

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at 7:35 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Vice President James R. Tollner presided; City Clerk Paul R. Bergeron recorded.

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

The roll call was taken with 12 members of the Board of Aldermen present; Plamondon, and McCarthy were not in attendance. Alderman Gage arrived at 8:40 p.m.

Vice President Tollner

Alderman McCarthy is on business travel. Alderman Plamondon is on vacation,

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

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Thank you Mr. Vice President. A lot has happened in the last several weeks, and in the upcoming several weeks so my report will be somewhat lengthy.

The City's first ever High Tech Expo. will be held at the Millyard Technology Park beginning tomorrow morning. The event kicks off at 8:00 a.m. with a breakfast reception and keynote address by NH Department of Resources and Economic Development Commissioner Sean O'Kane. The balance of the morning will be taken up by two breakout sessions featuring a variety of workshops and seminars on business, finance, and technology, along with tours of the Millyard Technology Park and proposed Riverwalk loop. Governor John Lynch will be a guest speaker at Noon along with addresses by Fred Kocher, president of the New Hampshire High Tech Council and Dr. Richard Meyers, the new President of Daniel Webster College. The afternoon will offer another round of workshops seminars and tours including an open house at the Nashua Area Artist Association's Gallery One in the Millyard. Exhibitor booths featuring over 50 businesses from our community and the surrounding area will open at 3:00 p.m. and continue until 6:00 p.m.

An after-hours reception runs from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and includes a keynote address from Aaron Penkacik, Vice President for Advanced Technology at BAE. Sponsors for this event include BAE, Fidelity Investments, Daniel Webster College, PSNH, the Chamber and the Millyard Technology Park.

On Wednesday the 21st, we will have a kick-off event for the upcoming Highland Games. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a parade of traditionally clad Scottish drummers at City Hall Plaza and continue up Main Street to Railroad Square where performances will be staged.

An update on the Eastern Equine Encephalitis situation from Mary Nelson, Acting Director of the Division of

Public Health and Community Services -- as you know Eastern Equine Encephalitis or ("EEE") is a rare but potentially serious disease caused by a virus that is transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito. Encephalitis is an inflammation of the brain and can cause damage to the nervous system or the brain. This is the time of year when the virus may be found in mosquitoes or birds. Occasionally it may be isolated from horses. Human cases are rare. Already one resident of our State has died from the disease but to date, there have not been any indicators of the EEE virus being present in Nashua or the area. We have been collecting mosquitoes and birds for testing since July and have had no reported positive tests and there have not been any reports of infected mosquitoes, birds or other animals from our area. People can take several simple steps to protect themselves from mosquito bites. From dusk to dawn, when mosquitoes are most active and likely to bite, children and adults should wear protective clothing, an effective insect repellent DEET. Children should not apply DEET to themselves.

You should also eliminate mosquito-breeding locations around your home by getting rid of standing water and make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting and hole-free screens. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Hotline for West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis --1-866-273-6453.

Community Development Director Kathy Hersh reports that you should save the dates of September 23rd and 24th when Plan NH will send top planners, designers, architects, engineers, historians, and landscape architects from the State to create a design for the Nashua Riverfront Promenade. Plan NH is an organization dedicated to support and preserve New Hampshire's quality of life through excellence in community planning, design and development. Three times a year this Foundation selects a project where their members volunteer to assist a community in a specific design charette project. Plan NH's team of experts will be seeking ideas and comments from businesses, residents and the general public on Friday, Sept. 23rd from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. and between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. at the Hunt Memorial Building. People are encouraged to come prepared with your thoughts, ideas and concepts on how Nashua's Riverfront Promenade should be designed.

This professional team from Plan NH Foundation will complete the design on Saturday, September 24th, and will present their findings to the general public at 3:00 p.m. in the Hunt Building. We encourage you and the public to attend and take part in this exciting and important design that, when implemented, will shape the future prosperity of our downtown.

The Division of Public Works is continuing to work towards improving the City's sewer service. Their latest project focuses on identifying defects that allow groundwater and storm water to enter the sewer system, known as infiltration and inflow. By identifying and then removing excessive I/I flow, treatment costs will be reduced and additional treatment capacity will become available.

Smoke testing of portions of Nashua's sewer system began last week. During testing, white smoke is introduced through the sewer system via a smoke-generating machine. During this procedure, white smoke will be venting from holes in manhole covers located on the street and from plumbing vent pipes located on or near your roof surface. This is the normal test procedure and should not be a

cause of alarm. Should smoke be detected within your building, don't be alarmed. The smoke is non-toxic and non-staining. Simply ventilate the home and report the presence of smoke to the technicians conducting the test immediately outside in the vicinity of your building. If possible, they will assist you in locating the source that allowed the smoke to enter the building.

Residents are not required to be home during the testing and notifications to homes in the smoke testing areas will be distributed 24 to 72 hours before the testing will start in the following streets or areas - the Coburn Woods Community, Anvil Dr., Blacksmith Dr., Caldwell Rd., Dunstable Rd., Fairview Ave., Forge St., Jalbert Dr., Kingston Dr., Lund Rd., Pell Ave., Progress Ave. Congress St., Demarche St., Forest Hill Dr., Freshwater Circle, Hassel Brook Rd., Murphy Dr., Pine Grove Ave., and Pittsburg Ave. Also on Cambridge Rd., North London Dr., Robin Hood Dr., Topsfield Dr., Yarmouth Dr., Elaine Dr., Holbrook Dr., Shingle Mill Dr., Brickyard Lane Northeastern Blvd., and Nottingham Dr. The Ledge Street CSO Project has begun. Park Construction is working on installation of the new storm drains on Ledge Street from 2nd Ave to 7th Street. They are simultaneously installing new water lines under a contract with Pennichuck.

The New Hampshire DES has approved the Marshall Street Pump Station. This initiative will relieve the surcharging in that area by segregating sanitary flows from storm flows.

Public Works also reports the FY '05 Paving Program is 80% complete; 9.2 miles of roadway have been overlaid. Merrill Street is currently undergoing reconstruction due to its present condition of disrepair. City forces are constructing the sub-base and then Brox will pave the street. The same process is to be used on West Prescott Street.

Hudson Paving is nearing completion of the Lamb Road Sidewalks. Work remaining includes final paving and pavement markings. The Division has just entered into a contract with Hudson Paving to construct sidewalks on Manchester St., Tinker Rd. from Manchester to Biscayne, Whitford Rd., and Harris Rd. The Street Department will construct the remaining segments on Bramble Drive and a section of Manchester Street.

The Solid Waste Department has compiled and submitted the documentation and applications for the 20% State Aid Grants for the \$5 Million Dollar solid waste project. It is anticipated the grants will be processed and disbursed beginning in fiscal year 2006 with a total value of approximately \$1,000,000. As required by the DES, a third mailing was sent to landfill abutters on the last day of August notifying them of a Public Hearing on September 26th to discuss the NHDES waiver application and change to the operating permit to fill the 500 ft. setback with trash.

The Second Annual "Nashua Goes Back to School" event held at the Nashua Public Library in late August and sponsored by the Chamber and the City was a huge success. There were well over 3,000 parents and children in attendance.

Sandblasting and painting work has been started at Holman Stadium. This warranty work is scheduled to be completed by the end of this month.

The playground replacement at Fields Grove has been completed and there will be a ribbon cutting at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday of this week. The playground replacement at Rancourt Street has been

completed. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 22nd.

The Parking Department is preparing to advertise a request for proposals from consultants qualified to review the structural conditions of the City's Parking Garages and in addition a parking card transaction station has been delivered and will soon be installed in the Elm Street Garage. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming project, please call the Division of Public Works.

Mr. Vice President the responsible action taken by the Board of Aldermen at your special meeting last week when you selected oversight and management & operation consultants marks the highpoint in the city's endeavor to acquire Pennichuck Water Works. Your action proves beyond a shadow of doubt that the course of action taken by our city following a very successful public Referendum more than 2 years ago was not only the right move but will result in the ratepayers of our city being the beneficiary of public rather than private ownership of Pennichuck.

