

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, June 28, 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 Vitale leading in the Pledge to the Flag.

The roll call was taken with 13 members of the Board of Aldermen present; Alderman Gage and Alderman MacLaughlin were not in attendance.

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

### REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Division of Public Works Director Rick Seymour reports the Ledge Street emergency repairs have begun on the sewer line at the intersection with Pine Street and should be completed within the next few weeks. A neighborhood meeting was held on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the DPW offices at Ledge St. to discuss the sewer separation project.

A ceremony to mark the completion of the new stormwater detention ponds known as the CSO 4B Stormwater Treatment and Control Project at the Nashua Country Club was held this morning. This project continues our Combined Sewer Overflow Mitigation program by separating sewers in South Main Street area, on an approximate 38-acre drainage area. This project at the Nashua Country Club provides treatment to the separated stormwater before it is discharged into the Merrimack River. Through the cooperative efforts between Nashua Development Company, Nashua Country Club and the City of Nashua Public Works Division this project vastly improves the water quality in the Merrimack River that serves not only Nashua but cities downstream of Nashua by reducing combined sewer overflows that discharge to the river. Special thanks to the Nashua Development Company and the Nashua Country Club for their assistance in completing this project, the Louis Berger Group, and Wogan & Sargent for the project design and overseeing construction and to Park Construction, Inc., the general contractor for the project. Alderman-at-Large David Deane was there to supervise. Certainly a lot of thanks to the great staff we have in public works, the project came within its budgeted amount of approximately \$1.3 million.

The city's three swimming pools: Crowne Hill Pool on Burke St., the Rotary Pool located on Cleveland St. across from Fairgrounds Elementary and the Centennial Pool located on Sargent Ave., next to Holman Stadium opened on June 22 for swimming lessons and general swim time. For additional information please call the Parks & Recreation Department at 589-3370.

The annual Nashua Spartan's Drum and Bugle Corps Bugler's Holiday 2005 competition will take place this Saturday evening at Stellos Stadium beginning at 7 p.m. This event marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Spartans' organization here in Nashua and on behalf of our city I commend

Berdie and Peter LaFlamme for their efforts and bringing top flight drum and bugle corps. competition to our city and to congratulate the national award-winning Spartans for this annual event.

July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities will be held on Monday at Holman Stadium. The annual Children's Field Day will begin at 12 noon and run to 3 p.m. and will include inflatable bounce houses, game booths, rides, field games, prizes and refreshments. The Field Day was made possible by generous donations from Toyota of Nashua, the Gate City Lions Club, BAE Systems and the Nashua Telegraph.

During the evening of the Fourth, a performance by the Spartans Drum and Bugle Corps. will begin at 8:30 p.m. at Holman Stadium followed by a fireworks display at 9 p.m.

As you are aware, the Community Development Division was successful in its request for assistance from Plan NH. Plan NH is an organization of professionals who work in various aspects of development. They may be architects, landscape architects, engineers, lawyers, economists, etc. The division requested assistance to develop a comprehensive plan for the 1.6 mile Riverfront Promenade along the Nashua River downtown. I am pleased to announce that a Charrette on the proposed Riverfront Promenade has been scheduled for September 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>. The Charrette is a planning event that involves lots of public input and participation. Eight to 14 professionals from Plan NH will work in a very interactive environment for two days to create a plan for how the Riverwalk will be designed, where it will be located, and how it will integrate into the neighborhoods. Mark the dates - September 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>. Your input and participation are critical to creating a Riverwalk that belongs to all of us.

I received word last week from Commissioner Mike Nolin of the N. H. Dept. of Environmental Services that the property at Gilson Rd., that was the site of the Gilson Rd. contamination site, is now available to the city. The property consists of a rather large building and 2 front lots. I have asked legal and public works to look at the agreement and when completed I will forward it to the Board of Alderman for action.

Paul Etkind, Deputy Director of the Division of Public Health and Community Services, reports that in the event of a large-scale disease threat that will require protective vaccinations; we need to develop a group of volunteers and professionals who can supplement city and state resources to administer these vaccines. The Division also collaborated this week with the Nashua Medical Reserve Corps to hold a pneumococcal vaccination clinic for elders as a way of training paramedics from Rockingham Ambulance Service how to administer immunizations.

The Division hosted a meeting of the major medical providers of the City to review our collective flu prevention activities from the 2004-2005 season. We discussed what worked well and what could be improved, and what we might do to prepare for the coming flu season.

As you know Stefan Russakow, Director of the Division resigned effective June 30. As I analyze the division, and due to Paul Etkind's extensive duties as Deputy Director, I will appoint Mary Nelson of my staff as Interim Division Director effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Nelson has done this before and I am confident she will be up to the challenge.

Once again this year, a group of Nashuans are opening their homes and hearts this summer to a group of 20 children from Klinty, Russian who were contaminated by the terrible Chernobyl disaster. Our city employees are already contributing winter coats and school supplies for the kids to take back with them when they leave Nashua later next month. In addition, the Gate City Lions Club has made cash contribution and it is expected other area clubs and non-profits will contribute clothes, medical and school supplies.

As you are all well aware, the Budget Review Committee voted last evening to forward the FY-06 Budget Resolution to the full Board of Aldermen. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to review where the budget process has been, as well as where it stands now. As you know, I presented my FY-06 proposed budget to you on February 22nd of this year, a full two months earlier than is customary. Soon after the budget was submitted it became apparent that not only would we need to deal with a solid waste deficit and increased insurance costs, but we would also be faced with a significant reduction in education funding. As we struggled during the past few months trying to quantify each of these variables, we realized if we did not make significant reductions to the FY-06 appropriations, we would be faced with an anticipated double-digit tax rate increase. Obviously, neither you as a Board, nor I as Mayor had any intentions of allowing that to happen.

The Budget Review committee has worked long and hard on this budget. They have met not only once, but twice with each division director in order to ascertain the implications of any reductions they were contemplating. Alderman Deane, in particular, took the lead in trying to craft budget amendments that would yield a more reasonable tax rate increase. And for that, I would like to extend a personal thank you, to you, Alderman Deane. As it stands now, the Budget that has been forwarded to you contains level funding for most divisions, with the exception of the school department, which would receive a 2.5% increase. And although level funding would imply that everything should remain status quo - that is not really the case.

As you are aware we have many fixed costs, as well as union contracts, that will increase next year. Therefore, a level funded budget will certainly contain reductions in some areas. Our division directors will have to make many adjustments beyond headcount, but have committed to cooperatively adjust their budgets while continuing to provide the quality services our citizens have come to expect. In addition to the budget resolution itself, there are still several pieces of legislation pertaining to the FY-06 budget that must be dealt with and I am asking that you deal with those in an effort to pass the FY-06 budget, hopefully in July.

Our division directors must be able to move forward. Our Board of Education must be able to move forward. And our citizens must be able to move forward. As we all know, any delay in passing this budget will dilute possible savings, and will result in less than optimal choices. This has been an extremely difficult year. I believe the administration of all city departments have come together in an unprecedented manner.

