

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, November 22, 2005 at 7:40 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

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

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

### President McCarthy

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

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

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

### REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Thank you Mr. President. From Community Development comes word that the Senior Center project is moving along. I suggest if any of you haven't taken a ride by; the building is up and they are now working on the roof. Hopefully the good weather will hold long enough for the contractors to get the shingling done and then the winter work will be all inside. Special thanks go to Bill Barrett of Barrett Contracting. Access to the existing Senior Center has been challenging on rainy days. The water that accumulates in the parking lot will be addressed in the next couple of weeks by the Division of Public Works. In the meantime, Mr. Barrett's company has donated the use of a pump to keep the area dry.

From the Division of Public Works, staff from the Street Department assisted at Rotary Common in digging for site foundations as part of the archeological exploration of that site. Staff from the Park and Recreation Department was responsible for erecting the new sign at the park.

Curbside collections of recyclables and trash will follow the normal schedule through tomorrow. The Solid Waste Department will be closed on Thanksgiving and the Thursday routes will be collected on Friday and the Friday routes will be collected on Saturday. The Solid Waste Department will do one final pickup of soft yard waste this week. However, there will be extended hours at the landfill are as follows: This Saturday from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p. m.

Requests for proposals have been issued for emergency work to repair the sewer line on Ash Street. Proposals are due on November 28<sup>th</sup>, and the work is expected to commence within a few weeks.

Surface painting at Holman Stadium is now complete to replace existing peeling paint. The metal structures at the stadium have been completely redone under the warranty with the contractor.

Two new recycling trucks are being delivered to the Solid Waste Department. These trucks are larger, more efficient, have compactors for each of two recycling streams, are safer for workers due to lower height and reduce trips to the landfills.

The Division of Public Health and Community Services notes that the flu vaccine has arrived and clinics are being scheduled. The clinic for city employees will be held on December 5th from 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., and we are also working with city Administrative Services and Risk Management to help track results.

Local surveillance for flu has begun at the Division of Public Health and Community Services, using absenteeism records, hospital emergency department visits, and requests for antiviral medications as markers for the virus. Pandemic Flu Grand Rounds for St Joseph Hospital were this Wednesday to update hospital staff on Avian Flu and area preparations. We will be doing a second program at Southern NH Medical Center December 1st on Avian Flu Preparations.

The Nashua Regional Smallpox plan of 2003 has been adapted to an all-hazards mass infection response plan that will help in response to multiple threats including Avian Influenza. We are working with regional communities to assist in their set up of mass vaccination capacity in their communities under our regional Public Health Preparedness grant from the state.

The Welfare Department is preparing to contribute 15 Thanksgiving food baskets this week. They are also gearing up for Christmas food baskets and gifts for deserving children.

The upcoming Project Homeless Connect Day on December 8th could be of community interest. An ad hoc committee of the Greater Nashua Continuum of Care is coordinating the project, in coordination with the US Interagency Council on Homelessness, which is their National Project. It will link homeless and at-risk individuals and families to approximately 20 different agencies for information and provision of some support services and health services such as flu vaccine via the Public Health Outreach Van and basic health screenings through Nashua Area Health Center staff and Healthy-At-Home staff. Participants in the project will also receive lunch and various give-away items. This event will take place at Main Street Methodist Church on Thursday, December 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

City Treasurer, Dave Fredette reports that Nashua's property tax bills for December have been mailed. Anyone who has not received a bill is asked to contact him immediately and he will promptly provide residents with a duplicate copy (589-3190). To avoid a wait in line, Taxpayers are encouraged to use the mail in service. A paid receipt will be returned in your self-addressed stamped envelope once the collection season has passed.

A cancelled check or mortgage statement will also suffice as a receipt for federal tax purposes.

Payments to the City must be postmarked December 16th, in order to avoid the accrual of 12% interest thereafter. The Real Estate Tax Rate for the year 2005 was set at \$16.32 per thousand.

Congratulations to the Great American Downtown and their sponsors for the new sets of lights on the Main St. trees. This was a cooperative project between the Christmas Décor/Lawn Dog organization, the Great American Downtown and a generous grant from the McLean Foundation.

The Great American Downtown is both financially and managerially responsible for the downtown tree lights. Lights were installed in 2002 but after more than 3 years of exposure to weather, vandalism and wear & tear most of the lights and electrical infrastructure became damaged or broken. By last winter on average fewer than 5% of the lights illuminated after sundown. So thank you Great American Downtown for making our Main Street shine.

Just a reminder to all that the annual Winter Holiday Stroll will be held this Saturday evening with the annual stroll down Main Street beginning at 5:00 p. m., followed by lots of musical, dancing and theatrical entertainment in 23 different locations throughout our downtown area from 6:00 p.m. through 9:30 p.m.

And in conclusion Mr. President, in spite of the millions of dollars the Pennichuck Corporation has spent on legal tactics designed to delay our eminent domain case, the court has consistently ruled in our favor. Last week's decision by the NH Supreme Court shows the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are on the right track in our effort to protect the water supply and keep water rates down. At every stage, Pennichuck has attempted to delay and sidetrack the process with costly litigation and claims of wrong doing by us. It should be clear to everyone that while Pennichuck is spending exorbitant sums of water rate payer dollars to forestall a decision, clearly our position has great merit. We look forward to the Public Utilities Commission's decision on our position to acquire the Pennichuck water system, and believe it is inevitable that we will be permitted to do so for the benefit of Nashua residents and the ratepayers of the region.