I would also like to thank the Board for their hard work and support of this acquisition not only as a result of your action last week, but also over the past several years' in spite of constant harassment via a million-dollar ad campaign disparaging our efforts. The process to get our two contractors to this point was long and tedious and I thank you. Pennichuck officials have always claimed that we as a City do not know anything about operating a water company and practically everything else for that matter. They are absolutely wrong. We have put together a team that is vastly more qualified, better run, and brings to the City of Nashua more assets and capabilities than Pennichuck could ever hope to be. It will be done by saving millions and millions of dollars for the water rate payers of our city. The City of Nashua knows exactly what it is doing in preparing for the ownership of Pennichuck by engaging two of the best water operation and oversight companies in the United States and in fact the world.

First and foremost, these two companies are ready and willing to work with existing Pennichuck operations employees and will work with them, if they are agreeable, in transitioning to Team Nashua. The entire Eminent Domain process started with the people of our city's sincere concern of protecting our local water resources and a huge fear that their local water company would be sold to a large water conglomerate interested only in providing dividends to their shareholders and large salaries to their executives.

From day one when we first learned that Pennichuck had been sold to a Philadelphia Suburban Water Company, we have been saying that a municipally-owned and controlled water company would better protect and control this precious resource and save the ratepayers money.

You the Board of Alderman has selected a Private/Public partnership that captures for the people of Nashua and the region the entrepreneurial benefits of private operations of a municipal resource. The proposed Public/Private partner delivers anticipated saving of over \$2 Million of operating savings each year and these savings will be delivered to the ratepayers of Nashua and the region with a better and more efficient utility.

This phase of our eminent domain process, which began over 10 months ago, has come to another milestone. We started with developing a request for qualifications and RFP's and we received several excellent business proposals as you know from some of the best water management and oversight

companies in the nation. After a very deliberate and careful process, this Board selected a team of two outstanding companies. I would like to repeat for the TV 16 audience that R.W. Beck, who was chosen as the oversight company, is a nationally known independent engineering and management firm. Their business model consists of them working strictly for the owners of utility assets as an owners' representative, and they will be working directly for the City of Nashua managing the Operations contract. They are highly respected for their ability to provide independent judgments on a day-to-day basis and their independent financial capability will be vital to us as we secure the best bond ratings in this endeavor.

Veolia Water North America has been chosen as the Operator of the system and is the largest contract operator of water and wastewater systems in our nation. With the amount of resources and experience that Veolia brings to our City of Nashua and the region, we can proudly offer the ratepayer and the PUC managerial, financial, and technical competence greater than anything Pennichuck can deliver. Pennichuck officials typically responded to this good news by slamming your Board for selecting Veolia Water North America by falsely stating that they are a foreign-owned company. The truth of the matter is that only 5% of their stock is owned by a French Company. The rest is owned by U.S. and other shareholders.

Once again Pennichuck's officials just don't get it. The City opposed foreign ownership not operation. Veolia is the largest and most successful operator of water systems in the world and we're very lucky to have its expertise, which far exceeds that of Pennichuck. The City not Veolia will own the water. Attacking Veolia for its small percentage of foreign ownership is like attacking BAE Systems, one of the City's best corporate citizens. It shows Pennichuck's true colors and just how desperate it has become. The action of this Board last week certainly puts to rest the silly and utterly false acquisition by Pennichuck officials.

We said from the very start that the city will not operate the water company and that we would find the best water people in the nation to do it for us at less cost than Pennichuck and with better results and lower rates. I regret that the Pennichuck highly-paid executives and their board of directors chose not to submit a proposal to us to operate the new water entity. Now we know the real reason why. The action that this Board took last week proves that a municipally-owned and privately managed water company bodes very well for the 24,000 Nashua water rate payers.

In conclusion Mr. President, it was my pleasure and honor to have participated along with several members of the Board of Aldermen in 3 ground-breakings in our city in less than 24 hours. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held yesterday afternoon for the new Sky Adventure project on Poisson Ave., this morning at the new Senior Center/Elderly Housing project on Temple St., and at the new Riverfront Promenade project at the site of the Peddler's Daughter and Condominium Complex in Railroad Square. Congratulations to the Sky Adventure partners, Southern New Hampshire Services and the Senior Center and to the Jackson Falls developers for the new complex in Railroad Square. Special thanks to Kathy Hersh and her division for making the dream of a riverfront promenade a reality and to you, the Board of Aldermen, for your support of a TIF District that makes this project possible.

Mr. Vice President if you would indulge me I have a special presentation for a special lady who has been a constant observer of this Board for many years. I would ask that Mrs. Dot Nice come forward.

Congressman Bass was in town this morning, and he asked me to personally present you a flag of the United States of America that was flown over the United States Capital earlier this year at the request of the Honorable Charles S. Bass, a member of Congress. I present you an American flag. I that you will fly it proudly as you have previous flags. I know you will continue to keep your interest in our city. Thank you.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

Alderman Cardin

I was pleased to hear that the New Hampshire DES approved the pump station on Marshall Street. This has been an ongoing problem over on Marshall Street, and I would like to take a moment to thank our Engineering Department for their efforts in resolving this issue. Thank you.

Alderman Johnson

I just want to make a correction – it is not the City that is going to be running the water company it is supposed to be the Merrimack Valley Water District. It is not the City of Nashua. Let's make that correction.

Mayor Streeter

The water district cannot operate the water company until special legislation is enacted at the legislature. It is the City that will own and operate the water company until the legislation authorizes the district to do it.

Alderman Johnson

I believe that was done, and that this is where we are at right now that the water district is supposed to – after the City purchases it we are supposed to have the water district then turn around and purchase the water company from the City. Thank you.

Alderman Bolton

In regard to the Pennichuck Company, the Mayor mentioned the large advertising campaign that is ongoing. One ad that they have been running, a television ad that they have been running for some time, I think is particularly deceptive where they try and indicate some sort of graph and they attempt to make a comparison between the amount the City spends on such items as pensions and healthcare and a few other things, and their illustration purports to show a dramatic increase and then they compare that to the increase in their rates. Well of course comparing rate of increase with actual increase is apples and oranges. I was hoping that the Mayor could prepare or would have prepared data that would show what the equalized taxation rate increase has been in the City of Nashua say over the last 8 years compared to the increase in water rates over the last 8 years, and the total amount that the City has to raise from taxes each year as compared to the total amount that Pennichuck raises from water rates each year and the percent change in those. I think that would

offer the citizenry a more accurate comparison of figures that are meaningful. Thank you.

RECOGNITION PERIOD – None

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

MOTION BY ALDERMAN BOLTON THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF AUGUST 1, 2, 4, 9, 16, 29, AND THE PUBLIC HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN ON AUGUST 16, AUGUST 29, AND SEPTEMBER 8, 2005, AND THOSE OF THE PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF AUGUST 2, 2005, BE ACCEPTED, PLACED ON FILE, AND THE READINGS SUSPENDED

ON THE QUESTION

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Alderman Lozeau

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The minutes of the Special Board of Aldermen meeting of August 16, 2005, need to be corrected to reflect that my motion on page 26 was to Increase Line Item 532-99999 by \$30,000 and to Reduce Line Item 535-99999 by \$30,000. The minutes in our packets incorrectly indicate my motion was to reduce line item 535-99999 by \$37,000. Thank you.

MOTION CARRIED WITH AMENDMENT

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COMMUNICATIONS

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

From: Paul R. Bergeron, City Clerk
Re: Issuance of Precept to the Selectmen

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAROSE TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND ISSUE THE ATTACHED PRECEPT TO THE WARD SELECTMEN
MOTION CARRIED**

From: David Lozeau, Chairman, Police HVAC Ad Hoc Committee
Re: Final Committee Report

Alderman Lozeau

Before I make the motion there is a typo on page 1 of that report that states the committee started on November 23, 2005 and that should read 2004.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOZEAU TO ACCEPT THE FINAL REPORT, PLACE IT ON FILE AND ENDORSE THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN AS THOSE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MOTION CARRIED**

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Bob Burgess, 32 Bates Drive

R-05-277, 278, and 281 – I would like to do them all together. You're turning around 05-277 to go out for bonding for \$575,000. The other two we are taking some \$700,000 something and putting it towards the fire station. I kind of wonder if it would be worth wild to take this money that we are going to take off the fire station and instead of floating two bonds pay off the police department air condition, which would be the proper way as far as saving money for the city – floating two bonds or paying off the air conditioner with this money that we are moving around.