And now Mr. President hopefully as a Board you will come together and deal with the resolutions and ordinances associated with the FY-06 budget with the goal of passing it in a timely manner.

Thank you.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR – None

RECOGNITION PERIOD – None

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD JUNE 14, 2005, BE ACCEPTED, PLACED ON FILE, AND THE READINGS SUSPENDED**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

COMMUNICATIONS – None

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Tracy Pappas, 12 Swart Terrace, Nashua. I'm speaking with regards to the issue on the noise ordinance. That is something that I know a lot about; my yard abuts Greeley Park. What's interesting about the noise at the park is the most well attended events, such as the fairy tale festival, pretty much everyone in the city goes to that, I don't even know people are there. The Hudson Town Band, the Hollis Town Band, we don't know they are there. The problem is when they have groups come and they bring in their own amplification and they put it on top of the amplification at the park. It is interesting. I complained probably two years ago. I was just absolutely disgusted. I was trying to get my kids to bed. It was 9:40 p.m., and I called the mayor so he could hear the noise. He had the superintendent in charge of programming call me the next day. She insisted that the concert didn't go on that long. Then she suggested perhaps I didn't like country music. Then she reminded me that the park hours are 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. I don't think that is an appropriate use when you're right on top of homes. It is very, very close to the vicinity of my home. If you were to come over today, you would notice as warm as it is, I still have the storm windows down in my kitchen. I don't have the screen on my back door. It is to protect me from the noise. We're not talking about a whole lot of events. I think we need to have an ordinance to band outside amplification at the park. There are times when the movies on Friday nights have to go on after 9:00 p.m. – not a problem. They use the amplification system there. I can turn the fan on and put the kids to bed. It's not an issue. A couple of years ago, I followed up with the mayor's office to see where my complaint was going. It was sent to the Parks & Rec Advisory Committee. The gentleman who was in charge, truly, truly a gentleman, shook my hand, listened to a couple of examples that I thought were really out uses of the park. Then he suggested he would come over to my house since there was a concert that night. He conceded that it was actually almost easier to hear that concert in my back yard than it was to hear it in the park. A couple of incidents that I suggested to him were totally outrageous, he really raised his eyebrows at. In 2001, on Memorial Day weekend, there was a heavy metal concert. It started at 12 noon and I think ended at 10:35 p.m. We called the police. The "F" word was screamed. It was horrific. We went out for a walk to try to get away. You could hear it down on Stark Street. I called, I complained. I was told that group would never be allowed to play in that park again. Fast forward. One year later, Memorial Day weekend, Saturday. Same heavy metal concert. My neighbor who is with me, her

dishes in her cabinet shook. The "F" word being used. Except this time, I think the police ended it at 5:00 p.m. We tolerated the noise from 12 to 5 as opposed to 12 to 9:45 p.m. I was actually quite relieved. I had noticed that they were on the agenda for a rain date on Sunday, and I was having a christening at my house. My priest was going to be over, my family, my in-laws. I was somewhat delighted that it didn't rain that Saturday. I come here to let you know that people are suffering. I can't use my yard. You certainly can't barbeque if you don't know what's going to be coming from there. We're not talking about a large percentage of events. It's interesting because the most obnoxious events, few people go to. Two weeks ago tonight, I decided I was going to come here tonight. I didn't realize, to my surprise, that this was going to be on the agenda. A rainy Tuesday night, loud music, 9:40 p.m., a screaming child. My husband is talking to the police on the phone asking what officer would go there. This has to end. Again, we're talking about a few percentage. We have to co-exist peacefully. I would like to see some aldermen-at-large step up the plate and sponsor some legislation to end outside amplification at the parks. They are not out in the middle of nowhere. They are right on top of people. If someone can't put their children to bed, I think that's wrong. I was very disappointed when I called the mayor's office. His assistant was very nice, but I really felt it was a slap in the face. When I spoke to her, she was very polite. I suggested that it would be very reasonable to end amplification at 9:00 p.m. She reminded me that park hours are 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Is that reasonable? I think not. I do want to compliment the new superintendent of recreation. He's probably in charge of the maintenance. He was very nice. He called me back the next day. I specifically asked the person in programming not to call me because I know that that person feels that amplification is fine from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. I would like to deal with people who are going to be part of the solution and not part of the problem. Thank you.

Imelda Murphy, 72 Berkeley Street. I am not a citizen; I am just a resident in Nashua. I have come to support Mrs. Pappas. In 2001, with the band, we had police out there. One of the local policeman in Nashua said this was no quality of life. He heard the noise that we had to listen to. I am here to say the park is great, mostly we don't get trouble, and to support Mrs. Pappas.

MaryAnn Melizzi Golja, 2 Amble Road, Nashua. I am here to speak about the budget review and the resolutions and the committee reports. I am a member of the Board of Education. I am also obviously a citizen and taxpayer in this city, and I am a parent to a child that will be entering Nashua High South next year. As you move forward with your final work on the budget, I would ask you to consider the impact of the additional \$970,000 of recommended cuts that go beyond the \$761,000 in contingent reductions – and not only the overall health of the city education system but also the overall health of the city. I know that each of you, like all elected officials and employees, have the best interest of all the citizens in mind. As you move forward on this budget process, we trust that you will balance those issues. Thank you.

PETITIONS – None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Joint Convention with Woodlawn Cemetery Board of Trustees

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN PLAMONDON THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEET IN JOINT CONVENTION WITH THE WOODLAWN CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE TRUSTEES  
MOTION CARRIED**

President McCarthy called for nominations.

Mr. Well nominated the appointments of Dana Farwell for a term to expire March 31, 2007 and John Economopoulos and John Pappas for terms to expire March 31, 2010.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS  
MOTION CARRIED**

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

Yea:	Ald. Tollner, Ald. Vitale, Ald. LaRose, Ald. Cardin, Ald. Deane, Ald. Plamondon, Ald. Shaw, Ald. Lozeau, Ald. Dion, Ald. Rootovich, Ald. Johnson, Ald. Bolton, Ald. McCarthy, David Aponovich, Charles Farwell, Jr., Lester Gidge, Niles Jensen, Jr. Marvis Mellen, David Well, Mayor Streeter	20
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Nay:		0
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**MOTION CARRIED**

President McCarthy declared Dana Farwell, John Economopoulos and John Pappas duly elected to the Woodlawn Cemetery Board of Trustees for the aforementioned terms.

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN BOLTON THAT THE CONVENTION NOW ARISE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Appointments by the Mayor

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

## **Ethnic Awareness Committee**

Rep. Ruth Ginsburg (Re-Appointment)  
6 Dover Street  
Nashua, NH 0306

Term to Expire: December 31, 2006

Rep. Suzanne Harvey (Re-Appointment)  
8 Crawford Lane  
Nashua, NH 03063

Term to Expire: December 31, 2007

Dr. William J. Manseau (Re-Appointment)  
31, 2007  
154 Broad Street  
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: December

## **Mines Falls Park Advisory Committee**

Steven H. Davis (New Appointment)  
2007  
7 Radcliff Drive  
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: December 31,

## **Personnel Advisory Board**

Pamela Costa (Re-Appointment)

Term to Expire: June 30, 2008

3 Westray Drive  
Nashua, NH 03062

**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..... 05/31/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the May 31, 2005 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

**•Action Report accepted at 6/14/05 mtg**

Budget Review Committee..... 06/07/05

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

Budget Review Committee..... 06/08/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the June 8, 2005 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Budget Review Committee..... 06/13/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the June 13, 2005 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee..... 06/09/05

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the June 9, 2005 Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee accepted and placed on file..