The court decision also spells out very clearly that Pennichuck's position that we cannot take the utility under eminent domain is dead wrong. It proves once again that the city continues to follow the law and act in good faith in this process. At each step in the legal process I continue to ask Pennichuck's Board of Directors to explain why they made the decision to sell the entire company to Philadelphia Suburban Water Company for \$96 million dollars and when that deal fell through, we made a counter offer of \$121 million dollars for three fifths of the company. And with that Mr. President let me wish everyone in our great city a happy and safe Thanksgiving, and let us all give thanks for the bountiful blessings we enjoy. Thank you.

## RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

### Alderman Bolton

Mr. Mayor some months ago I asked if you could ask appropriate members of your staff or our paid consultants to prepare an analysis of the increase in the amount of money that the city has raised in property taxes over a relevant period of time, say 15 years or 20 years whatever the data is convenient, as compared to the amount of money that Pennichuck has raised or I should say increased over that same amount of time in the amount of money that Pennichuck has raised through

their water rates. I am wondering if there is any progress been made or who you have asked to do that analysis and when we might expect something.

Pennichuck was running a series of ads, which showed a graph, which I thought was very misleading, and I thought that if we were in a position to respond to that some of our constituents might better understand the issue. If you can give me any update on that I would appreciate it.

Mayor Streeter

I would be happy to. I have asked our CFO and our consultants to prepare such a draft in response to their illogical claims. It should be ready within a week or so. As you know we have had a number of press conferences over the past few weeks to respond to other allegations that the company has made. This is just one in a series of responses that we will be doing before the end of this year.

Alderman Bolton

Thank you.

President McCarthy

I just wanted to comment that Sarah DiSano, the Executive Director of Great American Downtown, told us today that the Holiday Stroll is actually listed on Boston.Com's list of top ten things to do this weekend.

#### RECOGNITION PERIOD

#### **R-05-335**

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter  
Board of Aldermen

#### **EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOY SCOUTS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT**

Given its first reading;

#### **MOTION BY ALDERMAN GAGE THAT THE RULES BE SO FAR SUSPENDED AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SECOND READING OF R-05-335 MOTION CARRIED**

*Resolution R-05-335 given its second reading*

#### **MOTION BY ALDERMAN GAGE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-335 MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-335 declared duly adopted.

#### READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF NOVEMBER 9, 2005, THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF NOVEMBER 9, 2005 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF NOVEMBER 15, 2005 BE ACCEPTED, PLACED ON FILE, AND THE READINGS SUSPENDED**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

COMMUNICATIONS – None

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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Deborah Olszta, 19 Shattuck Street

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Good evening. I appreciate the opportunity to speak. Tonight I would like to speak upon the Ordinance 05-113 – it is a prohibition against discharge of fireworks between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a. m. I am speaking on behalf I feel of most of the city. In speaking with my neighbors and people from all the wards the consensus out there is that fireworks after 10:00 p.m. are too late and not acceptable to the residents.

There are several reasons. The Board of Aldermen in the past year has worked extensively in doing for the city passing noise ordinances; one was for construction and contractor demolition work – that kind of thing – there is not demolition or contractor construction work allowed in the city before 7:00 a. m. anymore. We appreciate that. You have done a great job with limiting noise, trying to alleviate stress in the city, and keeping the quality of life optimum here. We do notice it.

Ten p.m. why 10:00 p.m. – I hear some of the Aldermen are saying well why not 10:30 p.m. and others were lead like especially on the Board of Public Works were lead to believe that 11:00 p.m. is okay and that we had already sufficient laws to govern the fireworks. We do not have sufficient laws to govern fireworks. In fact, the Ordinance that is being spoken of was specifically section 13-35 C, which specifically pertains to yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, or singing on public streets between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in neighboring premises – not pertinent to fireworks just so that is all understood.

The reason why this legislation must take place and be approved is because State RSA requires it. State RSA Title 12, Chapter 160B is the local option for cities and towns to either allow or disallow fireworks in the town. Nashua has opted to allow fireworks and has local ordinance pertaining to it, however, State RSA also provides for in Title 12, Chapter 16B(7) III that the Chief of Police, Licensing Board, or governing body of the municipality after an inspection has been conducted by the Fire Chief may issue a permit to display fireworks. The permit shall specify the date on which the display is to be conducted and any other conditions that may be imposed. Setting the condition that fireworks not happen after 10:00 p.m. in the city must be on the permit and must be governed by the Fire Marshall as prescribed by State law.

The people of Nashua want peace after 10:00 p.m. The stroll ends at 10:00 p.m. Primetime ends at 10:00 p.m. Most meetings in the city end before 10:00 p.m. Everyone gets home and expects

peace. Why are we having fireworks a minimum of 8 times last summer in the city after 10:00 p.m. What has got us on our goat was that the one at 10:50 p.m. was the last straw. The Pride has no regard to the peace and serenity of the city at late hour unfortunately. I don't have anything against the Pride. I am not standing here saying that they can't have fireworks, but I think it is reasonable for them, and they have not done it for the 2006 season either even though they knew that this legislation was coming up, another disregard for the public. Fireworks after 10:00 p.m. are unacceptable, but the public will accept fireworks before 10:00 p.m.