R-05-292 and 293 – this is dealing with the Southwood Drive access road once again here. I would like to refer this committee to 16-30, the new land use code, which I think would probably be in effect before this road is fully operational, and it states in there Park Industrial land shall have no direct access to city street. I think if we let this go through we will be violating our own land use code. I kind of wonder if the city is above the law if we let this go through and these go through – these land use codes are about done, and I think they will be done probably prior to this road being built. This was in there originally then it was taken out of the land use code, and now it is back in there again. I think it is really something to look at. Are we going to be violating these land use codes, the city, and if it is I kind of wonder why we expect the taxpayers and the developers and builders in this city to go along with these if the City is going to violate these themselves. Thank you.

Robert Sullivan, 12 Stonybrook Road

I would like to talk about three pieces of legislation. The first one is R-05-109 – amending the fee schedules of the city building regulations. I believe that is up for a vote tonight. I am looking through this document and this document has to do with amending building regulation fees for both residential and commercial buildings. I happened to be looking through this and I was utterly amazed at the percent increases to the different various items contained in this document. They range all the way from 20% to 600% increases to the fees. You just go look through the pages; minimum fee miscellaneous equipment goes from 5 to 10 – 100% increase. Just about everything goes up. There is a 600% increase line item. Keep going around electrical permit fees – just to put a retaining wall up went up 100%. There is a 600% increase in these fees. I consider a document of this proposal nothing more than a hidden tax. I am listening earlier this evening and we just talked about the reassessments going up somewhere between 5-9% not including the 4.4% increase to our tax bills. When I look at my tax bill that will be coming in I will probably pay another \$600 or so. That is okay. I think that is money that I am paying that should cover this.

Why are we trying to suck more money out of the taxpayer's pocket? This is nothing but a hidden tax. For you Aldermen who will vote for this tonight, don't you think the citizens of Nashua have shelled out enough money between last year at 8% increase, this year a 12% increase, next year it will be 8-9%? I am going to tell you this evening too when you stop taking money from the funds to subsidize the tax rate that is subsidized revenue to pay down the tax. The year after next year we will get hit with another 7% or so increase because of that. Don't you think you could take the step this evening – isn't this just more taxation? Haven't we given enough? How are the quality of services

going to improve for next year? I would strongly urge the Aldermen here this evening not to vote for this. It is a hidden tax. I guess there is an argument to both – Manchester charges this much and this town charges this much – I don't think three wrongs make a right. I don't think those towns are doubling their budget for ten years, have had the moderate increases and stayed consistently over the last several – although if you think that 10 or 12% increase coming up are moderate. I would urge the Board not to pass this this evening.

The next one I would like to talk about the HVAC – frankly I think this is exactly what you should do. I think that this is looking at what I have been speaking about the last couple of years is looking at things that aren't quite as important and prioritizing those that are. It is my understanding that by doing that we are putting forth paying bonded money for projects that are more important and also we were going to be penalized anyway because we have some bond money floating out there that is not being used. I don't know about the legality and all that, but I think that is exactly what we should be doing is prioritizing the projects and putting the money to those things that are more important and the other things aside.

The last thing I would like to speak about – R-04-119 – I don't know if it is too late for this one – it has to do with bringing the school budget and the non school budget closer together. I went through the minutes and I guess it was put aside approximately a year ago due to the fact that many Aldermen here thought that we could do the budget process without making it legal or having a Charter change to bring the budget up earlier. In other words what you had is you had two versions; you had the school budget and the non-school budget wanted to pull it together and make it whole. It is still the same city. Last year I happened to be on a radio show talking about the importance of that and I think I wrote a letter to the editor and I think Alderman Johnson put forward legislation to bring those two

The major argument was let's try it before we go to the citizens and have a Charter change. I can understand that. I read the minutes of that meeting, and Alderman Shaw I have to agree with you I think it wasn't presented properly – it came across as a means of pink slipping. I remember listening to that – it was mentioned several times. Meanwhile Alderman Shaw you said that you don't think that you are going to vote for something like that. Alderman Bolton you indicated let's give it a try, and there is no need to pass that law. Alderman Tollner you basically said about the same thing. Alderman Vitale you said about the same thing. Alderman McCarthy, President of the Board “I honestly think we should step back with this and take a look at how this process works with the modified schedule. I have done everything I can to make sure we can get to that. We have had discussions. Alderman Bolton will do everything he can as Chair of the Budget Committee to make sure that this is facilitated. Let's step back and see if we can produce a consensus on the budget in that timeframe before we demand it of ourselves. It is not prudent for us to put changes in place that make changes worse instead of better. We have the opportunity to test this one out before we have the public vote on it.” There were five people that voted.

Let's just talk about what happened this year. Mayor you submitted a budget around the end of February that frankly had more holes in it than a pound of thinly sliced Swiss cheese. Even though it was submitted in February it needed a lot of work and it took about 4 weeks to get the budget rearranged and re looked at, redefined to where it was able to be addressed by the Budget Committee. When the Budget Committee got it they took a three week recess in April, didn't meet, a

little later it took – I remember watching here one evening, almost two weeks to get a piece of paper to put something down to give to the department heads requesting them what would happen if the percentages were implemented. There was a 5-week delay on that one.

I look at this and say we gave it a try and it didn't work. I am just a simple man from the north country of New Hampshire. If it is broken you try to fix it. I think tonight if it is not too late and it may be too late I don't know. It is two months away and you have ... **tape inaudible** ... I guess if it is too late why wasn't this brought forth after you didn't do what you said you were going to do? You made a commitment to try it and you are accountable now. The commitment is accountability and it may be too late – I don't know. I am not legal. I think and a couple of people here that well we don't think it is necessary, but I guess were it necessary to change it? I think the evidence is clear, the proof is in the pudding – it is more than necessary to do this. We can't afford to keep going on the way we are going. We can't. We are supposed to bring those two budgets together, work together as a team – it didn't happen. We are a nation of laws not one of promises. I am asking you tonight to take a look at that important piece of legislation and if you can't get it done in time I am sure the citizens when they get their tax bill will be more than willing to have a special election on this one. We need to pull those two pieces of the budget together. You need to work on it earlier. We need to submit a budget that is more robust, we need to work together as a team, and frankly it is not happening. I am asking you if you can't pull it in then set up a special election and if you can pull it in if we have enough time to do it. I want to wish you all a good evening, and thank you.

COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATES

The following aldermen presented committee liaison updates to the Board of Aldermen:

Cable Television Advisory Board (8/12/05, 9/9/05)	Alderman-at-Large Johnson
Hunt Building Board of Trustees (9/13)	Alderman-at-Large Deane
Senior Center Building Committee (9/13/05)	Alderman-at-Large Deane
Station 4 Building Committee (9/8/05)	Alderman-at-Large Deane

PETITIONS – None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Appointments by the Mayor

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

Business & Industrial Development Authority

Vincent R. Capasso (Re-Appointment)
35 Deerhaven Drive
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to Expire: September 13, 2008

Michael H. Monks (Re-Appointment)
2 Townsend West, Suite 3
Nashua, NH 03063

Term to Expire: September 13, 2008

Mark D. Prolman (Re-Appointment)
100 Elm Street
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: September 13, 2008

Gerald R. Prunier, Esq. (Re-Appointment)
20 Trafalgar Square
Nashua, NH 03063

Term to Expire: September 13, 2008

H. John Stabile (Re-Appointment)
48 Lutheran Drive
Nashua, NH 03063

Term to Expire: September 13, 2008

Jack Tulley (Re-Appointment)
147-149 Daniel Webster Highway
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: September 13, 2008

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Jeffrey P. Anderson
(Moving from Alternate to Full Member)
5 Mill Pond Drive
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: September 11, 2008

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN GAGE 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..... 08/18/05

There being no objection, Vice President Tollner declared the report of the August 18, 2005 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Budget Review Committee **Action Rpt...** 09/08/05

There being no objection, Vice President Tollner declared the action report of the September 8, 2005 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Finance Committee..... 08/01/05

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

Finance Committee..... 08/15/05

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

Finance Committee..... 09/01/05

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

Health Care Budget Ad Hoc Committee..... 08/08/05

There being no objection, Vice President Tollner declared the report of the August 8, 2005 Health Care Budget Ad Hoc Committee accepted and placed on file.

Human Affairs Committee..... 08/17/05

There being no objection, Vice President Tollner declared the report of the August 17, 2005 Human Affairs Committee accepted and placed on file.

Committee on Infrastructure. 08/24/05

There being no objection, Vice President Tollner declared the report of the August 24, 2005 Committee on Infrastructure accepted and placed on file.

Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee..... 08/09/05

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

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

There being no objection, Vice President Tollner declared the report of the September 6, 2005 Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee accepted and placed on file.

Planning & Economic Development Committee..... 08/02/05

There being no objection, Vice President Tollner declared the report of the August 2, 2005 Planning & Economic Development Committee accepted and placed on file.

Planning & Economic Development Committee..... 08/16/05

There being no objection, Vice President Tollner declared the report of the August 16, 2005 Planning & Economic Development Committee accepted and placed on file.

Police HVAC Ad Hoc Committee..... 08/11/05

There being no objection, Vice President Tollner declared the report of the August 11, 2005 Police HVAC Ad Hoc accepted and placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO TAKE R-04-119 FROM THE TABLE
MOTION CARRIED**

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**

Alderman Johnson

I would like to thank Mr. Sullivan for speaking on that Resolution. That Resolution has been hanging around for a while, and I never took it from the table because I figured it would never make it to the ballot. I am very lucky that I have two ballot questions on this year. The intent was exactly what Mr. Sullivan talked about – this year I have been on the Budget Committee for 4 years, this is the end of my four-year term, and this was the worst budget I have ever sat through, and I think most of the Board.

The intent of this was to bring the budget early to try to work on it early so we could hopefully get some resolution to it early. Well unfortunately it kind of lingered and lingered and lingered. Every time we turned around there was something else wrong with the budget. I know at this point in time it is way too late for it to get to the ballot if I am correct because we would have to have a public hearing on this, which I don't even remember if we did have a public hearing. It has been sitting around for so long – since last year. Can I ask somebody if they remember if there was a public hearing on this

piece of legislation?

Vice President Tollner

I don't believe there was.

Paul Bergeron

Attorney Connell can probably correct me, but I believe you have to hold a public hearing and then act on it within 7 days so even if a public hearing was held another one would have to be scheduled, and then the Board would have to act on it within 7 days of that public hearing.

Alderman Johnson

And if I am correct it is too late for it to make the ballot. What a shame. What a shame, and what a shame on all of us for letting it sit. This would have really – we tried it this year, but it was a bad budget that was given to us from day one. Every time we turned around there was another correction, another doomsday in that budget. This would have helped. It really would have helped. I guess probably the only this is either we let it sit here or make a recommendation for indefinite postponement.

I would like a roll call vote on that too.

Vice President Tollner

Correct me, but there is no motion.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON FOR INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Bolton

Thank you. I listened to the speaker during the public comment period, and I sometimes wonder if we are living in the same community because this has nothing at all to do with bringing together the school department's budget and the city budget. They were submitted to us at the same time, they were dealt with over the same period of time within the same overall document, and they were passed as one combined city budget when it was finally passed. I don't know what all of that stuff was about doing them separately and having to bring them together. That just is not the case.

This is an attempt to impose an arbitrary early deadline for the submission and then the passage of an annual budget. After a lot of hard work the projected increase resulting from the budget is less than 5% to the tax rate. If we had been forced to adopt what was before us on April 1st the numbers we were hearing then were in the double digits; 12, 13, 14%. People who are trying to get a handle on spending in this city should be adamantly opposed to something like this.

This year I have to agree was the worst situation as far as trying to deal with the budget that we have ever had. I think the one thing I might agree with was the Swiss cheese analogy that was used because certainly the budget submitted to us in February for a variety of reasons bore little relation to the budget that was passed and even less relation to the realistic needs or abilities to afford things in this city. That budget was cobbled together by the administration solely in an effort to meet an artificial deadline. That is an indication of the things that we will get in the future if we impose such artificial deadlines early on before things get firmed up in time to make accurate projections.

No good can come of something like this. We got garbage in and backing up the time limits will just make it more likely that we will get garbage in the future. I think that contributed a lot to the difficulties we had. We essentially had to ask the administration, we had not ask the Mayor to come back from his vacation in the Caribbean to try and deal with the erroneous information that we had initially been provided. The administration in many areas had to start over again from scratch. The Budget Committee met with every department and division at least twice, which is much more than we have ever gone through before – primarily because of the inadequate estimates, inadequate knowledge that was provided at the beginning.

The other thing the speaker said that just baffles me completely is that there was a five-week hiatus in the Budget Committee doing work. That just wasn't true. There was no 5-week period where the Budget Committee didn't meet. That is just absolutely untrue. I think the members of the Budget Committee although not all of them were in unanimous agreement all the time; every single member of that committee did Yeomans work through what was an extremely difficult process this year. Thank you.

Alderman Deane

What is the motion on the floor to indefinitely postpone and it has been told to us by the City Clerk that this legislation cannot get on the ballot.

Paul Bergeron

For November.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Alderman LaRose

I was not a member of the Budget Committee. I tried to attend as many Budget Committee meetings as I could. There were many times that I had other meetings to go to that were in conflict. I have to agree with what my colleague, Alderman Bolton, has said. I think one of our problems was that we did receive that budget much too early, that the figures that we were given weren't firm, that they were rushed into providing us with a budget that probably was unrealistic, and the result of that was that we could not come to a consensus at the end of what should have been our regular normal budget

process. Almost the same thing happened last year.

We passed the budget I think it was August 3rd last year. This year was a couple of weeks later. I think that it does us no good to receive a budget early and think that we are going to be able to come up with a budget at an earlier date. We are better off to go with the system that we had for many many years that worked. The problem is I think that the Aldermen have to work a little bit harder. When we get to a kind of a stalemate we can't make motions to adjourn and go home. We have to – we need to discuss the budget more thoroughly.

I think there are some of the things that are in that budget that the Aldermen really don't understand, and I was one of them. I am hoping that in the future we will be able to get some presentations that will give us some information that we understand why and how some of these operations work. I am talking about insurance. It is a complex operation. I think we need to get a handle on how that stuff, the insurance, works. I think that even the administration I think will tell you that the health insurance we're kind of new at that self-insurance. We don't have a history yet. We are getting there. Hopefully after this year we will be able to project correctly or more clearly on what our needs are.

I think that receiving the budget earlier doesn't do much good. Receiving it in an orderly manner and working in an orderly manner to come to a consensus because we are not all going to agree and there will have to be some people who on both sides make compromises. That is exactly what happened the night that we passed the budget, a compromise was made. We were able to pass that budget. I would not support this resolution even if we had time to put it on the ballot. Thank you.

Vice President Tollner

Before I go to any more comments I want to bring the Board back. The motion on the floor is for indefinite postponement because we can't get it before the voters in time to vote on this legislation.

Alderman Gage

I will give up my time.

Alderman Vitale

I would agree with the two previous speakers regarding this. Probably the only thing I would want to say regarding the public comment section, I believe that the speaker maybe was referring to the communication that could take place between the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Education and any projections that might be coming about for the budget that might involve the release of any personnel within the school department that might need to take place because of a tight budget. I am wondering, and I am sure he will clarify that later in the evening. I am wondering if that wasn't what he was referring to.

Alderman Gage

Regarding the public speaker that was up earlier and talked about – first he talked about a crammed

budget, which we did have a crammed period of time, a short period of time before that budget was presented to us – the Mayor made the statement we don't need this I will make sure that it gets to you by February. We had decided this really late. If this had actually gone to the voters and passed, we had it in an orderly manner and early, the department heads would know it was coming and it would be fine. I don't think getting it early – this past year getting it early was because it was a short turnaround time. If we had passed this and this had gone into reality I think they would have plenty of time to pass let's say tonight for this year.

The other issue I remember clearly was a comment made by a member of this Board regarding the budget season because the Mayor was on vacation at the time – well I am not going to call any meetings until the Mayor returns and that was about three weeks. There were no budget meetings that I recall happening for at least a three-week period. Thank you.

Alderman Bolton

Point of Order – that is absolutely untrue and I challenge that Alderman to provide the dates. I called Budget meetings every single night that this room was open from April through the time we submitted it to the full Board of Aldermen. I challenge that Alderman to back up those lies he has just told.

Alderman Johnson

Point of Order – we don't need any anger in this Chamber.

Vice President Tollner

Alderman Johnson one second – Alderman Lozeau..

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

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

Yea: Alderman Vitale, Alderman LaRose, Alderman Gage, Alderman Cardin,
Alderman MacLaughlin, Alderman Deane, Alderman Shaw, Alderman,
Alderman Bolton, Alderman Tollner

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Nay: Alderman Lozeau, Alderman Dion, Alderman Rootovich, Alderman Johnson

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MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-05-119 declared indefinitely postponed.