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Building Code/Board of Appeals

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN ROOTOVICH TO CONFIRM BY VOICE VOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE BUILDING CODE/BOARD OF APPEALS FOR TERMS TO EXPIRE MARCH 31, 2008: ALTERNATE DANIEL BERGERON, 27 WEBSTER STREET, NASHUA, ALVIN B. CORZILIUS, 39 STARK STREET, NASHUA, AND GERARD ROBERGE, 27 ALMONT STREET, NASHUA  
MOTION CARRIED**

President McCarthy declared Alternate Daniel Bergeron, Alvin B. Corzilius and Gerard Roberge duly appointed to the Building Board/Board of Appeals for terms to expire March 31, 2008.

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel to Gerard Roberge.

Cable Television Advisory Board

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO CONFIRM BY VOICE VOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF LAURA KANE, 7 SILVER DRIVE, NASHUA, TO THE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JANUARY 1, 2007**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

President McCarthy declared Laura Kane duly appointed to the Cable Television Advisory Board for a term to expire January 1, 2007.

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel.

Conservation Commission

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAROSE TO CONFIRM BY VOICE VOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS FRASCA, ONE BLUE JAY HILL ROAD, NASHUA, TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2006**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

President McCarthy declared Nicholas Frasca duly appointed to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2006.

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**

- Board must vote to determine if amendment is necessary; if determined “necessary” a public hearing must be scheduled w/in 10 days (RSA 49-B:5)
- Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee Recommends: Final Passage as Amended
- Amended & Tabled at Full Bd. Mtg. – 11/09/04

**R-05-219**

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

**RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION OF \$3,075,000, WITH THE FUNDING SOURCE BEING RETAINED EARNINGS OF THE SEWERAGE DISPOSAL FUND, ACCOUNT #802-299, INTO ACCOUNT #802-59101 “WASTEWATER FUND – ASBESTOS**

**CONTAMINATED SOIL DISPOSAL” AND THE TRANSFER OF THE SUM INTO ACCOUNT #801-899 “SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FUND–ASBESTOS CONTAMINATED SOIL DISPOSAL REVENUE”**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO AMEND R-05-219 IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDEN ROD COPY PROVIDED WITH THE AGENDA  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-219 BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Plamondon

–  
Could the maker of the motion explain how he came to the \$2 million reduction?

Alderman Deane

–  
I took the amount of cubic yardage that was removed from the detention pond areas, and considered it hot, and multiplied it times the tipping fee that would have been paid for if that amount of material had been brought down to the Four Hills Landfill.

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

Yea: Ald. Tollner, Ald. Vitale, Ald. LaRose, Ald. Cardin, Ald. Deane, Ald. Plamondon,  
Ald. Shaw, Ald. Lozeau, Ald. Dion, Ald. Rootovich, Ald. Johnson, Ald. Bolton,  
Ald. McCarthy 13

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-219 declared duly adopted as amended.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

**O-05-90**

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter  
Alderman David D. Lozeau  
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

**AMENDING THE DUTIES OF THE AUDITORIUM COMMISSION TO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE IMPROVEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF PROPERTY AT 14 COURT STREET**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOZEAU TO AMEND O-05-90 IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDEN ROD COPY PROVIDED WITH THE AGENDA  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOZEAU FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-05-90 AS AMENDED  
MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-05-90 declared duly adopted as amended.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO WITHDRAW FROM COMMITTEE, ORDINANCE O-05-86, ESTABLISHING AN ADDITIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE OF FIVE DOLLARS PER VEHICLE AND ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR SUCH FEES UNDER RSA 261:153 VI  
MOTION CARRIED**

**O-05-86**

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

**ESTABLISHING AN ADDITIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE OF FIVE DOLLARS PER VEHICLE AND ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR SUCH FEES UNDER RSA 261:153 VI**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO AMEND O-05-86 IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDEN ROD VERSION PLACED ON OUR DESKS THIS EVENING**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Bolton

What this legislation proposes to do is to charge more to register an automobile in the City of Nashua. Frankly, I think it is ill-advised. It is just another tax. It may have the effect of raising money over here if we don't have to raise from the property tax over there. The fact is I think the ultimate effect is to hit our citizens harder than they would otherwise be hit if we just allowed the property tax to bear the cost of what otherwise would be raised through this. I've asked repeatedly for some analysis of the impact this will have on residence as opposed to businesses. I have gotten no responses to that. My sense is that this hits residences harder than it will hit the businesses. I don't have proof of that but I just think it stands to reason with the number of people we have living in this city and the number of vehicles they are likely to have. When we have out-of-city interests owning large amounts of valuable property here, the impact of this is to give these out-of-town business interests a tax break while sticking it to our own citizens. Unless we can be assured that that is not what is happening, I do not think we ought to engage in this shell game while pretending to give a tax cut with one hand and reaching into our citizens' pockets with the other.

Alderman Johnson

- When this came before the budget committee, I was totally opposed to this piece of legislation. My concern is it's about \$350,000 I believe in revenue that we will receive through this fee – which is a tax. It's not about the revenues that we receive. It's about the spending. If we didn't spend so much, we wouldn't be trying to get more revenue to offset everything else. And this is what it is. It is to offset the shortfalls in our budget because we need to come up with money. No matter how you make it look, the taxpayers are going to be hit – probably anywhere between 5.5 to over a 6 percent tax increase this year and it's not going to be enough.

Alderman Vitale

- At first glance, having a \$5 fee per vehicle does not seem like it would be such a problem. It would be done with the intent of adding that money to repair roads. If we want to have \$450,000 in the budget to repair our roads then we should put it there if that's our intent. If that's what we want to do, we should make sure we fund the roads improvement part of our budget accordingly. I do think that citizens would see that immediately if we are funding our roads correctly to do the paving. Why would we charge a fee to do that when it should be within the budget, I don't know. Again, at first glance a \$5 fee doesn't seem like a big deal, but if our intent is to repair the roads and have the money go there, we can do that within our budget. Thank you.