It is not unreasonable. You ask anyone. I am in the grocery store and I am asking the clerks and some people that I meet there what do you think do you think fireworks should be after 10:00 p.m.? No they don't. The disturbance that happens with these particular fireworks because they are another class than what the city blows off, only the city is allowed to do the particular ones that we have on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, which go very high, it is loud – an explosion is an explosion, it is the loudest noise that anything can make, and we are allowing it to happen in the city numerous times in the summer when all the people's windows are open, 90 degrees, the stress is high in the city. It might not seem so significant now when I have my coat on and it is 40 degrees out there and no one is thinking about what it feels like in the summer to have fireworks after 10:00 p.m. and you are trying to keep your composure and make it through the night. It is just one other piece of stress and strain. The kids wake up, the dogs and animals go crazy. These fireworks are blowing off lower in the sky and the compression is going through all of our windows and traveling further out into the city and disturbing the whole city – south end quadrant as well not just the north end, but more so in the north end.

This noise is not like construction work or contractor work done in a particular section of the city where maybe one small ward or one area is affected, this is the entire city. The magnitude is so great. We are not standing here telling you not to have fireworks in the city we are just saying please have regard for the residents of the city – no fireworks please after 10:00 p.m. If there is any suggestion to try to have it at 10:30 p.m., the limitation you can forget it. The people want 10:00 p.m. If it ends up being 10:30 p.m. we will be back in here again to change it with a new Board after the new year.

Please do not send this legislation back to committee. There is nothing more that can happen to it there. The amendment was made in the Infrastructure Committee to specifically exempt the city from any restriction on firework time limitation, also the stroll, also New Years Eve or any other city sponsored event. That is why I don't understand why the unfavorable recommendation from the Board of Public Works. I had to call the members to find out what were they thinking. The city still is exempt. Obviously they weren't voting in the interest of the city. This legislation means nothing to the city. They were voting personally, some like fireworks. I like fireworks. Some were voting politically – a politically charged issue, but it had nothing to do with any negative impact to the city.

So we have fireworks 5 times this summer that we can anticipate. The problem is we can't anticipate what time they are going to go off. It could be 10:50 p.m. One of the nights is a Monday night. They are not just weekends. I think we need to do the right thing and please be consistent with all of the rest of the noise ordinances that you passed this past year. It has been great. We need this one more to make it consistent so the loudest noise that can ever happen, an explosion after explosion after explosion – if they want to have sparklers in the sky they can do that and they can also start their games at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. and then they would have plenty of time to do fireworks before 10:00 p.m. Please. I appreciate your time. Thank you.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN PLAMONDON TO EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AN  
ADDITIONAL 15 MINUTES  
MOTION CARRIED**

Daniel Richardson, 70 Berkeley Street

Thank you very much. My comments won't take very long. I fully support everything that Deborah said with regard to Ordinance 05-113, Prohibition Against Discharge of Fireworks Between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. I too am dismayed with the Board of Public Works' unfavorable recommendation. I admit I did not go to the meeting, but I am more than interested in how that rationale was come to. It is a quality of life issue for Ward 3 and for Alderman LaRose's ward also. The other wards I am not so sure how far the thumping and the banging and pounding goes across the city, but certainly in Ward 3 as Alderman Gage understands. I live at 70 Berkeley Street. That is just south of the park, about 100 feet south of the park, and it is very loud there. It rattles the windows. It would be reasonable to expect that by 10:00 p.m. you can go to bed and not be disturbed. It is a small thing, but very important especially to the people of Ward 3. If you will please consider that when you are voting.

PETITIONS – None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS – None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Human Affairs Committee..... 11/16/05

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

Committee on Infrastructure. 11/07/05

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

Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee..... 11/10/05

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

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Historic District Commission

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**MOTION BY ALDERMAN MACLAUGHLIN TO CONFIRM BY VOICE VOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT SAMPSON, 18 SARGENT AVENUE, NASHUA, AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 30, 2008  
MOTION CARRIED**

President McCarthy declared Robert Sampson duly appointed to the Historic District Commission for a term to expire September 30, 2008.

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel.

Hunt Building Board of Trustees

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**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO CONFIRM BY VOICE VOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOY BARRETT, 5 ELLIOT STREET, NASHUA, TO THE HUNT BUILDING BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2008  
MOTION CARRIED**

President McCarthy declared Joy Barrett duly appointed to the Hunt Building Board of Trustees for a term to expire December 31, 2008.

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel.

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Nashua Housing Authority

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**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARDIN TO CONFIRM BY VOICE VOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS MONAHAN, 28 SWART TERRACE, NASHUA, TO THE NASHUA HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE OCTOBER 14, 2010.  
MOTION CARRIED**

President McCarthy declared Thomas Monahan duly appointed to the Nashua Housing Authority for a

term to expire October 14, 2010.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-05-222**

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter  
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy  
Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson  
Alderman-at-Large David Rootovich

**DETERMINING THAT REVISION OF THE CITY CHARTER IS NECESSARY  
AND PROPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHARTER COMMISSION**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON FOR INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF R-05-222  
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-222 declared indefinitely postponed.

**R-05-321**

Endorsers: Alderman Richard LaRose  
Alderman David D. Lozeau  
Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson  
Alderman-at-Large David Rootovich  
Alderman Lori Cardin

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF THE SUM OF \$201,000  
RECEIVED FROM COMCAST INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #305-6012 FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS EQUIPMENT  
AND FACILITIES**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAROSE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-321  
MOTION CARRIED**

***Alderman Plamondon Abstained***

Resolution R-05-321 declared duly adopted.

**R-05-322**

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

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$143,317 FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT**

**PROGRAM INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #332-6318**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN ROOTOVICH FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-322**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-322 declared duly adopted.

