

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Thursday, July 28, 2005 at 7:00 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 Robert A. Dion leading in the Pledge to the Flag.

The roll call was taken with 9 members of the Board of Aldermen present, Aldermen Tollner, Vitale, Gage, MacLaughlin, Plamondon and Shaw were not in attendance.

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

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Alderman Deane

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I received a call from Alderman Tollner who is on his way. Secondly, I would like to amend the agenda by adding a public comment after communications and prior to adjournment.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AT THE END OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT
MOTION CARRIED**

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COMMUNICATIONS

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

From: Brian S. McCarthy, President, Board of Aldermen
Re: Special Board of Aldermen Meeting

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN ROOTOVICH TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE
MOTION CARRIED**

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

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 ninth reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO HOLD R-05-184

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-05-258

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

**RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY BUDGET BEGINNING
JULY 1, 2005 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2005**

Given its first reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE THAT THE RULES BE SO FAR SUSPENDED AS TO
ALLOW FOR THE SECOND READING OF R-05-258 BY ROLL CALL**

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

Yea: Ald. LaRose, Ald. Cardin, Ald. Deane, Ald. Lozeau, Ald. Dion
Ald. Rootovich, Ald. Johnson, Ald. Bolton, Ald. McCarthy 9

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-05-258 given its second reading

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-258 BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Johnson

What is the number we are using for the temporary budget?

Alderman Deane

The legislation was included in the packet and placed on our desks this evening. It has a total of general funds appropriation of \$28,337,400 and a total enterprise fund of \$2,636,970.

Alderman Johnson

Thank you. I wanted the public to hear what the money was. And there has been no changes to

these figures?

Carol Anderson

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No, there's been no changes to that.

Alderman Johnson

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This encompasses what? Essential services? What is the definition of "essential services?"

Carol Anderson

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It does not encompass just essential services. It encompasses the services to keep the city going until the end of August. It actually is payroll through August 30th – that's about 15 percent, except in the case of the school. It is approximately 20 percent of non-payroll and then adjusted for any contracts that we are bound by and bonded debt that is due during that time period. It's the lesser of 05 or 06 as proposed.

Alderman Johnson

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I spoke with Attorney Bennett last week about if we were going to look at essential services how we would do this. Can someone give me a definition of "essential services" for the city.

Atty. Connell

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There is no definition of that. It's a continuum kind of thing from what pertains to health and safety through what pertains to fulfilling state and federal mandates to what pertains to avoiding liability to what pertains to providing the services that the citizens expect on a day-to-day basis. You can choose any point in that continuum. It's a subjective standard.

Alderman Johnson

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I was on the phone with the state today trying to find out under the RSAs if there was anything pertaining to essential services and anything they could come up with the planning and zoning when you're doing any kind of complexes in the cities and towns. They talked about in that RSA water, more utilities, maybe police and fire and that's about it. I'm just kind of curious when this subject came up about tonight's meeting, were we just looking at essential services or are we just going with what we need out of the budget to keep everything up and running in the city. I guess my answer to the question is we are keeping everything up and running in the city. I would have looked more at just essential services at this point in time. Thank you.

Alderman Deane

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I believe the way the resolution was put together that the services that are being funded are essential to the operations of the city. As Attorney Connell puts it, these are the services that the

citizens are provided through their tax dollars. The word "essential" has a broad description. The motor vehicle department may not be essential to me know but come December it's essential to me because that's when my cars need to be registered. You can go through all the services that are offered. Every Thursday is essential to me because that's the day my trash gets picked up. The wastewater treatment plant is essential to all of us, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. If you look at the operations of city government, the essential part of what's included in this resolution affects everybody differently.

Alderman Dion

- Mrs. Anderson, before I saw the resolution, I thought it was for the period of August. But we're really talking since the end of the fiscal year, June 30th. We're talking for both July and August.

Carol Anderson

- Right.

Alderman Dion

- We're talking roughly \$31 million?

Carol Anderson

- Yes.

Alderman Dion

- For some reason, I thought it was for one month; but I see now it's for two months.

Carol Anderson

- We're allowed to operate to the first day of the second month of the fiscal year without having to do a continuum. After that point, you have to have a continuum and then it would encompass both months.

Alderman Dion

- I will support this motion. I cannot see shutting the government down for obvious reasons - sanitation for one and people who are depending on their weekly pay. I certainly wouldn't want to those people out of work. I urge my fellow members to support this resolution until we can adopt a budget.

Alderman Lozeau

- Could you tell me the 508 cost for two months? The cost that's broken down in this legislation,

\$3,968,324, is that at the 05 or is that at the projected 06?

Carol Anderson

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That would have to be at the projected 06.

Alderman Johnson

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I wasn't opposing. I just wanted clarification. I understand what essential services are, but there are some items in here that I might not feel is essential but the city could still operate. I would never say don't pick up the trash, or not have the police or fire out on the streets. I think there are certain divisions in here, like H.R., that could probably work with one person versus everybody in H.R. under this type of temporary budget. I will support this, because I am not going to shut down the city. I think people have to understand what exactly we are paying to have the city operate.

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Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-05-258 declared duly adopted.

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Mayor Streeter

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I just want to thank the members of the Board for supporting R-05-258. It means a lot to the citizens of our community.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Attest: Paul R. Bergeron, City Clerk