Alderman Tollner

- Some of the speakers that have spoken against this legislation, there's absolutely no proof – none whatsoever – that we are giving tax breaks to out-of-towners while at the same time penalizing people that live in this city. I have to scratch my head because I have sat through dozen of budget meetings, and people who are against this particular piece of legislation, I don't recall anybody making any cuts or reductions to the budget. The bottom line and one of the reasons why this legislation was proposed was to provide the city with an opportunity to close that void with the budget and the resulting tax rate. This is a fee, and without a doubt it's a tax – let's not kid ourselves. But it is a fee or a tax that applies to cars that people register. A number of people have two, three, four, five cars with two people living in the household. Those cars use the roadways. I think we've heard over the last two or three years that our roadways are in desperate shape and need to be improved. I forget the number that was in the committee about the amount of money that we should spend each year just to catch up, but I think it's somewhere between \$6 and \$7 million a year. The one correct statement was we're either going to load this money into the overall tax rate and charge everybody or take this particular portion of this fee and apply it to car registration which to my knowledge is done in a number of cities in New Hampshire. I guess those people who are not in favor of this particular piece of legislation when we go to discuss the budget will come forward with some recommendations to either find \$450,000 to fund the roadways and add that into the budget which the taxpayers will also pay for. Or, if we don't do that and we allow the roads to continue to be in a state of disrepair and not add it to the budget, the bottom line is you're going to pay one way or the other. This is one mechanism for those people who have cars that drive on the roadways to pay the additional fee. Thank you.

Alderman Dion

I agree with Alderman Bolton. This is just another way of taxing our citizens. This is not a tax for this year. This could be a tax on your car forever and ever. I think the citizens, property owners are paying enough taxes as it is without adding another \$5 to their automobiles. I cannot support new taxes. That's all there is to it.

#### Alderman Bolton

As to the comment that there's no proof, I wish there were proof. I wish that our mayor and city treasurer who proposed this could have brought forward some analysis of where the burden would fall. But they have not been able to provide that proof. So I had to apply some common sense. This is \$450,000 which will be raised that the Pheasant Lane Mall will not contribute towards. And that Pheasant Lane Mall brings in a lot of cars that use our roadways and has wear and tear on our roads. But every single person who owns a car and lives in the City of Nashua will contribute to this. Those people pay more and the Pheasant Lane Mall pays less, and that's common sense and that's

enough proof. And let me point out, there's no elderly exemption here. There's no veteran's credit here. There's no disabled credit here. Everyone pays the full amount. The business interests that own things like the Pheasant Lane Mall, they escape.

#### Alderman Johnson

I'd like to also add that the Nashua Mall is a very busy mall now. Look at all the Massachusetts plates that goes to the Christmas Tree store and the other stores over there. Also, I would like to say that I resent some of the comments. I made motions to reduce. Because my fellow colleagues didn't feel stipends over and above people's regular pay checks wasn't right to reduce, that's okay. But when you take a look at our roadways now, we've spent money that should have gone to roadways on other projects in this city. And we bonded a lot of projects so we don't have money now to put down for the roadways. I remember when Mr. Crombie came in here and said we need all this money for roadways, but we want to bond it because we used money for other projects in the city. When you take a look at what our needs are, we never look at our needs. We take a look at our wants, and we spend the money on our wants versus the needs of the city and this is why we don't have the money for some of the roads.

#### Alderman LaRose

When this was first introduced, the talk was that it was going to be used for paving streets. When you read the body of this, it tells you that the funds may be used for engineering, right-of-way acquisitions and construction costs of roads. I think that's beyond paving my street. I know that I have a little project in my ward, boy if this thing passed, maybe that's where some of the money could come from. I think that this is an extra charge on our citizens. I have to agree with some of the arguments that Alderman Bolton made. We should be funding what we need to do through our tax rate. These things that come out of the state generally come from small towns that have a difficult times to raise funds so they use these mechanisms. I don't think this is a mechanism that is fruitful for the City of Nashua.

Alderman Dion

– Roll call.

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

– Yea: Ald. Tollner, Ald. Vitale, Ald. Plamondon, Ald. Shaw, Ald. McCarthy 5

– Nay: Ald. LaRose, Ald. Cardin, Ald. Deane, Ald. Lozeau, Ald. Dion,  
Ald. Rootovich, Ald. Johnson, Ald. Bolton, 8

**MOTION FAILED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE FOR INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF O-05-86  
MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-05-86 declared indefinitely postponed.

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

– **R-05-239**

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter  
Alderman Richard LaRose  
Alderman Lori Cardin

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$200,000 FROM ACCOUNT 545 “WELFARE COSTS” INTO EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND ACCOUNT 944-5328 “WELFARE”**

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

**R-05-240**

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$142,962 FROM EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND ACCOUNT 981- 5326 “PORTABLE CLASSROOMS” INTO ACCOUNT 681-34 “CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT – SCHOOL PORTABLE CLASSROOMS”**

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

**R-05-241**

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$600,000 FROM ACCOUNT 596-86581 “CONTINGENCY – RETIREMENTS – SCHOOL DEPARTMENT” INTO ACCOUNT 581-19210 “SCHOOL DEPARTMENT – PAYROLL, SEVERANCE”**

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

**R-05-242**

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large Steven A. Bolton

**AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE CITY'S REVERSIONARY INTEREST IN LAND ON SARGENT AVENUE AT SHEET 64, LOT 110**

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

**R-05-243**

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

Alderman Lori Cardin

Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner

Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS AND APPROPRIATION INTO ACCOUNT #331-6223 "LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPO 2005" FOR ASSOCIATED COSTS RELATIVE TO THE EXPO**

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

**R-05-244**

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

**APPROVING A PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND THE CITY OF NASHUA, NH REGARDING COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOWS**

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

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

**O-05-93**

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

Alderman Richard LaRose

Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson

**FREEZING THE MAYORAL SALARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006**

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

**O-05-94**

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

**AMENDING THE NO PARKING ZONE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ELDRIDGE STREET**

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

**O-05-95**

Endorser: Alderman Kathryn D. Vitale

**Authorizing the installation of a stop sign On north field drive at its Intersection with pine hill road**

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

**O-05-96**

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter  
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon  
Alderman David D. Lozeau  
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner  
Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson  
Alderman-at-Large David Rootovich  
Alderman Robert A. Dion  
Alderman Lori Cardin

**TO AMEND THE CITY NOISE ORDINANCES BY ADDING PROHIBITIONS AGAINST NOISES CREATED BY OR EMANATING FROM MOTOR VEHICLES AND OTHER NOISES WHICH DISTURB THE PUBLIC PEACE**

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

**O-05-97**

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

**TO ESTABLISH A REGULATORY SYSTEM FOR PAWNBROKERS AND SECONDHAND DEALERS**

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

**O-05-98**

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter  
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon  
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy  
Alderman Kathryn D. Vitale  
Alderman Robert A. Shaw

**AMENDING THE PARKING TIME LIMITS ON MAIN STREET BETWEEN PEARSON AVENUE AND RAILROAD SQUARE**

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

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE THAT THE RULES BE SO FAR SUSPENDED AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION R-05-184 WHICH WAS RECOMMENDED BACK TO THE FULL BOARD 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 second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE DEPT. 511, LINE ITEM 99999, BY \$1,005, TO BRING THAT DEPARTMENT TO LEVEL FUNDING  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE DEPT. 513, LINE ITEM 99999, BY \$6,248, TO BRING THAT DEPARTMENT TO LEVEL FUNDING  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE DEPT. 516, LINE ITEM 99999, BY \$3,920, TO BRING THAT DEPARTMENT TO LEVEL FUNDING  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO REDUCE DEPT. 502, LINE ITEM 99999, BY \$6,872**

ON THE QUESTION

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Alderman Tollner

- Can I ask the maker of the motion, how she came up with that figure and was there a specific line item she was interested in?