R-05-262

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$28,527 FROM ACCOUNT 596-86580
“CONTINGENCY RETIREMENTS – CITY”, INTO ACCOUNT 532-11300 “FIRE
DEPARTMENT – LIEUTENANT”**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-262
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-262 declared duly adopted.

R-05-263

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

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$9,375 FROM
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY INTO SPECIAL
REVENUE ACCOUNT #332-6317**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARDIN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-263
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-263 declared duly adopted.

R-05-264

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

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$3,000 FROM
CONWAY ARENA INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #352-6521**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN ROOTOVICH FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-264
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-264 declared duly adopted.

R-05-266

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Board of Aldermen

**ENDORISING THE PLATFORM OF THE NEW ENGLAND JOINT ACTION CAMPAIGN
AND THEIR EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE FUNDING FOR KEY AFFORDABLE
HOUSING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARDIN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-266
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-266 declared duly adopted.

R-05-268

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$28,258 FROM ACCOUNT #596-86580
“CONTINGENCY RETIREMENTS – CITY” INTO ACCOUNT #532-11069 “FIRE
DEPARTMENT – ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT PREVENTION”**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN MACLAUGHLIN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-268
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-268 declared duly adopted.

R-05-277

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE ADDITIONAL BONDS
NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND
DOLLARS (\$575,000) FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE HVAC SYSTEM
AT THE NASHUA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-277

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

I just wanted to address Mr. Burgess had made a comment pertaining to the bonding and the monies that we had in the account – in the other, the 700 accounts that had been approved that we re-directed – what we had looked at doing was taking a portion of that Southwest Park money and applying it to this area, but since the years were different (30 year life expectancy on that project compared to a 209 year on here) bond council wouldn't allow us to do that, but the subsequent pieces of legislation show what was done. In the end, there is no increase in bonded debt. The money had already been applied for and it is just being re-directed to a more prioritized use at this time. Thank you.

Alderman Lozeau

I have a procedural question. Do we have to do a roll call vote?

Vice President Tollner

I was going to request a roll call.

Alderman Lozeau

Do we need 10 votes in favor?

David Connell

You need 10 votes.

Alderman Lozeau

Thank you Mr. Vice President. I would just like to remind everybody that this issue has been stirring around here since I believe 2001. In 2003 the last meeting of the last day that those members of the Board of Aldermen voted to bond its first amount of money and use unused fund appropriations to finance the project. This project got questioned when it came in at close to \$1.5 million. That is when President McCarthy instituted the Police HVAC Ad Hoc Committee. If you read your report today we have quotes that adequately fix this system for around \$975,000. As of this day there are two sections in the police station that don't have air conditioning. They are using fans to force air in from other areas of the building and everything else. I would also like to state that through their due diligence the police department put enough money away and unused appropriations to fund this entire project. It was this Board of Aldermen that moved that money to offset the tax rate. I would ask all of the members of this Board to vote positively on R-05-277 and let's move it along so that we can get that air conditioner fixed. Thank you.

Alderman Johnson

I did not vote to bond the original project. I understand the concept, but it is really a shame that we had to use that money to apply it towards the tax rate because we just kept spending and spending and spending. We could have paid for it, but you know what now whether the bond money is there or not it is still another loan that you are paying that the loan is there, but you know what the money was used at one time for another project that we never used it, and it all comes back to the bonding, the bonding, the bonding, and somebody has got to pay for it. I am tired of paying for it out of my hard earned tax dollars. Thank you.

Alderman Deane

I am not a big fan of bonding either. We spent a period of time looking at prior projects that had been approved by the Board of Aldermen. We reduced these areas and re-directed these funds to a prioritized purpose. We were paying penalties for having that money sitting in those accounts and not being utilized. I think going this route and having the Financial Services Department go back and review, and I sat down with both Cindy Bielawski and Carol Anderson and we looked at these accounts that were sitting there – it is not that I am interested in spending it, but it just made sense to do this. We have a infrastructure in the police department that has failed. It is junk. We own that building. We spend millions of dollars every year funding that. That facility with the infrastructure inside of it needs to have an environment that is

maintained. The system has come to the end of its life expectancy. I don't know what else to do.

We have a building, it has issues, it is our responsibility to fix it, and using this funding mechanism with what was done to pass the budget, if I remember correctly people might have voted against the budget, but I didn't really hear anybody vote against the motions that I brought forward to move some of that money around and to deal with this. This was put out on the table so everybody knew what the future had in store for this. They knew this was coming to be. It wasn't like it was done behind the scenes. I commend Alderman Lozeau for the work that he did. We spent \$4,000 on a test analyzing the piping in that system that we were told had to come out and it didn't. That saved close to a half a million dollars. Four thousand dollar investment saved close to a half a million dollars on this project. Alderman Lozeau put the time in. We went through the whole system. We met with the designed, we met with the police department on numerous occasions, we walked through the building, we looked at the issues, and quite frankly with all of the fit up changes in there nothing is balanced appropriately. They are not getting the best value for their dollar and they are still paying that electric bill to operate the space.

They are heating the hot water for the heating system in that entire building with an 80-gallon hot water tank. That is 1970s technology that was used in single-family homes. We have a police station that is heating the water for their system with that. That is ridiculous. We have to fix it. It would have been nice when the addition went on if it was fixed then, but that wasn't done. Thank you.

Vice President Tollner

Are there any further comments?

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

Yea: Alderman Vitale, Alderman LaRose, Alderman Gage, Alderman Cardin, Alderman Deane, Alderman Shaw, Alderman Lozeau, Alderman Rootovich, Alderman Bolton, Alderman Tollner

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Nay: Alderman MacLaughlin, Alderman Dion, Alderman Johnson

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MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-05-277 declared duly adopted.

R-05-278

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

AMENDING RESOLUTION 05-166, AUTHORIZING BONDS TO CONSTRUCT A FIRE STATION NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF HUDSON AND COMMERCIAL STREETS, BY REDUCING THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT FROM \$4,700,000 TO \$3,957,247

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO AMEND R-05-278 IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDEN ROD COPY PROVIDED WITH THE AGENDA

ON THE QUESTION

David Connell

In as much as the amended version incorporates the provisions of R-05-281, which is reallocating bond proceeds, the statute calls for a 2/3 vote. Two thirds, not necessarily ten.

Vice President Tollner

Of the Board of Aldermen that are present?

David Connell

Correct.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-278 AS AMENDED BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

This is another piece of subsequent legislation that dealt with the first piece and dealt with taking that money that was sitting in accounts that wasn't being utilized that we were paying close to a quarter of a million dollars in penalties on, and utilizing it for projects. This reduction reflects that. We don't have to bond.

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

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

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Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-05-278 declared duly adopted as amended.

R-05-281

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

TERMINATING THE SOUTHWEST PARK ATHLETIC FIELDS PROJECT FUNDED BY BONDS UNDER RESOLUTION 99-207 AND TRANSFERRING \$742,753 IN UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS FROM ACCOUNT #771-3708 "SOUTHWEST RECREATION AREA" TO ACCOUNT #732-3703" EAST HOLLIS STREET FIRE STATION"

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE FOR INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF R-05-281

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-05-281 declared indefinitely postponed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-05-106

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson
Alderman Kevin E. Gage

**ESTABLISHING ONE HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF
3 WHITNEY STREET**

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-05-106

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance O-05-106 declared duly adopted.

O-05-107

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson

**ESTABLISHING ONE HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF
19 WILLIAMS STREET**

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-05-107

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance O-05-107 declared duly adopted.

O-05-109

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Alderman-at-Large Steven A. Bolton
Alderman Kathryn D. Vitale
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULES OF THE CITY BUILDING REGULATIONS

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN BOLTON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-05-109

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Lozeau

I would like to know if anybody can answer the question whether the anticipated increase in revenues has also already been rolled into the projections of revenues in the '06 budget.

Alderman Deane

In order to answer that I guess we came up with some sort of projections, but a lot of it hinges on the activity that is going on and the economy that is happening. I don't know if they actually produce some increase in revenue projection if this does pass. They must have some sort of an idea what it may be, but I don't think it was part of the '06 budget projections that I can remember.

Alderman Bolton

I believe there was some discussion of it during the time of the budget, but I don't believe we increased the revenue projections in anticipation of that.

Vice President Tollner

I would agree with that. Is there any further discussion?

