

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

JUNE 23, 2005

A meeting of the Budget Review Committee was held Thursday, June 23, 2005, at 7:02 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Alderman-at-Large Steven A. Bolton, Chair, presided.

Members of Committee present: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane, Vice-Chair
Alderman David D. Lozeau
Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson
Alderman Lori Cardin

Members not in Attendance: Alderman David MacLaughlin
Alderman Rob Shaw

Also in attendance: Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy
Alderman Kathryn D. Vitale
Alderman Richard LaRose
Alderman Robert A. Dion
Carol Anderson, Chief Financial Officer/Comptroller
Maureen Lemieux, Div. Dir., Administrative Services, Div.
David Fredette, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Christine Hagan, Director, Human Resources, School Dept.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-05-231

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Alderman Lori Cardin
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon
Alderman Kevin E. Gage
Alderman Rob Shaw
Alderman David Lozeau
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman David MacLaughlin

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF THE SUM OF UP TO

\$32,000 RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #331-6222 "GANG INTERDICTION PATROL – ODP"

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE OF R-05-231
MOTION CARRIED**

R-05-234

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Alderman David Lozeau

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

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOZEAU TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE
MOTION CARRIED**

R-05-236

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$52,010 FROM EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
ACCOUNT #996-5330 "CITY RETIREMENT" INTO ACCOUNT #531-11900 "POLICE –
FULL-TIME PAYROLL"**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOZEAU TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE
MOTION CARRIED**

R-05-237

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Alderman-at-Large Steven A. Bolton

**APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE NASHUA BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE NASHUA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL
PRINCIPALS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2005**

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARDIN TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Johnson

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In the CBA that is before us now, everything stays the same except they dropped it down to one year?

Chairman Bolton

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That's my general understanding.

Christine Hagan, School Human Resource Director.

I have a document that shows the different TA's. What you have in front of you is a historical review of the principal's tentative agreements that have come before this Board. Basically, the very last row is the current proposal before you. It's a one-year contract. As you can see, there's no annuity. There's no sick day buy-back. On the wage scales what we have done is added

21.02 per step plus \$175 to the frozen steps. That does differ from the third TA. That's been lowered. There is no increase to the MA Plus 30 stipend. The cost projection on this, done by Doreen Beaulieu, the Compensation Manager here at city hall, is at 2.99 percent.

Alderman Deane

- What was the total fiscal impact of this?

Christine Hagan

- The costing analysis was the yearly base increase to the salary - \$80,879 for a 2.99 percent increase.

Alderman Deane

- This is retro back to?

Christine Hagan

- July 1, 2004.

Alderman Deane

- And it expires July 1, 2005?

Christine Hagan

- June 30, 2005.

Alderman Deane

- Do you have funds currently to pay this amount?

Christine Hagan

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Yes, we do. I verified that with Mark Conrad today.

Alderman Deane

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What line would that be coming out of?

Christine Hagan

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I'm sorry, that I don't know. I can certainly get you that information.

Alderman Deane

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Is there a continuing negotiation line?

Christine Hagan

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I would assume it is in that. He may have escrowed it already. He may be holding it in escrow or it may still be in the contingency-negotiations.

Alderman Dion

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This contract does not address the issue that we have been talking about, health insurance, one bit. Also the fact that the non-merit increases have been frozen. I think it is unfair to grant this contract seeing that those stipulations have been put in by the mayor's office. With the health insurance and a 2.9 increase, this is certainly not within our realm.

Alderman Vitale

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Did the non-merit employees get a raise for this time period?

Chairman Bolton

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Yes.

Alderman Vitale

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For the health care, if it was addressed, could you go back and change it for a time period that has already passed?

Chairman Bolton

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No.

Alderman Deane

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I understand where Alderman Dion is coming from. This is a past contract and the health insurance benefits have been paid as Alderman Vitale has asked. This is basically retroactive payback to July 1st and it will expire June 30th – in seven days.