Alderman Johnson

- Originally, I had tried to reduce the item for 11113, which is now associate corporation counsel, because the increase was \$8,451. I'm just going to do a bottom line reduction now.

Alderman LaRose

- May I ask the maker of the motion a question? Does that bring it below level funding?

Alderman Johnson

- Probably.

Alderman Deane

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I would like to ask the board's permission but if we're going to be doing some of this maybe Mrs. Anderson could sit here so she can get the numbers – also Mrs. Lemieux – if the Board didn't mind.

*Mrs. Anderson stepped forward*

Alderman Bolton

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To some extent the problem is two different approaches are being taken simultaneously. One approach, which I tend to more favor, would focus on a particular line. For whatever reason, someone would say that line is too high, needs to be cut and here is why. The other approach is to make a so-called bottom line adjustment by creating an account 99999 in each department that has a negative number in it and leaving it up to the department head to find that savings throughout that department's budget. I don't favor that second approach. But that second approach has now been applied throughout the budget. To on top of that go in and say here's a salary line that is too line – it may well be that in order to achieve that so-called bottom line adjustment that salary line would have been adjusted anyway. Furthermore, although it is not entirely clear, the indication has been that the mayor intends to provide that merit employees receive no increases. In this particular department, the situation where this particular cut is aimed probably is going to be achieved in any event – although we don't know because we can't get direct answers to direct questions. And, we have a second bottom line adjustment having been converted from a line item adjustment to create a multiplicity. We'll undoubtedly have problems in allowing this department to meet its goals in ways we don't even know because we've never had an opportunity to ask those questions.

Alderman Johnson

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There was a new pdf and there was a new job description. I tend to agree with Alderman Bolton. Are we doing line item reductions or are we going to do bottom line reductions. This is where we've been going – on the bottom line lately. A lot of the departments heads would rather have bottom line reductions and let them decide which line items to keep and which line items to reduce. Since they are the division heads, they really are the ultimate ones who need to know what they need to do with the money. Their needs versus their wants.

Alderman Tollner

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Can I get a clarification through Attorney Connell. This motion would put your department not at level budget, but under level budget, correct?

Attorney Connell

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Probably. I haven't done the math. I would assume that.

Carol Anderson

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Right.

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## **MOTION FAILED**

Alderman Johnson

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I would like to ask a question, through the president, to the Mayor, please. If Ms. Nelson is leaving his office and moving onto another division as a temporary division director, who is he going to replace her with and what is going to happen with the salary during that amount of time?

Mayor Streeter

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I don't intend to replace Mrs. Nelson as my administrative assistant. She will continue to serve in that capacity as well as interim director of the division. She will be compensated accordingly.

Alderman Bolton

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Can we know what that total compensation will be?

Mayor Streeter

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Not at this point.

Alderman Bolton

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And the reason why I ask is it has come to our attention in the budget process that a similar arrangement worked out with another city employee, without a doubt a dedicated and highly competent city employee, nevertheless the arrangement by which the individual was doing more than one job resulted in an annualized compensation of \$125,000 a year. I think we were all shocked to learn that. I think we would like to know that we are not going to be shocked to find out something similarly is going to happen.

Mayor Streeter

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Certainly it is not my intent to increase Mrs. Nelson's salary to six figures. That's ludicrous to even infer that. What has happened in the past is that someone serving in the capacity as an interim director is compensated accordingly. In this particular case, this individual will not receive the full salary, but will be compensated to some extent for the extra effort that this person will provide as the interim division director.

Alderman Johnson

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Will the salary for her being an interim director be coming out of that other department budget or will it then become a stipend?

Mayor Streeter

- I'd like to ask Mrs. Anderson. I think whatever increase will come from the other division. Is that correct?

Carol Anderson

- Yes, that is correct.

Mayor Streeter

- This is certainly nothing new. Whenever someone is acting in a capacity as a director, they are compensated accordingly.

Alderman Johnson

- No one is saying it is new. We're just trying to follow the money trail. If she is working here and she is working in another division, we need to know what is she being compensated. Is it now being called a stipend now and how much are we paying her for that stipend? It is very easy to sit and say it's not new. And you're right, it is not new. What we are trying to do is get a grip on this budget. I think we need to understand what her now-called "stipend" would be for her being an interim director. It will have to appear somewhere in this budget. Is it going to be appearing on the stipend sheet like all the other stipends that was a surprise to many of us? If you can't answer it, Mr. Mayor, then maybe Mrs. Anderson needs to answer it, Mrs. Lemieux needs to answer it. Someone needs to be straightforward with us going into this 2006 budget because I don't feel that we have been told the truth on a lot of things with this budget. Surprises have come up in the interim. The last big surprise – but it wasn't a surprise to me – the education funding. I would like to get a clear, concise answer on this money.

President McCarthy

- Mayor Streeter, from what I heard you say, I understood you to say that the total compensation for that individual would not exceed the director's salary for the division for which she is going to serve in temporarily. Is that correct?

Mayor Streeter

- You heard that correctly.

President McCarthy

- The second question from what I heard, it sounded like we would continue to pay the base part of that out of the payroll portion of the mayor's accounts and then the addition to uplift that salary to whatever it winds up being would come out of the community services payroll account. Is that correct?

Mayor Streeter

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That's my intent.

Alderman Bolton

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Given that, how much should be cutting from that line tonight?

Mayor Streeter

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I haven't any idea, Alderman Bolton, because we haven't advertised the position. I'm not sure how long it is going to take to fill it. Obviously it is going to take a couple of months. I fully intend to appoint a division director to that division to carry out those responsibilities. At that point that person will be compensated at whatever salary I proposed in the budget.

Alderman Bolton

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Am I correct in my recollection that the last time that director's position was vacant, and it was only within the last few years, that it took something like six to eight months to find the candidate that ultimately took the position?

Mayor Streeter

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I'm not sure how long it took.

Alderman Bolton

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I think it took about six to eight months. Would I be incorrect in that recollection?

Mayor Streeter

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I honestly don't know how long it took. As you know, I can only make an interim appointment for 180 days.

Alderman Bolton

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And last time you did that twice with two different individuals, correct?

Mayor Streeter

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Correct.

Alderman Johnson

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Back when I did get some successful motions to reduce the budget, I did make a motion to reduce the director of community services by \$10,000. That position is now \$10,000 less. Are you aware of that, Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Streeter

The budget hasn't passed yet, Alderman Johnson.

Alderman Johnson

I understand that. Are you aware that there was a motion to reduce?

Mayor Streeter

The budget hasn't passed. The 06 budget hasn't passed.

Alderman Johnson

I understand that. That is not what I am saying. What I am saying is if the budget did pass tonight as it stands there would be a reduction of \$10,000 in the director's position.