**R-05-323**

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

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$68,000 AWARDED UNDER THE FIRST RESPONDER STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM PORTION OF THE 2005 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #332-6319**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARDIN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-323**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-323 declared duly adopted.

**R-05-328**

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

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$280,110 AWARDED UNDER THE FIRST RESPONDER STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM PORTION OF THE 2005 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM, INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #332-6320**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-328**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-328 declared duly adopted.

**R-05-331**

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

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

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF THE SUM OF \$51,572.50 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #331-6232 "2005 BUFFER ZONE GRANT – HOMELAND SECURITY"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN PLAMONDON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-331  
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-331 declared duly adopted.

**R-05-332**

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

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000 FROM THE SAM'S CLUB FOUNDATION INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #331-6231 "SAM'S CLUB FOUNDATION 2005"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARDIN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-332  
MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-05-332 declared duly adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

**O-05-113**

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson  
**PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS BETWEEN 10:00 P.M.  
AND 8:00 A.M.**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO AMEND O-05-113 IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDEN ROD COPY PROVIDED WITH THE AGENDA**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Vitale

I wonder if the Infrastructure Committee could refresh us on the amendment.

Alderman Dion

The amendment was the exceptions that were put in at the last two sentences. The only exceptions will be Independence Day, New Years Eve, the Holiday Stroll, and city sponsored events with a minimum of 24-hour notice.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-05-113 AS AMENDED BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Tollner

I understand the concerns of the two speakers that were here earlier this evening. As I mentioned at last night's meeting – I went to the Infrastructure Committee meeting to speak about this legislation even though it had already been forwarded to the full Board. I had spoken to one of the new owners of the Pride as I heard last night some of the other members of the Board of Aldermen have spoken with the new owners. They are making an investment in this business endeavor and this owner asked for the opportunity for five baseball games. He said that he would be very willing to work with the neighborhood. He understood the 10:00 p.m. reason, but in speaking with a number of people yesterday, a reasonable compromise might be 10:30 p.m. At the committee meetings, there were statements made that fireworks went off every Friday night and while I understand any night that the fireworks go off might be disturbing to a neighborhood, during the last baseball season there were not fireworks every single Friday night.

This past season the ownership of the baseball team pretty much their only marketing pitch as we all know was the fireworks. They did not advertising, little outreach to the community. I think we are going to see a different level of community communication with this new ownership. They asked for an opportunity. I think the reasonable thing would be and I would like to make a motion to the ordinance in the last sentence.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER TO AMEND TO READ THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS WOULD BE "INDEPENDENCE DAY, NEW YEARS EVE, THE HOLIDAY STROLL, FIVE BASEBALL GAMES, AND CITY SPONSORED EVENTS WITH A MINIMUM OF 24 HOUR NOTICE:**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Gage

For the last six years I have been the Alderman of the Ward I have sat down several times with the attorneys with the Pride, threatened a piece of legislation a couple of times, and they policed themselves a little bit better and got away from this for the last year or two. I think the time that I talked about was 10:00 p.m. to them at the time. I think when you start – now you have 10:00 p.m. and then it is 10:30 p.m. and they will light the first one off at 10:29 p.m. and 30 seconds and they will got for 20 minutes and then it will be 10:50 p.m. I think we will just be pushing it further and further out, and I don't think that is the way to go.

Alderman Vitale

For the level of play that the players will be playing it is not unusual for the games to last 2 ¾ hours. By the time the game gets over it is going on to right around that 10:00 p.m. time period. Checking out the various times that they would finish they would go pretty close to the 10:00 p.m. time. Again at the level of play the games last longer than say a major league game normally does if they go 9 innings just because of the amount of pitches and everything else that are completed during the game. I don't think it would be unreasonable to go to 10:30 p.m. I believe most of the time you are going to find it right around the 9:45 p.m. time up to the 10:00 p.m. time. I know when it was brought up was the one time we were testing and seeing just how long the display lasted it was 12 minutes. I think one of the things that has been a problem with it is, and I don't mind it, but other people do mind it, is the bang that was talked about during the display. I would be interested if Alderman Lozeau would tell us about the call that he made to a fireworks company explaining about the different types of fireworks and the possibility that at least that part of the issue maybe could be taken care of and that might provide a little bit of relief for the neighbors on that one bang issue that seems to be a big problem. I wonder if he would share that with us.

### Alderman Lozeau

Thank you. I did talk to Tri-Star Fireworks out of Jaffrey, NH today, and asked them if there were any such thing as low noise level fireworks. The response back to me was absolutely. He said we do it all the time especially at ballparks and for inner city ballparks. He said most of them are in Connecticut and Rhode Island. He said he would be very willing to come in and discuss it with us and would appreciate the opportunity. They do make a firework that is called a low noise that has no final explosion or implosion towards the finale of the firework other than the charge that is put in to bring it up to the level of explosion. He said it is a very common firework. He says it is accepted at lake resorts and things like that so that it doesn't shake the people's cabins. He said it is not an unreasonable request and they do it all the time.

### Alderman Vitale

I really think that because – I didn't know, I mean I know when I listened to different fireworks they seem to go off in different ways, but I just thought maybe it was the way they were sent off, the height whatever, the way they explode at the end. I was not aware that they actually maybe did that or didn't do it on purpose when they were building the fireworks. I think it should be something that we should look into in the city in general for anybody that maybe is setting off fireworks whether it be the Pride or the city itself or even if some time down the line that we would have a company that wanted to set off some sort of fireworks display for their own employees. I think that we maybe should look into that, and it is possible that if we could eliminate that part of the noise issue that the 10:30 p.m. time would not seem as unreasonable.

