's proposed budget not simply because it is a federal issue but simply that it is such a big transportation issue at a time when we are talking about introducing or the possibility of introducing commuter rail to our area as one step towards introducing it to further along the State. I think the issues are tied very closely and I would like to see a lobby effort of some kind either by a city delegation or through resolution to address that. Right now we are finally making progress on commuter rail. The Executive Council has taken a 5-0 vote on an issue that is deemed to be very essential to the future growth of this city, and the impact of losing rail service at the Amtrak level is so huge because they own their own rails and their own stations. I am very concerned about what that might hold for the future of what we are trying to do here on the commuter rail. I think that they are tied in with our vision of transportation and the goal of removing people from their cars, and therefore, reducing the wear and tear on our roads.

Secondly, I have every bit of confidence in our Zoning and Planning Boards that they will do the right thing to protect what we know to be an integral and vital part of our watershed. If that means they must vote no then let's vote no on the merits of the protection of the watershed less that it might be WalMart that proposed to build an oversized project on an inappropriate site and more that we are trying again at the city level to acquire Pennichuck Water Works over this very issue of protecting our watershed and all of the components that go with that. That issue is tied together as well. I think we need to be compatible in our views on these types of issues.

The last thing very quickly is I don't think that the answer to saving our landfill is by filling it up more quickly. I strongly oppose importing trash from outside this city. We are trying to convince people in the city that recycling is actually the best thing to do. Certainly with an eye towards the future I don't think doing something that fills the landfill up quicker is the way to encourage more Nashuans to recycle. Thank you.

#### Alderman Plamondon

A lot of comments have come up regarding the solid waste landfill. This legislation just came before us this evening so perhaps my colleagues haven't had a chance to read it. This legislation only addresses looking at other New Hampshire municipal waste coming into our landfill only

upon the approval of the Board of Public Works and the Board of Aldermen. If the Board of Public Works rejects it, it takes a 2/3 vote by the Board of Aldermen. It doesn't mean we are going to be bringing waste in. This only looks at this possible alternative to addressing some of our solid waste deficit. This only opens the door for further review. That is what this legislation is. That is why I co-signed on it. I think it is good legislation for us to at least look at this. One thing I am sure of is privatization is not the answer.

The next thing I wanted to bring up is we have tough times ahead of us in the next few weeks and months with the budget and assessments and a new fire station and educating our youth, the acquisition of Pennichuck, solid waste landfill – the power lays in this room. Earlier Presidents were quoted. I would like to quote my favorite President – We only have to fear fear alone. The only thing to fear is fear itself. Thank you.

### Alderman Cardin

I have scheduled a Ward 7 meeting for this Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Dr. Crisp Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. As you all know we have a proposed fire station in ward 7, we have the Senior Activity Center project going on, we have work force housing being built in Ward 7, we are hopefully going to discuss some safety improvements like some crosswalks in the ward, and also we will have a general discussion about the FY '06 budget. I encourage everyone on this Board and everyone in Ward 7 to attend. Thursday night, February 24<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Crisp School at 7:00 p.m. Thank you.

### Alderman Gage

I just want to comment on the public speaker that was here earlier and talked about our “illegal stop signs”. I am not aware of any illegal stop signs in this City. Once this Board approves of it, it is legal. Thank you.

If I could to Alderman Johnson regarding the inmates from Hillsborough County Jail, I would contact Commissioner Charbonneau. She certainly has some sway over what occurs at the county jail. I would suggest to you to speak to her in regards to that issue.

Also I would like to wish Dot get well soon.

There is a French Hill Neighborhood Watch meeting next Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the D. A.V. Hall on the hill.

The Conway Ice rink was mentioned tonight. I have had a few occasions to run into some folks recently after their tax abatement – taxes were written off basically. The folks that I ran into were kind of upset. They were saying if I can't make the taxes can I go to them and have them take off all of my taxes. A couple of them actually used the Conway Ice Rink quite a bit and one of them said they are turning away people at free skate time so how can they not be making money?

Where is all the money going? I have no idea. I couldn't answer that question, but it is something that I would hope the city will get some answers to. Thank you very much.

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Alderman LaRose

Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Pennichuck Middle School Library there will be a meeting for mostly Ward 3 residents, but a few Ward 2 residents concerning construction of sidewalks on Tinker Road and Manchester Street. There was the concept plan that they are going to be presenting. Thank you.

Alderman Vitale

I would like to thank the Mayor for the invitation to the roundtable held earlier today at the Hunt Building. It was very interesting. Many comments and suggestions were brought up by businesses on Main Street. Alderman Deane I was able to see the Hunt Building from the top to the bottom and especially enjoyed the spiral staircase.

The landfill and the suggestion bringing in money from outside sources – I do hope the public will come forward at the public hearing and weigh in on this and let us know what they are thinking and how they would like us to address that. I myself am not that comfortable with bringing outside trash in, but I would like to hear from the people in the city when we have the public hearing.

Addressing WalMart that is going on at the Zoning meeting upstairs, I had many phone calls today regarding this topic. All of them were opposed to the WalMart being built on this location for various reasons. If the Zoning Board makes a decision I do hope that they are not making it tonight, that they will look over the information, and maybe even possibly wait until the D.S. holds their public hearing next month. Thank you.