Mayor Streeter

Then I would have to determine whether I veto it or not.

Alderman Johnson

I just would like to get an idea of what that dollar value is going to be.

Mayor Streeter

That position requires a person who is highly trained and has the appropriate degrees. To fiddle around today with salaries of division directors I think is not appropriate. The salary scale for that position, as approved by previous boards of aldermen, is appropriate. I would not be in favor of just slashing it \$10,000 on some person's whim.

Alderman Johnson

I resent that, Mr. Mayor. Nobody slashed it. We just made a reduction. It wasn't on any person's whim. We are trying to find reductions in this budget because right now it stands at 6.9 percent to deliver to our taxpayers of this city. I, for one, think that is a very high number to impose on our citizens of this city, given the fact what last year was, with an update of assessments. That's probably going to happen again next year, Mr. Mayor. No one is slashing. I'm not cutting. I like the word "reduction" better. This budget is not in place. We are working on the budget to try to find an agreeable ground to compromise – as some aldermen like to say – to move this budget to the

people.

Alderman Tollner

I would agree with Alderman Bolton's assessment. I think the last time this position was vacant was at least six months. In the budget for that position right now, today, it's \$91,000. Am I to understand that when Mrs. Nelson takes over this job, on an interim basis, that her salary would go from \$69,000 to \$91,000?

Mayor Streeter

I haven't determined what the increase would be. Certainly that hasn't happened in the past when I've appointed interim directors. It's been somewhere in between.

Alderman Tollner

Hopefully you would be willing to communicate to the board of aldermen when you make that decision so we're informed what the difference is.

Mayor Streeter

It's public information, Alderman Tollner. I certainly will.

Alderman Tollner

I would like the board of aldermen to know about it prior to the general public knowing about it.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN BOLTON TO REDUCE IN DEPT. 541, LINE ITEM 11240, BY \$30,000**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Bolton

I don't want the mayor to misconstrue this. I am not indicating that the salary for that position, once it is permanently filled, should be reduced to that low level. What I am anticipating is that it is going to take several months to fill that position. During that time, we will realize a savings. I am trying to capture that savings by this reduction.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Alderman Tollner

Can I get a clarification so I know where that salary stands. Alderman Johnson mentioned that that during the budget deliberations it was reduced to \$81,000. Now we reduced it by \$30,000, so it stands at \$51,000?

Alderman Bolton

In the budget it is \$94,000. It would be down to \$54,000. Presumably with the no merit increase that the mayor may or may not be going to do, when I person is hired, presumably the top level, if we can't find anyone for less, would be at the \$91,721.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO HOLD R-05-184 AT THE FULL BOARD LEVEL  
MOTION CARRIED**

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Timothy Glenday, 7 Lucier Street, Nashua. I'm going to put to an end tonight a feud that has gone on for 12 years but has been affecting the city for maybe eight years. That is a feud between myself and Gordon Jackson. Last night, the city could not televise the budget review committee meeting. The reason the city could not televise the budget review committee meeting was that on Friday some equipment in the IT Department, with the assistance of two engineers from Comcast, including one of their senior engineers – who has regional responsibility throughout New England, was installed and part of the testing process was to go to the video server method in some point in the near future. After testing was done, the Comcast engineers said "Let's shut it down. Turn it off. Power it down." They obviously realized that you can't have more than one system feeding a cable system at a time. Mr. Jackson, who was there supervising all of this, a man who is not an employee of the city, said: "No, no, no. I want to play with it for awhile." The Comcast people who I have spoken to personally – so it is not secondhand information – said, "Are you sure you want to do this?" He said: "Oh yes, I am going to play with it for awhile." Well thanks to his playing on Friday when we attempted to televise the live meeting last night, two signals were going out at the same time. One from the modulator on the third floor, locked behind IT, and one from the old grey one you see on the rack over there. Obviously we couldn't televise. By testing this equipment, we assumed the problem was probably at the cable company because if everything in this room tests out okay, we would assume we would be on the air. But by getting one of their senior engineers to leave his home, make the 45-mile drive to Nashua, go to the cable company's antenna and prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that what exactly was happening was that two modulators were on at the same time. We weren't able to televise. Furthermore, all it took today was people at IT to not unplug, not unweld, not unsolder, just turn off the darn equipment. We were able to fire up this equipment at 11:00 a.m. today.

As far as I am concerned a major mistake was made the last year that Mayor Davidson was mayor of the City of Nashua. To get favorable coverage of his re-election campaign, he decided to put Gordon Jackson on the Cable Television Advisory Board. The general manager of a commercial television station, while we're running a non-for-profit public access channel. I haven't really cared for that arrangement. I lived with it as chairman for a couple of years, and then lived with it just as a member. During that time I have seen every ill-gutted scheme. We've attempted to put their transmitting equipment on a city tower, even though the FCC came here and said, "don't do that" and took their UHF channel away from them. We've seen them plan to go to the vocational college on Amherst Street. We had a ribbon cutting with someone I hold personally deep in my heart, Walt Peterson and our mayor, Mayor Streeter. That was proven to be a folly. Something that we could

not do because quite frankly if you're going to have public space in the college, you have to offer that rent free to other people, like WSMN or WOTW. They are a commercial TV station. They sell soap like anybody else. Now when it came to our cameras, somehow on E-Bay we got a second Sony camera that matched our first one that we had bought in my days on the cable board. But we didn't have two cameras because one of them was in Scotland with Gordon Jackson. We wound up changing locks to this closet out here from a key lock to a combination lock to keep a member of the cable television advisory board who draws no salary from the City of Nashua out of our equipment, and started quite a log of video tapes and head phones and everything else so we could recount where these things are. I actually thank the mayor for adopting the logs, doing the review and accounting for everything we have. I have personal equipment in there, most of the equipment is the city's equipment. But the mistake that was made Friday is something that a 18-year-old in his first year at a college course on radio TV would not have made, but Mr. Jackson made it.

I am convinced that Mr. Hersh and I, who don't agree on everything in the world, but he is one of the most professional people I have ever met – can work out with a couple of consultants how to get the video server up and running – we probably want to wait until the meetings slow down later this summer – and we'll phase out the manual replay from 38 Lake Street. Although, quite frankly, the buying of the video server was kind of a dumb idea. There are other ways to do your daytime replay, but we are committed and we've spent the money.

I will pledge to work with the other cable board members and any other outside engineering people who we need. But as of today, I'm not working with Gordon Jackson. I think the list of abuses are long and I'm tired of them. So I make a challenge by the end of this week. You've got to decide whether my 22 years of service either on the cable board or as the compensated videographer gives me some sort of standing or privilege over Mr. Jackson or whether Mr. Jackson and his commercial TV station are the people decided whether we do football games in Stellos Stadium, the graduation of our high schools. The type of things that are normally on an access channel but which have not been because we have tried to leave them aside for his commercial for-profit station. I have a mailbox at city hall. I'm very pleased to have one. Technically I've had one since the seventies when I had a radio station box down there. But I have one with my name since 1983. By the end of business day on Friday, I want notification in some form – it could be a copy, I don't care what it is, that Gordon Jackson is no longer on the Cable Television Advisory Board. If he is still on the Cable Television Advisory Board, I will take the last half hour before the holiday and pack up my equipment from this closet. I will then go to 38 Lake Street, and I will perform that night's duties, which is playing the Joint Special School Building Committee, Board of Education, and tonight's Zoning Board meeting being taped and then I will take that equipment home and you people have made a clear decision that political coverage on TV 13 is more important than operating the government access channel correctly. Thank you.