### Alderman Johnson

I am not a lobbyist for the Pride or the new owners I am a lobbyist for the citizens of this city because that's who elected me. I feel and the reason this was written because it wasn't always that Ward 3 hears it. I live outside of the south high school and I can hear it. The last two days that they played those fireworks were so loud. I couldn't believe that I was hearing it by my house. I got calls from other people in other wards. The five games that is defeating the whole purpose of this legislation. Well let's just give them 5 games, they might need 5 more games or they might need another night here or there. The issue is it is noise. Mr. Olszta pointed out and we all know we did the noise ordinance throughout the city – very expensive – Alderman Plamondon worked very hard on that and had many complaints about the loud mufflers on

motorcycles. We took care of that in the city, the speakers, the boom boxes, but now what we are doing here is we are addressing another area. We worked very hard on this legislation. I think we compromise when we added in the two sentences with the exceptions. I don't think it is too much to allow people to have the quality of life in this city the way they expect especially when they are paying such high taxes. Thank you.

Alderman Cardin

I am not going to support this. I think with the information we have tonight about lowering the noise level, which is what the concern is, why we can't make some provisions to have someone come in and tell us that there are fireworks that they use in ballparks in innercities that don't make the kind of noise we are hearing. I can't support this.

Alderman MacLaughlin

Thank you. I concur with Alderman Cardin. I believe there are more people being offended by the fireworks who are outside the park than there are those being entertained by the people who are inside the park especially due to the rather unimpressive number of people who attend the games.

Alderman Plamondon

Thus far Ward 4 hasn't been mentioned and Ward 4 is right across the street – stone throw literally. I have spoken with many residents over there and I got a mixture. Of the ones with greatest concerns was even though they were supporters of the games the igniting of these fireworks and the loud noises at 10:50 p.m. was out of the realm of decency and that shouldn't happen. I too am not going to support the current amendment before us. I think with an exception of five games as an exception I don't think is the right way to go. I think with the new information that has come before us that Alderman Lozeau brought before us, I think there is more work we need to do on this. I think that I would like to re-refer this to committee and let us have some fireworks company, professionals, come and speak to us so we can learn more of this and come forward with legislation that is going to help all. Thank you.

## **MOTION BY ALDERMAN PLAMONDON TO RE-REFER TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE**

### ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Dion

Mr. Chairman I am against the first amendment and I am also against the one to refer it to committee. Let me say why. We discussed this at length a month ago at the Infrastructure meeting. The Nashua Pride representatives were supposed to be there and speak – have their say, and they were not there. Last night we knew on Monday that there was going to be a discussion again on this issue. I was told by certain people that some owners of the Pride would be here last evening. They were not here. We worked hard on this in committee and the vote to recommend final passage after we made the amendment to protect the city from special events, etc., we listened to the people in the neighborhood and we listened to the points and we think this is fair legislation. I can't see any benefit in going back to committee or amending it again to allow five or seven occurrences, 10:30 p.m. you name it – I don't see where it is beneficial at all. I would like to see a vote here this evening one way or the other. One thing we don't want to forget that the first

the year comes up very shortly and that legislation will die in committee if we do not pass it before the first of the year, and we are talking a little over a month. If we have to listen to people from Peterborough or a firework company in other areas before they set a date – it might be after the first of the year. I would like to see a vote here this evening on the legislation. We worked hard enough on it so that we should have a vote tonight one way or the other.

#### Alderman Deane

Regardless of the comments, I probably live closer to the stadium than anybody. I have heard a lot of what has gone on over there pertaining to some of the loud explosions, and I do agree with a lot of what has been said this evening. I do find what Alderman Lozeau had to say very interesting. Noise is the issue not the light or the display factor that is involved, and if there are some sort of high prolific fireworks that can set off without the tremendous explosions at the end – I know the glazing on my windows would like it because most of it is starting to come off due to vibration. I do understand Alderman Dion's request to move this on. The motion that was made by Alderman Plamondon to re-refer to the Committee on Infrastructure, I would like to amend that motion and refer it to the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee.

#### President McCarthy

I believe that Alderman Plamondon's motion needs to be voted on first. If Alderman Plamondon would like to move to send it to Personnel...

#### Alderman Plamondon

If the maker of the motion would explain why Personnel I would entertain it.

#### Alderman Deane

Most of the interest is had by Alderman Tollner.

#### Alderman Plamondon

My motion stands Mr. President.

#### Alderman Tollner

I want to thank Alderman Deane for his motion, but I am fine with it being in Infrastructure. I think that is an appropriate place. I guess our charge here is to come up with the best solution that we have in front of us based upon the most recent information. The information that Alderman Lozeau has with regard to the low noise, low impact fireworks I think is something that we should consider. I understand how some people want to get this passed tonight and they don't want it to go back to committee, but what I am interested in is coming up with a compromise that serves everybody. I will withdraw my motion with regard to the five baseball games, but I am very interested in seeing or listening to the manufacturer of low impact fireworks because if they do come in and say that they truly are low noise, low impact fireworks then possibly there isn't a need for the legislation. I do think that if there are some members of this Board that want to

investigate or listen to that presentation the proper thing to do would be send it back to committee.