MOTION FAILED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO HOLD IN COMMITTEE R-05-237

ON THE QUESTION

- **Chairman Bolton**

- I want to point out that by law we have a deadline by when we must act on this. We will have meetings that will allow us to meet that deadline, but we just can't keep it held in committee indefinitely.

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS

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Financial Services (512)
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- **Presentation by Department Representative**

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WRAP-UP SESSION

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Alderman Deane

I have a number of items in the 508 insurance policy cost account. As you know things are closing out. These numbers are basically adjustments to the account.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 508-83011 BY \$243,717

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Johnson

May I ask Mrs. Lemieux a question through the Chair?

Chairman Bolton

Please.

Alderman Johnson

Is this the savings from people moving over to HMOs?

Maureen Lemieux

Yes. If I may we have calculated the impact of all of the migration that we have had in the open enrollment that just ended.

Alderman Johnson

These numbers are correct? There are no problems with these numbers?

Maureen Lemieux

These numbers are only an estimate. Because we are self-insured we never know. These numbers are based on actuarial reports that show how much the employees would contribute versus what the anticipated expenses would be to the city. If we have three people who are on our JW plan who end up with catastrophic illnesses these numbers will absolutely not be correct, but we don't know that ahead of time. This is the best estimate that we have at this point in time.

Alderman Johnson

How many people are on the JW plan?

Maureen Lemieux

I believe we had 45 people move. I think we had 65 or 67 people in FY '05 who were on JW. I think we had over 40 move. Now all of those people except I believe 1 moved to a POS. We did not anticipate that anyone who was on an indemnity plan would move to an HMO and I believe there was only 1 of that over 40 that ...

Alderman Johnson

So you figure you have about 20 some odd left on the JW plan?

Maureen Lemieux

Yes I believe so – most of whom are in the School Department. The ones on the city side I believe it is less than 5.

Alderman Johnson

So if nothing happens we will be okay. If there is a catastrophic problem that could throw us off again in this account?

Maureen Lemieux

Yes and that is true for every one of the health accounts. Depending on ... **tape flipped** ... in this particular account if there were any large illnesses it would be more visible whereas in the multi-million dollar accounts, in the HMOs, you could have a few people who have catastrophic illnesses, but if the rest of your group doesn't really have that many doctor appointments that could all balance itself out. In such a small group you would see any large variations.

Alderman Johnson

If you needed the money that was left over in this account you could move it over to another line item or would we need to write legislation to do that – could that just be automatically moved over if they needed it to offset a catastrophic problem?

Chairman Bolton

If there is money available it can be moved. If the catastrophic problem is so catastrophic that it causes the account to fully – causes the total of this department to run short well then similar to what we have had to face in '05 we would put money in.

Alderman LaRose

When we talk catastrophic the city is liable for up to \$200,000 and then there is an insurance that we take that takes care of the rest so if you have somebody that has a doctor's bill that is close to a million dollars the self insurance isn't paying that million dollars.

Maureen Lemieux

Right.

Alderman LaRose

Thank you.

Alderman Lozeau

Does the self-insurance pay up to the \$200,000 then catastrophic takes it?

Maureen Lemieux

Yes.

Chairman Bolton

Is there anything further on the motion? The motion is in department 508 line 83011 to reduce that by \$243,717.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 508-83013 BY \$1,562,362

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Johnson

Where are we getting this million dollars from to add?

Chairman Bolton

Ultimately expenses come from all of the places where we raise revenue. The last one is the property tax if all else fails, but if I understand correctly we are moving money around so by the time we are done we are still back at the same level we anticipated the last time we addressed this some weeks ago. Is that correct?

Maureen Lemieux

Yes, and if I may though the Budget Committee has not addressed any of the health since the budget was introduced back in February. This is really the actual part of making the motions to address everything that we have been talking about for the last few months.

Chairman Bolton

Is there any further discussion as to the motion?