Robert Hallowell, 6 Chaucer Road. Let me thank all of you for your long hours. I've actually been painfully been watching a lot of this on TV. I know you spend a lot of time going through budgets. I want you to know that I and many other citizens of Nashua appreciate what you do even if sometimes we don't agree with what you propose. It's good to have a whole bunch of people in the room that have different views. Having said that, I am baffled by what I saw earlier tonight at the discussion about the five dollar registration tax. We have a shortfall that either needs cuts or cash,

and most likely both. The advance of the five dollar registration tax, as I see it, is it taxes a wider tax base than you currently have now. Right now you get all your money from real estate tax. You would at least be extending it to people who live in Nashua and have cars in Nashua but don't own property. I agree that it doesn't tax the Pheasant Lane Mall or the Nashua Mall more than it should, but if that's really what you want to do we would have to put up a toll booth on either side of Nashua, and I don't think we really want to do that. The other alternative is to charge more for commercial property than you do for residential property. I'm not sure whether that is done here or not. But I don't see how those two are necessarily connected. The point is it's a wider tax base. The alternative is to tax only homeowners because you still need the \$450,000 or to tell all the departments that you just told were level funded and the board of education that were told they only get 2.5 percent that they are going to have to absorb \$450,000 more in cuts. I urge you to reconsider that five dollar tax because to me, it seems to make sense.

Second, months ago at the public hearing I suggested that the board of ed. not cut high school bussing and that they should simply increase the fee for bussing in order to keep that service. Scott Cote indicated after that meeting that one problem with that was that the bussing fees were not part of the school budget. They go to the general fund. I was told personally by several aldermen that that was a simple fix. A simple resolution by the board of aldermen saying that that money could be recognized as part of the school budget. I've heard different variations on that, but the point is I've watched a lot of budget review committee meetings and have looked through a lot of budget review committee meetings minutes, board of aldermen, and I have yet to see any aldermen step up and actually put that resolution forward and we're rapidly approaching July 1<sup>st</sup>. I urge you to get that resolution put together by some board of aldermen here and allow the board of ed. to know that those funds are secure – that they are going to be able to count that in their budget. Or at the very least, that's counted against their budget even if you want to keep it in the general revenue for some purpose that I don't understand. Thank you.

Barbara Presley, Orchard St., Nashua. Once again, I arrived in this Chamber at 6:30 tonight for the water meeting that has been on the agenda for well over a month, maybe two months. I've asked repeatedly that I be notified. I was notified some time ago that there was a scheduled water meeting tonight. It was in the paper. It was on your website. I got here and once again it had been canceled. Apparently it was canceled yesterday. This has become quite a common practice, at least with this committee and maybe with other committees that I don't know about. When you schedule something, you've given proper notification and for whatever reason they find out that they are not going to have a meeting that night. This, I think, is abuse of the public and of public participation. I would hope that all of you as elected officials would start to appreciate and value the importance of having people come to your meetings. Take the time to show up because they are interested. I can remember when I served on this board, it was many times a tragedy when we were talking and doing something really important – we didn't have TV at that time – and not a single person would show up. When people are interested enough on an issue to come out, please start to have the courtesy that if you have scheduled a meeting, check a least a week before that the people and the agenda that you have planned is going to take place. I consider it an abuse of the citizens of this city the carelessness that I have seen taken place on scheduling meetings, canceling them, squeezing them in a half hour before another meeting. This particular one had two different times. It had a 6:30 announcement and then a 7:00 announcement. I would also like to

say that when you are calling a meeting and you know that the full meeting is going to be in private session that that be part of the announcement. As far as the water issue, I think all of you know I am keenly interested in this. I am one of the few citizen interveners in support of this with the PUC. I feel that I have been abused, and I think other people have too. It's time that you start being a little bit more aware of your public relations. It's important that you start to respect the public, encourage them to come. Many of the water meetings that I have

attended you have an agenda that was time public comment. I have yet to have that take place. They always adjourn before that. I would plead with all of you to start to show more respect for the public and for public participation. That's what our country and government is all about.

### REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

#### Alderman Cardin

I'd like to send my condolences to the family of a constituent that died earlier this week: Evelyn Cardin. She was a very nice neighbor, and a good lady. My condolences to the family.

#### Alderman Tollner

Joe Gregory who I know watches these meetings will be very pleased with the noise legislation that will be coming to the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee meeting. I want to congratulate again the Nashua High North and South students on their graduation. From reading the newspaper,

I think very delicately they have now created a little differential and their own new agenda moving forward as far as what they would like to see from the schools and the programs and the ceremony and the graduation. I attended one. My son graduated. As I mentioned to a couple school board members, I think they went off without any problem whatsoever. I'd like to extend congratulations to both the board of education and the school department for a job well done on that.

We started taking care of the budget a little bit tonight. We do have a massive task ahead of us. I know that the president has scheduled a meeting for Thursday night. While we are going through these deliberations, it is important to get this budget done as soon as we possibly can, both for the benefit of realizing those reductions and what it means to the tax rate, and hopefully that we do it in a very respectful manner.

Over the last couple of weeks, I have had the opportunity to speak to a couple of board of education members. I've met with the budget chairman, Mr. Cote, last week and had what I felt was a pretty good conversation. I hope he thought the same. One of the things that I threw out to him was if the school board was to move forward in the end with a budget that looked similar to what we've been

discussing to date, and some pretty substantial decisions had to be made, I thought it might be a good idea that after those decisions are made by the school department, but before those decisions are communicated to the general public, that we have a meeting together with both boards and communicate the results of those decisions together. While I fully understand that members of this board may not be totally satisfied with every decision they come up with, and I'm sure members of their board wouldn't be totally satisfied with those decision, but if and when those decisions come, I think we do need to support each other in rolling out those decisions together.

Alderman LaRose

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At this time, I'd like to congratulate Alderman Cardin on her recent award from the Nashua Children's Home. I was a member of the Board of Directors for some ten years. I know the good work that they do. I know it was an award that was well justified for Lori Cardin.

Alderman Deane

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I want to send my condolences out to the family of Roland Holbrook. He passed away last week. Roland was a very active member of the community. When I started over at Nashua West Baseball, he was just finishing up a long career and had decided to umpire. He stayed with the program. Back in 1988, Nashua hosted the Bambino World Series which is a 12 and under Babe Ruth program. Roland managed the team. It was quite a team. In fact, Nashua presented the first female player ever to play in the Bambino World Series. Her name was Nicki Sanoutta. She was a stand-out athlete at Nashua High School. Roland will be missed. He was a great guy. When him and his brothers got together, you want to talk about baseball? Those guys lived it, they breathed it, they ate it. It's all they talked about. He was a great, and he'll be missed.