The question was brought up we are coming to the end of the term. I guess first of all the baseball season isn't going to start until May so we have close to 6 months to look at it. I will go along and support Alderman Plamondon's recommendation. I am not pleased with the comments of the Alderman that said I am not a lobbyist for the Pride I represent the public. I think everybody here represents the public. I spoke with one of the owners, he asked for an opportunity for some compromise. He was willing to come in. He is willing to speak with the neighborhood, and I think that we should provide that opportunity and come up with a compromise for the new owners as well as the neighborhood. Thank you.

### **MOTION WITHDRAWN**

#### Alderman Bolton

I think it comes down to what we want the default situation to be. If we pass this as it is then unless someone can come forward with good reason to change it there won't be fireworks after 10:00 p.m. As was stated by the last speaker baseball season won't start for the Pride until May, which after the first of the year will give 4 or 5 months for those proponents of fireworks extending later in the evening to demonstrate that there are low noise fireworks and that we should pass additional legislation to grant waivers when low noise fireworks are being used or to work out some other compromise and get some neighborhood involvement. I am pretty well convinced that the current situation and the situation that prevailed last season ought not be allowed to continue to prevail. I understand that there has been recent change in ownership and I am certain that those new owners are involved in a lot of things that they regard as being very important in taking control of that team, and certainly no one wishes them well more so than I do, but it is somewhat distressing that they didn't come to any of the meetings, none of them are here tonight, no representative other than one of our fellow Board members is conveying to us their point of view. If there is a true interest in that action can be taken between now and next May to deal with that.

Frankly I am not convinced of the inextricable link between having fireworks and having successful baseball. Not that I might not be convinced, but it seems to me you could have baseball very easily without having fireworks. I think the thing to do and why I will be resisting and not voting to refer this back to committee at this time, is pass this. If someone has a better idea or more information to provide or can gather neighborhood acceptance, January, February, March, and April ought to be plenty of time to do those things and present other legislation that deals with whatever compromise can be worked out in that greater timeframe than what exists between now and the first of the year. Thank you.

#### Alderman Rootovich

I have to assume between the Board of Public Works, the amendments that were made in Infrastructure, and the discussion here tonight we have probably taken up three hours of time to discuss this. If you take what Alderman Vitale said with respect to the performance of the fireworks, which is about 12 minutes times 5 nights we are talking an hour. I don't think an hour's time has much impact on the team's success. Knowing the two owners personally and their genius to market their product and market their business I don't think that will be a problem raising attendance with respect to the Pride next year. A lot of what Alderman Bolton said I was going to say. I need not repeat it, but I think we should pass this here this evening, which gives us plenty of time not only to look at the new fireworks opportunities that may lay out there, but we can make the necessary changes to go forth before the new season starts. I will not support

either of those amendments, but I will support a motion to pass this as amended as it came out of the Infrastructure Committee.

### Alderman Gage

I agree with Alderman Bolton. It is disturbing that within the last month and a half Alderman Dion's committee picked this legislation up and had a meeting on it and have had a couple of meetings – Nashville Pride was going to arrive and nobody was there. Tonight we don't have anybody. Again we have a member of the Board telling us what their belief is. The Board of Public Works I don't know what occurred there. That surprised me and disappointed me. I am not going to support this. I think this piece of legislation needs to go through tonight, and as Alderman Bolton said let them work on it and provide us a maybe the city could look at that for the Fourth of July fireworks – the quiet fireworks.

### Alderman Tollner

First of all I think we keep saying that the Pride had an opportunity to come here. We can only deal with new ownership. I think we knew the old ownership really wanted nothing to do with coming to the city, but the new ownership is a week old. I don't know maybe the Chair of Infrastructure or the endorser of the legislation can tell us that they communicated with the Pride ownership that it was going to be on the agenda that particular night to provide them with an opportunity to come and speak. Regardless, I think this is probably the first time that we will ever vote on a piece of legislation knowing that we have new information that might help us make a somewhat either different decision, the same decision, but we are compelled to vote on this tonight with comments well let's vote on this tonight, but if we find out more information heck we can come back with additional legislation next term and change it. I don't understand the logic. I know that there is another Infrastructure meeting before the end of the year and if I am not mistaken there are two more Board of Aldermen meetings before the end of the year.

Alderman Lozeau spent some time to find out that there is different fireworks. I don't understand why we don't want to find out that information. The other thing is I am not the only Alderman that spoke with the owners. Alderman Lozeau also had an opportunity to speak with another one of the owners. I don't know how that conversation went, but here we are saying that we are going to pass this, but the information that we are waiting for might change it, we will pass this legislation now, but if that new information is sufficient enough heck we can pass new legislation to change this. I don't understand why we are not patient enough to listen to the new information and then vote on it.

### Alderman Gage

We pass things here all the time and months down the road we might come across something and think geez we worked on something and we might have had a better idea. We did that with the high school and the parking near the new high school – every week it went and went and went every time we met. IT surprises me to hear that we never do that or we shouldn't do that – that is wrong.

### Alderman Dion

This is going to be the last time I speak because I think the discussion has gone too long in fact. Alderman Bolton brought up a good point. Alderman Gage did also and so did Alderman Rootovich. There are too

many ifs in waiting. We have no guarantee that we are going to get the information before the first of the year, before this legislation dies. I hear rumors that these so called no poof fireworks are more expensive now whether people want to pay more money for them is another question. We are likely to get faced with that question. Like the speakers ahead of me said if anything comes up pertaining to this no pow pow fireworks that we are talking about – we always can amend it. We have all winter long to do it. Let's get over with tonight and if anything comes out of it during the winter time before the season begins in May a if then people involved that are paying the costs are willing to pay the extra costs if there are any extra costs then we can make a commitment for new legislation amending this legislation – very simple. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Alderman Johnson

– Thank you. May I ask Alderman Lozeau a question through the Chair?