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

Yea: Alderman Vitale, Alderman LaRose, Alderman Cardin, Alderman MacLaughlin, Alderman Shaw, Alderman Rootovich, Alderman Bolton, Alderman Tollner

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Nay: Alderman Gage, Alderman Deane, Alderman Lozeau, Alderman Dion, Alderman Johnson

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MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance O-05-109 declared duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-05-282

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

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF A MOOSE PLATE CONSERVATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,911 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #313-6180

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

R-05-283

Endorser: Alderman Robert Shaw

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$15,000 FROM SSJ COMPANY INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #371-7008

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

R-05-284

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Alderman David D. Lozeau

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$28,906 FROM ACCOUNT #596-86580
“CONTINGENCY RETIREMENTS – CITY” INTO ACCOUNT #532-11300
“FIRE LIEUTENANT – FULL-TIME PAYROLL”**

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

R-05-285

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Alderman David D. Lozeau

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$72,477 FROM ACCOUNT #596-86580
“CONTINGENCY RETIREMENTS – CITY” INTO ACCOUNT #531-11900
“POLICE – FULL-TIME PAYROLL”**

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

R-05-286

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

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000 RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #332-6308

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

R-05-287

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon
Alderman Kevin E. Gage
Alderman David Lozeau

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$15,202 FROM ACCOUNT #591-86007
“CONTINGENCY – POLICE GRANTS” INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT
#331-6207 “POLICE VOWA GRANT 2005”**

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

R-05-288

Endorser: Alderman Robert A. Dion
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon
Alderman-at-Large David Rootovich

Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson
Alderman Kevin E. Gage
Alderman David MacLaughlin
Alderman David D. Lozeau

**REDUCING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2006**

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

R-05-289

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner

**ESTABLISHING POLLING TIMES FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON
NOVEMBER 8, 2005**

Given its first reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN ROOTOVICH THAT THE RULES BE SO FAR SUSPENDED AS TO
ALLOW FOR THE SECOND READING OF R-05-289
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-289 given its second reading

MOTION BY ALDERMAN ROOTOVICH FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-289

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Bolton

It is too bad that this wasn't known longer in advance, and it had to come in under suspension of the rules..

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-05-289 declared duly adopted.

R-05-290

Endorser: Board of Aldermen

**CHANGING THE NAME OF MEMORIAL PARK TO VIETNAM VETERANS'
MEMORIAL PARK**

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

R-05-291

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Board of Aldermen

ESTABLISHING AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF

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

R-05-292

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Alderman Richard LaRose
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon
Alderman Kevin E. Gage
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FOR A PUBLIC HIGHWAY ON LAND OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AT 10 NORTH SOUTHWOOD DRIVE; AND AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STREET ON SUCH LAND FUNDED BY A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE; AND ACCEPTING SUCH STREET, UPON COMPLETION, AS A PUBLIC HIGHWAY

Given its first reading; assigned to the COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE and the NASHUA CITY PLANNING BOARD by Vice President Tollner

R-05-293

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Alderman Kevin E. Gage
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman Richard LaRose
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 OBTAINED FROM THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #353-6516, "NORTH SOUTHWOOD DRIVE EXTENSION"

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

R-05-294

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$36,812 FROM ACCOUNT #597-86605 "CONTINGENCY NEGOTIATIONS" INTO ACCOUNT #575-11900 "LIBRARY – FULL-TIME PAYROLL"

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

R-05-295

Endorser: Alderman Robert Shaw

AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A DISCONTINUED UNMARKED WAY OFF EDINBURGH DRIVE TO DANIEL AND MARY BRAZAS

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

R-05-296

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

RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$48,758 FROM ACCOUNT #551-11098 "PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION AND ENGINEERING – STREET CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR", INTO ACCOUNT #553-11098 "STREET DEPARTMENT – STREET CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR"

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

R-05-297

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

APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) OF UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS FOR COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

R-05-298

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$400,000 FROM ACCOUNT #981-5368 "SCHOOL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND" INTO FY06 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ACCOUNT 681-09 "SCHOOL DEFERRED CAPITAL MAINTENANCE"

Alderman Deane

I thought this action had already taken place. I thought we had moved \$400,000 out of that \$8 million account that had been established and put it into deferred maintenance. I thought that had been done when the budget was passed. Does anybody know any different?

Vice President Tollner

I would like to ask the Mayor maybe.

Mayor Streeter

I would defer to our CFO.

Alderman Deane

I can ask Mrs. Anderson in the morning. Thank you.

Alderman Bolton

This has to be done by separate resolution so it may have been discussed during the discussion of the budget, but if it was done it was not done with the passage of the budget.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

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

R-05-299

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy
Alderman Rob Shaw

Alderman-at-Large David Rootovich

ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT BY MT. AUBURN ASSOCIATES ENTITLED "BEYOND THE CROSSROADS: POSITIONING NASHUA TO COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY" DATED JULY 2005

Given its first reading; assigned to the PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE and the NASHUA CITY PLANNING BOARD Vice President Tollner

Alderman Rootovich

Just to let the public and the members of the Board know that report is on line.

R-05-300

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Board of Aldermen

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A HUD SPECIAL EDI GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$248,000 FOR THOREAU'S PARK, TO BE KNOWN AS ROTARY COMMON

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

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-05-110

Endorser: Alderman Robert Shaw

REMOVING THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURE ON MIDDLE DUNSTABLE ROAD AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH KEVIN DRIVE

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

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN GAGE TO ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT SIGN UP TO DO SO
MOTION CARRIED**

Robert Sullivan, 12 Stonybrook Road

I thought I signed up. I apologize. I say I am from Ward 1 because I believe Alderman Bolton

indicated that he sometimes wonders if we live in the same city. I know Alderman Bolton wasn't being sarcastic about that. I suggest that you look in the GPS system and under 12 Stonybrook Road you will see a house there and I can assure you that I live there. If we don't live in the same city then that means you don't live in the same city as I do.

Alderman Bolton

Mr. Vice President personal attacks on me have nothing to do – it is clear what city I live in.

Robert Sullivan

Why am I being interrupted?

Vice President Tollner

Hold on a second. I think I can take care of this. If you have any comments on legislation I would ask you to try to direct those comments to the legislation. I think that would be great.

Robert Sullivan

I would like to direct it to 04-119, and I hope I am not going to be interrupted. I do live in the City of Nashua. Someone indicated that they wonder if I did live in this city and I did it was around 04-119 I believe that was you Alderman Bolton. Now the thing also about 04-119 I indicated that there was in April, the reason why we need this is that there was a 3 week delay in the Budget Committee in April and another 2 week delay in trying to get a piece of paper to the chairs of the different departments. He said that I said it was a 5-week hiatus and I didn't say that. Never did I say that. Not at all.

Regarding 04-119 I must agree with you Alderman LaRose I think the Aldermen in the next budget season need to work a little bit harder if 04-119 isn't going to be accepted. Alderman Vitale I thank you for trying to clarify my reasoning around 04-119.

The reason why I brought this up about a year ago was I was deeply disturbed by the way the Board of Education is behaving because they said look the Board of Aldermen haven't addressed the budget early enough so we can't pink slip people. Then we got into this about cutting extra curriculum activities. I had an opportunity to listen to a tape where Board of Education members were laughing cut this, cut that, ha ha ha, and the budget manager indicated we don't have to cut that – there is no need to do that, yeah ha ha let's do it. I will give anyone the tape, but that was my whole intent around suggesting in a letter to the editor about 04-119 – even we had a sports writer write about the unprofessional behavior about this. It was brought up that the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Education weren't working together. Again we have the Board of Education gets their budget approved well ahead of time and the Board of Aldermen down here and the Board of Education said well we know we were going to give pink slips but we can't now because you didn't get the budget done in enough time.

I don't believe in headcount cuts just to clarify Alderman Vitale. If you really know what is going on in the education world about 40% of the baby boomer will be retiring in the next 5 years. What we need

is long term planning associated with how to make the system more efficient. That is why I support 04-119. In fact it is not only me that had concerns it is the President of the Board of Aldermen. Let me read you what he said a couple of months ago – “If we don’t start planning for next year’s budget the day after this one passes we are going to be here until December of next year, and we probably won’t even reach an agreement then because we have a problem that is just getting worse year after year. Our ability to actually get the work out of our employees is suffering from the fact that we have not put forth a budget after 5 months of deliberation.” This is the President of the Board of Aldermen saying the same thing that I am saying. This happened last year, it happened this year, President McCarthy is saying that if we don’t start doing better it will happen again. Maybe citizens will have to take the referendum up to move the dates early. Frankly to the Chair of 04-119 has called meetings bottom line is that they didn’t happen for three weeks in April it didn’t happen. I am not saying you didn’t try. 04-119 I am very sorry it didn’t pass tonight, but I think we desperately need it, and I do live in Nashua. Thank you very much.