Alderman Tollner

I want to recognize a couple of businesses in town. The first one is Gurney's Automotive on Broad Street is a success story. It is a good example of someone starting a business in Nashua roughly about 25 years ago in a small garage providing excellent service and a friendly staff. He expanded about 10 years later doubling the size of his bays, and about three years ago moved to the Broad Street site right by the railroad tracks across the street from Dairy Queen. It is a good example of an entity that worked with the city and absolutely enhanced the neighborhood. If you go by there and you take a look at it he has invested a lot of money in the grounds. That

particular location at one point was residential. We changed it, and now it is a business. They have done very well, and I want to congratulate them on their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

I also would like to congratulate Scott Flagel who had an event at his location last week celebrating an anniversary as well.

I would like to thank Kevin Slattery. He owns the property where there possibly will be the veteran's house. He called me a couple of weeks ago. He is very supportive of the process. He is negotiating right now to sell that land, but he appreciates what Peter Kelleher and his staff are doing. Hopefully we will see a building pop up there in the future to support the veterans.

I would like to take a second and talk about the firehouse. I want to thank Alderman Deane and Alderman Lozeau for attending today's meeting. We did have a meeting last Monday. I would like to thank the city staff that was there, and I am probably going to forget one or two people, but Rick Seymour and Steve Dookran showed up. Rick Sawyer showed up. Aldermen Deane and Lozeau were there. We had a great discussion and brought up a lot of issues and concerns. We also spoke with the architect. I would also like to thank Betty Lasky for attending that meeting as well. The two Chiefs were also there. It has been a process that has evolved. I think the Chairman will probably want some discussion tomorrow night on the fire station since it sits in the Infrastructure Committee. I hope we will be able to move that legislation out of Infrastructure tomorrow, and hopefully will have an opportunity to vote on the bond at our next Board of Aldermen meeting.

The other thing is we have a memo in our box dated February 22<sup>nd</sup> regarding the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting where we will meet with the different boards and commissions. I am assuming that this will be a non-public meeting or a non-meeting like the last one was. I just have a question for Corporation Counsel of is that the case?

David Connell

It is anticipated to be the case.

Alderman Tollner

What I would ask is that the information that Jane Joyce has passed around to the Board of Aldermen that she forward that same information to the Board of Education, the Board of Public Works, the Fire Commissioners, the Police Commissioners, the Board of Library Trustees as well as the Department Heads. I would ask the Mayor to send a letter to each one of those board members asking them if they have any questions to submit them to his office ahead of time so that we can have some legitimate dialogue.

I think the concern that some of us had the last time was that there were a number of questions or perspectives brought forward by the Board of Aldermen and a few members of the Board of Education. If we are going to be successful we need to have a lot of dialogue if we are going to accomplish anything. If the Mayor could do that it would be great.

I also would like to extend best wishes to Dot Nice. Thank you.

### President McCarthy

I want to echo the sentiments of Alderman Deane, Alderman MacLaughlin, and Alderman Vitale regarding the landfill. It will take an awful lot to convince me that bringing in outside trash even on a short term basis is a good idea. I have been involved with our current landfill since we started the permit application process, and we have always proceeded on that based on the idea that it was the best long term option for Nashua not a short term revenue opportunity to leave ourselves stuck with a 20 year bond afterwards.

I have read the legislation that was submitted to us this evening, and I think the most bothersome about it is it not only deletes – the previous ordinance did in fact allow us to accept trash from other municipalities in New Hampshire by vote of the Board of Public Works and the Board of Aldermen. This change in fact deletes all references to New Hampshire and would in fact allow the inner-state import of trash into our landfill by private haulers. That bothers me greatly. I don't even believe that is within the terms of our permit application to the Division of Environmental Services wherein we have to demonstrate a capacity need in Nashua in order to obtain a permit to build a landfill facility. I remain very skeptical about the wisdom of taking outside trash into our landfill. I understand that we have a revenue problem that we need to address. I do not believe this is the solution to that problem.

Committee announcements:

### President McCarthy

I want to tell you all that tomorrow's IT Ad Hoc Committee has been cancelled. The two departments that were coming to that have been moved to be in meetings that we already have scheduled for next week.

### Alderman Dion

There is a meeting of the Committee on Infrastructure tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m.

### Alderman Tollner

We originally had a Personnel meeting planned for March 10<sup>th</sup>. I gave up that night so that the different boards and commissions could meet. We have moved the Personnel meeting to March 16<sup>th</sup> after the Human Affairs meeting.

Alderman Dion

I just thought I would make mention on our schedule of activities for this week there is a site tour on Saturday morning. I thought maybe you would make mention of that.

President McCarthy

I don't have the specifics of it with me – if you have them...

Alderman Dion

It says 9:00 a.m.

President McCarthy

Okay. I assume we are just meeting there. I would point out that I just returned from a fairly long business trip.

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ADJOURNMENT

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**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE THAT THE FEBRUARY 22, 2005 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Attest:

Patricia E. Lucier, Deputy City Clerk