President McCarthy

– You may.

Alderman Johnson

Alderman Lozeau I don't remember, and maybe you did mention, when did you call this company?

Alderman Lozeau

This morning.

Alderman Johnson

This morning. Did you know about this company last night or the day before?

Alderman Lozeau

Yes I had a hard time getting through. They are on a slow season right now so there is not always someone to answer the telephone. I didn't bring this up to cloud the issue. I do support this legislation, I support the intent of this legislation. The reason I investigated it is because I believe there are options for the Pride to display fireworks that don't make noise, that don't upset the neighborhood. I just want to be clear on that I didn't bring this up or call this fireworks company to cloud this legislation, but to enhance the fact that you can still have fireworks without the noise. Thank you.

## **MOTION TO RE-REFER WITHDRAWN**

President McCarthy

The motion before us is that of final passage as amended.

Alderman Johnson

There is a roll call.

President McCarthy

Is there any further discussion? Would the Clerk please call the roll.

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

Yea: Alderman LaRose, Alderman Gage, Alderman MacLaughlin, Alderman Deane,  
Alderman Plamondon, Alderman Shaw, Alderman Lozeau, Alderman Dion,  
Alderman Rootovich, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Bolton

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Nay: Alderman Tollner, Alderman Vitale, Alderman Cardin, Alderman McCarthy

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**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-05-113 declared duly adopted as amended.

**O-05-122**

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

**AMENDING THE ORDINANCE REGARDING DENIAL OF PERMITS, APPROVALS,  
AND LICENSES**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-05-122**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-05-122 declared duly adopted.

**O-05-123**

Endorser: Alderman David D. Lozeau

**AMENDING THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON REDMOND STREET**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DION FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-05-123**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-05-123 declared duly adopted.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAROSE TO RECONSIDER ORDINANCE O-04-57, AMENDING HEALTH  
AND DENTAL INSURANCE PROVISIONS OF THE PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION MERIT SYSTEM**

**MOTION FAILED**

***Division Taken***

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-05-336**

Endorser: Alderman Kevin E. Gage

**AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A DISCONTINUED PORTION OF INDIAN HEAD AVENUE TO TRICKETT REALTY TRUST**

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

**R-05-337**

Endorser: Alderman David D. Lozeau

Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson

**AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE CITY'S INTEREST, IF ANY, IN THE PORTION OF WOLLEN STREET WHICH WAS RELEASED AND DISCHARGED FROM ALL PUBLIC SERVITUDE TO THE ABUTTERS ROBERT R. AND DIANE C. BELANGER AND WILLIAM G. AND TUETJE BOEVERS**

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

**R-05-338**

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

Alderman Lori Cardin

Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner

Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

Alderman Robert Shaw

Alderman-at-Large David Rootovich

Alderman David MacLaughlin

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$728,000 OF FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER AN EXISTING TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT FOR ROADWAY AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS ON DANIEL WEBSTER HIGHWAY & SPITBROOK ROAD**

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

**R-05-339**

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

Alderman Lori Cardin

Alderman David D. Lozeau

Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

Alderman Kevin E. Gage

Alderman Kathryn D. Vitale

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$200,000 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE PURCHASE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF 11 RIVERSIDE STREET**

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

**R-05-340**

Endorser: Alderman Kevin E. Gage  
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

**ESTABLISHING AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND TO ACCEPT GIFTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATED PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

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

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

**O-05-124**

Endorser: Alderman Lori Cardin

**ESTABLISHING A 25 M.P.H. SPEED LIMIT ON WALTHAM DRIVE**

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

Alderman Tollner

I have a Point of Order question, and maybe Attorney Connell can help me with this. I think Alderman Deane may want to add something to it as well. I read in the paper that TV 13 was not going to televise the football game for this Thanksgiving, and I know that when we passed legislation on what could be sent over the airways on our own TV 16 station – the question I have for Attorney Connell is as far as this year's Turkey Bowl given that it is a city event, what if anything would this Board of Aldermen have to do to provide access for the local viewers to view the Turkey Bowl on TV 16, and is there any particular motion that we could possibly make tonight that would provide us that opportunity to present that to the public?

David Connell

Under the new Franchise Agreement the restrictions that existed under the previous franchise agreement about the use of TV 16 have been removed, therefore, it just remains for someone to formulate the policy about what will be put on TV 16.

Alderman Tollner

If someone was to make a motion tonight ... granted we don't have much notice here – it is Tuesday night and the game is on Thursday – if someone was to make a motion tonight to provide access really to provide access to the football game to be on TV 16, and that motion was made in some way shape or form by this Board tonight, would we be able to provide that access and viewing for the viewership?

President McCarthy

It is unlikely that the connection that would be necessary to broadcast from the stadium will materialize by Thursday.

Alderman Lozeau

I was just going to say that I don't believe we are equipped to broadcast live never mind running around the field with a couple of cameras, but I would like to take this a little bit further, and – this has been discussed before and it was also supported by Ordinance last year, the Turkey Bowl is a description of the game between Nashua High School and Bishop Guertin High School, and I would appreciate the term Turkey Bowl not be used to describe the Thanksgiving Day game between Nashua High School South and Nashua High School North. Thank you.

Alderman Deane

We know where he went to school. I understand that the components down there won't support a camera, but if we manage to get somebody to film the North vs. South game at Stellos' on Thanksgiving Day, I think that is what Alderman Tollner is implying, we would be able to play it on TV 16 is that correct Attorney Connell?