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Alderman LaRose

This evening there were two resolutions that have been introduced concerning the Tinker Road access. I have to say that it has been a long process, but these things don’t happen because the Alderman wants it to happen. There was a lot of work done by the Public Works Director, Mr. Seymour. He really did a lot of work. For these things to happen you have to have a lot of cooperation. We had cooperation from the Mayor’s office, we had cooperation from the Public Works Engineering Department. They designed that whole road. We had cooperation from the Post Office. I truly believe that the members of the Post Office really wanted that road not just for their employees, but for the residents that could access the post office much easier than having to go all the way around to Amherst Street to get to Southwest Parkway.

The post office in Nashua and then the region and then the national. Unfortunately it took quite a bit of time, but the life at the end of the tunnel is here. I think it will be a good project. I think people are going to be happy with it. It is going to be a project that will allow people to go not only to the hotel complexes, the office complexes, and some of the malls in that area, but is also a direct access to the turnpike north and south. There are a lot of people that live in that area that work out of town that have to sue the turnpike – it will be a big benefit to them. It will also take some of the traffic off of Amherst Street. They won’t need to get to Amherst Street to go to the Turnpike. Some of the people in the neighborhood feel that they will probably see more increased traffic. I am not going to argue that point. I think regardless of whether we do this project they will see increased traffic because there will be some more new housing in that area.

It will help people to get where they want to go in a safe and timely fashion. Especially when they are going to work they won’t be going to Manchester Street by the Pennichuck Jr. High so there is a safety factor there with students walking to school, parents and buses bringing the children to the school. The bottom line of this I think this is a worthwhile project and I have to thank Rick Seymour once again because that guy did yeoman job. The first time I approached him on this was the first

day that he became the Public Works Director.

I was at the Public Works Department on Ledge Street talking to the city engineer and was trying to figure out how much money I needed to do the study. He introduced me to Mr. Seymour although Mr. Seymour and I knew each other from when I was on the Board of Aldermen before, and I told him briefly what my idea was on this access road – that I wasn't looking for a textbook perfect road, what I was looking for was a road that met city standards that was wide enough for two vehicles to cross the area, and a sidewalk because I think the sidewalk is very important. There is a sidewalk on Somerset Parkway and there are sidewalks along Tinker Road. I think those suggestions have been met, have been met at a lower price than originally was quoted, and I think again this is the type of project that the city is undertaking and is saving many dollars to the taxpayer. Again I have to thank Mr. Seymour. I also have to thank the people at the Post Office for understanding what we were trying to do and stepping forward and giving us the grant for the materials for the roadway. Thank you.

Alderman gage

... **tape flipped** ... the department of Public Works Director – you can't say more about the work that he did on this and also the work that Alderman LaRose did on this project. I want to send my thanks and hope for a good recovery goes off to firefighter's Soucy and Cote who were injured not that long ago when a 70 lb air conditioner came down on both of those fire fighters. It is my understanding firefighter Cote is getting back to work fairly quickly and firefight Soucy's injuries were a little more complicated. I wish them well, and I wish to thank all of our public safety employees for what they do for us everyday.

After watching the mess that was Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf I would hope that the Mayor has asked our emergency management personnel to review how we would deal with any major natural disaster that could occur in this area. Thank you.

Vice President Tollner

Firefighter Soucy is doing quite well. Alderman Rootovich and I saw him the other day.

Alderman Cardin

I attended the Senior Center groundbreaking this morning. That is probably one of the most tremendous projects the city has seen in many many years. It will serve our seniors well the activity center and the affordable housing that is being done in cooperation with Southern New Hampshire Services. That was a terrific turnout this morning. Thanks to all of you who were there.

I would also like to thank the Division of Public Health & Community Services for the brown bag lunch they sponsored yesterday. It was a terrific presenter who gave us a lot of information on women's heart health. I believe this is what our public health department should be doing; sponsoring events that inform the community about different health and wellness issues. Thanks to them. I appreciate all of their efforts in that.

Alderman MacLaughlin

I just want to take a moment to say publicly thanks to two Ward 8 residents who are doing incredible work at this time for their community. They are Robert Scheifele who is the director of the local Red Cross emergency services – he has been helping with the victims of the ravages of the storm. He lives on Oriole Drive. Clearly this type of service is his passion. For him to be away and doing what he is so interested in doing – helping is fellow men and women get through these type of disasters that is something I commend him for and all of those affiliated with the American Red Cross.

The second individual is Geraldine Duncan from Peele Road whose husband has been serving in Afghanistan for well over a year now. She is organizing on her own initiative really a September 24th rally to support the members of the New Hampshire Guard who are serving abroad at this time.

Finally I would like to say I can relate personally to what those families are going through in that next month marks the 22nd year of my older brother's service to this country in the Army. He will be retiring, and I want to wish him well. Thank you.

Alderman Deane

Thank you. I had an unexpected visit from the first responders to my house on Sunday. There was a call to the St. Christopher's Church where a woman had fainted and I have an older brother in law who is mentally challenged and he was up there with one of his brothers, and when he sees this type of activity he gets these anxiety attacks almost like seizures. As they tended to the lady he had an issue and they tried to get him back to the house and it took two police officers and four firemen, a truck and two cruisers and an ambulance to maintain him and get him into the ambulance and down to the hospital. The pleasant thing about the whole experience was to see how those three entities worked together as a unit when they are put onto duty. In fact one of the firemen said to me that my brother in law was a more difficult case to handle than the elderly woman that had passed out in church. It was a busy day for them. I just wanted to thank them for giving us a hand because it was kind of a nightmare. Thank you.

Alderman Shaw

I just wanted to clarify that now that I think I have the distinction of being the first Alderman to put in legislation to remove a traffic calming measure that is not something that I am generally in favor of, but the small traffic circle on Middle Dunstable is not effective, it has been moved in the past, it has caused plowing problems, and not too long ago the Pine tree – some of it was axed down and it just generally looked awful. It is time – it has not served us well and with traffic humps on that road do a very good job of calming the traffic.

Alderman Lozeau

Earlier this evening we had a Downtown Parking Committee meeting. Hot off the press are the downtown parking descriptions – it goes on to promote parking throughout downtown. Just a note there are some great pictures by Jodi Andruskevich in here. This is a joint product as a result of the

joint efforts of Great American Downtown, Scott Geno, Nashua Regional Planning Commission, and the Mayor's Office. It is really a first class piece of literature. It will go a long way to promote downtown Nashua. Thanks to all of those involved. I have a few extra copies if anyone wants one.

Alderman Rootovich

I also attended the ceremony last Friday at the Lake Street Fire Station along with Alderman Tollner with respect to the 8 firefighters who are on their way to the South to help out from Hurricane Katrina. There were 4 Lieutenants and 4 firefighters going. It was quite an emotional day to see the – in fact when that ceremony was done the firefighters were on their way to the airport to fly out right then and there. It was quite an emotional thing to see – their families; their wives, mothers, fathers, and children saying goodbye. I can tell you you have to be awfully brave to leave your family aside and go down South to do what those firefighters are about to do. I think there were well over 30 if I am not mistaken that had volunteered and they had a system set up, but I have to say I am quite proud of each and every one of those individuals. I want to wish them the best of luck and hope that they stay safe down there and know that we are all thinking about them here in Nashua.

Alderman Johnson

Thank you very much. First of all I would like to send my condolences to Art Ketchum and his family for the passing of his Mother. I know what it is like to lose your Mother.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the constituents of Nashua for the many phone calls and e-mails I am getting – people are stopping me on the street and telling me that they were really upset that I was not running for re-election this time around. I have run for the Board of Aldermen, I was first on the Board of Education for two years, and I thank everybody for allowing me to serve in this position.