I'd like to congratulate the Class L Champion Nashua South baseball team. I'd also like to thank the traffic department for putting up the VMS Board to advertise the games that were played in the championship games and the whole tournament that was played at Holman Stadium. It was well attended. Our Nashua team came out on top. Unfortunately, we couldn't find the letters to the sign that was out there, but the VMS board brought in quite a few. It's my understanding we had a game out front that evening, and there was over 1000 people who attended that one baseball game. I think it's great that we have the kind of support in the community for our high school teams. Thank you.

Alderman Plamondon

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I, too, would like to begin with congratulating Ald. Cardin for her award from the Nashua Children's Association. Her involvement in the Nashua Children's Association extends throughout the Nashua community. It's an award that's very prestigious and I want to congratulate her for everything she does. Earlier tonight there was a Ledge Street meeting regarding the CSOs on June 21<sup>st</sup>. I just want to mention this was the second meeting. We only needed one. We had another in the summer of '04. The turnout was low. The second meeting the turnout was a little better. I want to make sure that the residents of Ledge Street know that this CSO project is a major undertaking. The bulk of Ledge, between Pine and Seventh Street, is going to be dug-up for a year or so. Those who are still calling me complaining about speeding vehicles, I can assure you this is going to slow them down.

While I'm on Ledge Street, I want to make a message on youths on Ledge that are trying to lay claim to the Eaton Street area. Let me be perfectly clear. If you do not start to abide by the laws of the city and society, you will be paying the price. The actions that are going on in this area will be stopped. It may take time, and the first thing that I am going to do is start organizing the neighbors in this area in a crime watch. The behavior that is going on in this area will not be tolerated. That goes to the parents that are not paying attention to these children between 12 and 19 years old. Please find out what your kids are doing, because I can tell you right now, it is not anywhere near what society looks upon as condoning. Please watch what your kids are doing.

Final point. It has been a few years in the making, and that's Ordinance O5-96, the noise ordinance. I want to particularly thank Deputy McDonald at the Nashua Police Department and city attorney Steve Bennett for their work. We have been looking at this for years and compiling data from Portsmouth PD, Manchester PD, Hampton PD, and their ordinances. The Manchester ordinance for noise is over nine pages alone. What you see in its first reading tonight is a compilation of what is being done in other municipalities throughout the state, but tailored towards Nashua. I'm glad this proposed ordinance has so many sponsors.

Alderman Johnson

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I want to respond to what Alderman Plamondon said, and I guess the question you have to ask

parents is is do you know where your children are. I did get a call from one of his constituents today panicking. I was at the police station talking to an officer about what has been going on in that area. He called me frantically and I met him over there. It's sad when they are slashing the tires and they are threatening to burn down people's home. I'm working with him, as I always do with Alderman Plamondon up front, but he did panic today and I did meet him.

On a note regarding former Representative, Senator and Alderman-at-Large Presley, I would hope that maybe in the future if we cancel any meetings we could note it on the website. At least anyone who goes on the website often can get notice other than seeing it on the door.

I would like to wish Mr. Nice, Dot's husband, a speedy recovery. I did go to visit him again today to try and cheer him up. He's such a great person. He really is. I've known him for many years.

#### Alderman Bolton

I would like to add my congratulations to our colleague, Alderman Cardin, a very well deserved honor, as well as my congratulations to the Nashua South High School State Championship Baseball Team. For those who are unaware, Holman Stadium did serve as the venue for that Class L tournament, and our own South Purple Panthers emerged with the first state championship victory since we've gone to two high schools in Nashua. It was a very warm afternoon that day. Nevertheless, it was very well attended and people went away having seen a very fine game. I have to say that those players represent the best that we provide in this city.

Which leads me to some of the earlier remarks which I did not fully understand concerning the suggestion that when the board of education has to align its budget and its spending plan with the total dollars that this board ends up giving them for a budget that their decisions should be kept secret until they discuss them with us and only made public thereafter. That is somewhat puzzling and troubling for at least two reasons. One it is against the law. There's no mechanism by which they can be kept secret. They have to be made in public session, after open discussion. If members of this board wish to be informed simultaneously with other members of the public, we must attend their meeting as any member of the public can do. The other somewhat troubling aspect of it is that during the several meetings which I have arranged between the budget committee and other members of this board and the board of education, there have been numerous opportunities to try to discuss what specific areas that savings could be realized, that programs could be tailored to operate with better efficiency, that programs ought to be eliminated in an effort to save money. Despite my wishes to the contrary, the repeated refrain by members of this board was that's up to you, board of education. We just deal with the bottom line. It's not our job to work with you on the specifics of your budget. That attitude has not served the city well up to this point. I would like to think that the previous remarks were an indication that that attitude is going to change. I have little hope that is the case. Thank you.

Alderman McCarthy

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I too would like to congratulate Alderman Cardin, as well as the Panthers. I still think having the game take place in Holman Stadium is a fantastic thing. It's probably the best field that a state championship has ever been played on.

I do want to comment on the water meeting. It is regrettable that it had to be canceled at the last meeting. I was waiting to find out from Attorney Upton whether he was ready to come and present some information to the committee. The answer to that question could not be known until yesterday. Since the first opportunity to schedule another meeting on our calendar on a normal night is in mid-August at this point, I had left the water meetings in place so that when things develop, we are able to deal with them because it is very difficult to project when there will be developments. I anticipate that there will be a short meeting sometime within the next week and a half, probably scheduled prior to another meeting. I will point out for the benefit of the public that almost all of that meeting will probably be in non-public session. To answer Alderman Johnson's question, when that meeting was canceled it was in fact posted on the website almost immediately that it had been canceled. I will try to make sure that we give better notice but it's geologic in nature, it either moves like a glacier or an earthquake. Things happen randomly and must be dealt with when they happen.

I want to wish Alderman Plamondon a happy upcoming birthday.

Alderman Tollner

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Before we go to committee announcements, I don't want anybody to misconstrue my comments. The comments I made to Mr. Cote was that when they make those decisions, I would hope that the board of aldermen stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the board of education. That's what I communicated to him and not to hold their decisions in private. I am very well aware that a lot of those meetings are in public, but again, that we work together collectively to come up with a solution that works for everybody. Thank you.

Committee announcements:

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Alderman Dion – Infrastructure tomorrow night. Ald. Dion extended an invitation to the full Board to attend as there will be a discussion on the possibility of acquiring the Riverside property.

Alderman McCarthy – Scheduled a special board meeting for Thursday evening to consider to the legislation on the budget and a resolution which Alderman McCarthy will be sponsoring concerning the school superintendent's salary.

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Alderman Cardin stated she will not be present at the special board of aldermen meeting due to a previous commitment.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE THAT THE JUNE 28, 2005 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Attest: Paul R. Bergeron, City Clerk