David Connell

Yeah there is no legal restriction.

President McCarthy

I believe the conclusion is there is nothing this Board needs to do. Someone from the administration needs to arrange for a cameraman to be there to film the game, and then subsequently to get the tapes to a place where they can be broadcast.

Alderman Deane

Cameraman – so if I made a motion to inform Alderman Tollner that he is now the cameraman for Thursday's game .... We can do it great. Thank you.

Alderman Tollner

If I could through the Chair to the Mayor... through your office Mr. Mayor would you see if we could get someone to videotape that game and in turn be able to play it on TV 16?

Mayor Streeter

I would be happy to inquire.

Alderman Tollner

Thank you.

President McCarthy

Is there any further discussion on that topic?

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – None

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Alderman Tollner

I would like to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travel.

About a week ago the Nashua Soup Kitchen held their annual Soup Kitchen & Shelter Dinner, which was very successful. On December 3<sup>rd</sup> over at Sky Meadow the Boys & Girls Club will hold their auction dinner, which is a great event that is very well received and attended. If anyone is interested in any tickets they can contact Denise King at the Boys & Girls Club. Thank you.

Alderman Vitale

I would like to wish everybody and their families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman Gage

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman Cardin

I would like to reiterate what Alderman Tollner said about the Nashua Soup Kitchen Dinner/Auction that was held last week. It was a very successful event. A lot of hard work goes into that. It is quite a fundraiser for that organization. Kudos to them.

Alderman Deane

I would like to wish everyone in the city a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travel.

Alderman Plamondon

Again Happy Thanksgiving everybody. I just want to say there will be no fireworks for this Thanksgiving.

Alderman Shaw

I would also like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman Lozeau

I would just like to ask the Board to join me in sending out condolences to the Rapsis family. He was a retired firefighter and was killed tragically in an accident last week on Amherst Street in Amherst. The family is a long-standing Nashua family. I went to school with Jim. He was a great guy. He was a great family guy, and will definitely be missed. He was only 51 years old. It was tragic.

Alderman Dion

I would like to wish all of my colleagues and their families a Happy Thanksgiving. The citizens of Nashua and their families I wish them a great, great Thanksgiving.

Alderman Rootovich

I also want to give my condolences to the Rapsis family. I went to the wake on Sunday and there was probably an hour and a half wait in line to get in to the funeral home. That shows the outpour of love and dedication that this individual had. I also went to school with his wife, and know her very well. My wishes go out to the family.

I would hope in the spirit of cooperation the Mayor would crack that window every now and then during the Board meeting. If he refuses to do so I am sure I can get more than enough colleagues to have a resolution to condone you for closing that window from time to time Mr. Mayor.

On an exciting note I want to wish the constituents out there a very festive and happy holiday.

#### Alderman Johnson

First of all I would like to say Happy Anniversary to my husband. We are married 24 years today and I get to be around the table with 15 Aldermen rather than spending time with my husband. That is dedication I guess. Also I would like to wish my colleagues and the citizens of Nashua a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travel to wherever their destination is.

On a sad note, Teradyne has laid off 100 people. I think it is sad that this always happens around the holidays. I hope that they will be able to find employment so they won't have a tough holiday. Thank you.

#### Alderman Bolton

On the issue of videotaping football games at Stellos' Stadium, my involvement with youth football causes me to be aware that dozens and dozens of games have been videotaped with a single camera atop the press box, and my observing many of those videotapes leaves me to the conclusion that an adequate job can be done, and it is possible to follow the event and to see what transpires. It does not require a lot more elaborate equipment than I know we already possess. I will look forward to seeing if that can take place. Meanwhile add my wishes for a safe and Happy Thanksgiving holiday to all of you and all of our fellow citizens. Thank you.

#### Alderman Gage

Just one other point regarding Bishop Guertin – someone mentioned that earlier. They did win the title this year, and I want to congratulate them. The second year in a row.

#### Alderman Lozeau

We have a Resolution. I didn't want to spoil it.

Alderman Tollner

I wanted to wish Rob Prunier well. He has had an incredible two, three, four weeks of a tough time. He was in the hospital in Boston for a little over a week. He was at the local hospital here for almost a week. He came home a couple of days ago, and I know he will have a long recovery. I wish him a lot of luck. He had a lot of really good friends out there that really helped him out. One of them was Joe LaPlante who took a whole bunch of guys over to his house while he was in the hospital and totally cleaned his yard, stacked his wood so when he came home some of the things that he probably had on his mind, Joe and his friends really took care of it. I want to wish Rob and his family a great Thanksgiving now that he is home.

I did promise a constituent and I forgot during my closing remarks that I would mention the Nutcracker. If I didn't mention it I know she would call me before I even got home tonight. It is on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and there are two showings; one at 2:00 p.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. at the Keefe Auditorium at Elm Street Junior High. If anyone is interested in tickets they can call 889-8406. They promise everybody a great show.

President McCarthy

I would like to extend Birthday wishes to Dawn MacMillan in our office coming on December 11<sup>th</sup> and to Alderman Bolton on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Caucus of the incoming Board of Aldermen will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> in the Chamber at 7:00 p.m. Orientation for the new members of the Board will be December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. also here in the Chamber. I would like to also wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and remind the public that if you are not at one of the top three things to do in the Boston area this weekend to go to number 4 and visit the Holiday Stroll in Nashua.

Committee announcements – None

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Attest: Paul R. Bergeron, City Clerk