The reason I decided not to run is I am sure everybody understands about a 14 year old and I feel I need to be back home with her. Also this year the loss of my Mother weighed very heavily on my mind, and has been a big distress to me every since. I cannot fully represent my constituents in Wards 5, 8, and 9 at the State House and spend a great deal of my time here in Nashua. Believe me it was with a heavy heart that I had to make this decision, but it was also a family decision that I made with my family. My husband is very supportive of me no matter what I choose to do. That doesn't mean I can't come back in two years. Sometimes you need a little bit of downtime to regroup. I still have one more year at the State House. I want to thank everybody for the wonderful calls, talking to me in the restaurants, and upset that I am not running.

Now to get onto business here – I have requested numerous times, and since this is budgetary, regarding non-essential personnel lists – Mr. Seymour made mention of it in the Telegraph. I have requested and requested it – I can't seem to get it. I guess it doesn't exist, but I did meet Mr. Seymour today at the groundbreaking of the Senior Center and I have asked him if he could please forward it on to me if he can jog his memory.

The next thing I am really concerned about when I read in the paper about the performance bonus, which is still unclear to the Board of Education for the Superintendent. This is not against the person

who is serving as the Superintendent as somebody wrote in the paper once before, this is about what the clarification of the contract is, which I spoke about in August when I returned from North Carolina.

I guess we are still questioning the contract on performance bonuses. On the Superintendent contract calls for a \$6,000 annual car allowance along with payments for the use of her cell phone for school business, moving expenses and six months of temporary housing, which I have asked Mr. Conrad to please forward me the cost of her housing. I figured the last time about \$1,200 lowball, but I have heard it could be higher.

After the School Board offered the contract the Superintendent requested that the 4% cap on the bonus be removed according to non-public minutes released by the School Board last month in response to a request under the Right To Know Law filed by the Telegraph. Thank you Telegraph for doing this. That changed language approved by the Board meant the bonus instead could be a reasonable percentage of the Superintendent's salary – what is reasonable in one person's eyes doesn't mean it is reasonable in everybody's eyes. The issue becomes basically that what is the measurable gains? One of the most unique aspects of the contract as far as the past practice in the city is a potential performance bonus. The contract allows the School Board to compensate the Superintendent based on her performance evaluation and measurable progress of the SAU. The contract does not outline what would be measured.

I have a hard time with this. I really do. If anybody hasn't read the paper today it is in there. I would suggest that they get a copy of this. This is an outrage to the citizens of the city – people from the Board of Education want to become an Alderman. Also if anyone hasn't ready Hippo this week – Understanding the New Budget – I don't think most of us understand this new budget at times – it was brought to us tonight and talked about – Mrs. Lemieux said that the tax rates are expected to go down, but probably won't translate into lower tax bills for homeowners. Well that is great my tax bill will go down, but I am going to pay more at the end of the year in taxes.

I think what people really need to see – I pulled this off the Internet, and it talks about the poll bearers of New Hampshire – New Hampshire's taxing spenders – New Hampshire property owners. I think this really talks about what is going on in the city.

Last but not least, I read in the paper over the weekend again with the Telegraph about the community service of the Mayor. I can't find out whether this was done on city time – according to Jane Joyce the Mayor works 24/7, but obviously if we are reading to school children then it must have been done during the day. I want to find out if the city vehicle was used for personal use on something like this. I am hoping myself and the taxpayers of this city will get an update on this because it would be nice to know how our money is being spent. Thank you very much.

Alderman Bolton

Thank you Mr. Vice President. Whatever the difficulties we ran into in passing the '06 fiscal year budget it was not due to any lack of effort on the part of the members of the Budget Review Committee. A quick look at the records in the Aldermanic Office show that the Budget Review Committee during the month of April met on the 6th, the 7th, the 11th, and the 28th. At no time was there during that month a three-week gap. I would be happy to look at any other month if someone

wishes. The fact is in about March I requested that a meeting of the Budget Review Committee be scheduled for every single night that these Chambers were not otherwise occupied, and I specifically requested and I know he complied with this request, that Aldermanic President McCarthy ask each of the other Committee Chairs if they could reschedule some of their meetings to free up nights for the Budget Review Committee and in many cases that was done. I don't think there is any question of the efforts the members of that committee made to go through the budget, to go through it in detail, to ask a lot of questions.

I for one was dissatisfied with the result. I am not dissatisfied with the effort on the part of the committee members. I do agree with Alderman LaRose that there were some evenings where we were adjourning when there was still time to do more deliberations, but whether those would have been fruitful or not no one can predict. Thank you.

Vice President Tollner

I apologize for missing the Senior Center groundbreaking this morning. I was out of town and just got back right before tonight's meeting.

Last week the Boys & Girls Club had their golf outing over at Green Meadow. The Field family again donated the entire course, both courses for the morning. It gave us an opportunity to raise money for a number of very valuable programs. In the morning, Jon Motta who we are all familiar with volunteered and supplied the entire breakfast for over 230 people without any fanfare or anything. I just want to take a moment and thank him.

I want to comment also briefly there was a letter to the editor in last week's paper regarding legislation that I believe protects the residents of Parish Hill from a road that we a couple of years ago closed and made an emergency access road. I will discuss the merits of that legislation the next time it comes up, but I would like to take a second to make a couple of comments on some information that was written ... **tape inaudible** ... he more or less inferred that one of the reasons why I was behind the legislation is because my wife works for this attorney that is involved in this project. He has a very short memory because 2.5 years ago when a number of you were involved in it or aware of it when I tried to push legislation through this Board through the Planning Board, and the Planning & Economic Development Committee back to the Board of Aldermen it was actually to make sure that road became an emergency access road much to the disappointment of that same attorney. I think we are elected to represent all different constituents both on the commercial side, the business side, and especially the residents. There is nothing else behind it other than in my mind, and there are some of you that will disagree, that particular piece of legislation long term will protect our original intent and purpose of passing that legislation a couple of years ago and has absolutely nothing to do with anything else. I just figured I would get that off my chest.

One other note, the last time we met, the night that we passed the budget, which was in August, I was fortunate enough to be stuck in an airport in Philadelphia and if anybody has ever been in the airport in Philadelphia a lot of things can happen in Philly. My plane was delayed. It was supposed to take off earlier in the evening – got a couple of phone calls from some people on the Board wanting to know what was going on – my plane ended up leaving around 12:30 a.m. – I got home around 1:45 a.m. I did get a phone call saying that the budget had passed so walking around the airport there are

not many of those little shops that are still open in an airport around midnight, but I did find ... **tape inaudible** ... I picked up this ugly Philadelphia Philly's hat and there is one Alderman on this Board that worked very hard on the budget throughout the process who wears hats around town so I wanted to give this to Alderman Deane and thank him for his work on the budget.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Vice President Tollner

I know that Alderman Bolton mentioned the passing of Julia Ward, but I think this is the full Board of Aldermen meeting we have had the whole group, and I just wanted to once again recognize her efforts and her commitment and what she gave to the City of Nashua. There was a very nice article in the paper from Attorney Flegal. I just wanted to make sure that I made note of that this evening.

Alderman Cardin

There was one thing I forgot to mention. As we all know the Senior Center has been doing a lot of work – they are trying to raise money for programs and equipment. They are actually having a fundraiser at Work Out World on Saturday, October 1st from 11:00 a.m. – Noon. It is a fundraiser to buy fitness equipment for the new center. Any of you who would like to participate it is an aerobathon – it lasts one hour. Any of you who might be interested in sponsoring someone else who might be into the aerobathon. Really it is a good fundraiser and they are in need of fitness equipment for the new facility. Any support you could give whether you go and participate or make pledges it would be truly appreciated.

They are also having a Down Memory Lane musical and songs you love to hear from musicals and movies. It will be held at Souhegan High School October 15th at 7:00 p.m. and October 16th at 2:00 p.m. Advance ticket sales are available September 1st at \$8.00. Tickets at the door are \$10. All proceeds benefit the Senior Activity Center.

As part of the Human Affairs Committee they come before us looking for money and we always tell them do more fundraising so I think they have taken that to heart. Any support this Board can give and those of you in the public who are listening is truly appreciated. Thank you very much.

Committee announcements:

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Alderman Deane

Nashua Towing Association contract review 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning

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Alderman Dion

Infrastructure Committee tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in these Chambers.

Vice President Tollner

If I am not mistaken I think there is a Finance meeting this Thursday.

I would also like to note that on September 8th it was Alderman MacLaughlin's Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOZEAU THAT THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2005 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:55 p.m. p.m.

Attest: Paul R. Bergeron, City Clerk