Alderman Lozeau

These numbers that Alderman Deane is bringing up today basically came out of your office?

Maureen Lemieux

Yes.

Chairman Bolton

Is there any further discussion? The motion is in Department 508, line 83013 increase that line by \$1,562,362.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 508-873017 BY \$486,077

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 508-83019 BY \$1,103,990

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 508-83010 BY \$598,000

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 508-83012 BY \$2,030,218

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 508-83016 BY \$45,533

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 508-83018 BY \$615,088

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 508-83076 BY \$130,000

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 508-83073 BY \$106,000
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 508-83074 BY \$63,500
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 508-83050 BY \$80,500
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 508-83077 BY \$45,500
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 508-83200 BY \$500,000
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 508-83201 BY \$100,000
MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 508-83202 BY \$750,000

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Lozeau

For the record I would like to .. this is just the way it is. We are not really doing things we are just doing things because we have to do them right? Thank you.

Alderman Deane

It is reality.

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 508-83203 BY \$650,000
MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 508-83025 BY \$25,000

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Johnson

Through the Chair may I ask Mrs. Lemieux or Mrs. Anderson a question? How much is it

costing us for our consultants?

Maureen Lemieux

I believe this year we have spent just over \$100,000. I want to say about \$110,000.

Alderman Johnson

And how much are we anticipating for this year to come up with?

Maureen Lemieux

I think this brings it close to that number.

Alderman Johnson

For 2006?

Maureen Lemieux

Yes.

Alderman Johnson

Now we are spending all of this money on a consultant – are we going to be listening to the consultants this time around?

Maureen Lemieux

We have always listened to the consultants.

Alderman Johnson

Thank you.

Chairman Bolton

Is there any further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 508-83041 BY \$38,000
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 508-83051 BY \$30,000
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 508-83052 BY \$40,000
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 508-83075 BY \$10,000
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 508-83080 BY \$4,000
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 508-83102 BY \$22,000
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 508-83199 BY \$25,000
MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 508-83009 BY \$1,363,750

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Johnson

Thank you. May I ask a question through the Chair to Mrs. Lemieux and Mrs. Anderson?

Chairman Bolton

Please.

Alderman Johnson

Is this the amount that was moved out of the school district budget?

Maureen Lemieux

Yes. This is the amount. You have not made a motion yet as a committee to move it out of the school department, but that would certainly be our expectation.

Alderman Johnson

I thought we were having conversations about this through the e-mail and you told me that it would not be a good idea or would not matter at this point in time if we moved it over.

Maureen Lemieux

If I may no what I said is it does not matter to the tax rate at all. It probably is a good idea for the city to get this – what this used to be – this is the teacher dental that the city used to write a check to the union every year. That sum was I believe over a million dollars up until a year or so ago. In the last negotiation of the teachers' contract, the school department negotiated so that they actually pay the dental bills now. Because of that we have been talking back and forth with the school department about actually moving it into the insurance area of the city at this point in time. My expectation would be that Alderman Deane will be making a corresponding reduction to the 581 account.

Alderman Johnson

I remember my correspondence to you via the e-mail was if we remove that from their budget we would be reducing their budget over a million.

Maureen Lemieux

Yes, but you have to add that here.

Alderman Johnson

I understand that, but when I asked you should basically I wanted to know would that be good to move over so we can reduce their budget I really did not get an answer from you on moving it over. If so I would have done that a week ago to have that moved over to eliminate that amount in their budget.

Maureen Lemieux

If I may I know I responded to your e-mail, and said we were not only looking at this one there are a couple of other line items, which is I think I responded to you in the school department – I have not spoken with Mark Conrad in the last day or two – they do have a long term disability line item. It may make sense for us to move that one over also. They have another line item for dental I believe it is. I think that is for the administrators. We may want to move that one also. We are still working back and forth with them determining what we should be moving.

Alderman Johnson

If I remember correctly I think the e-mail just addressed this line item on the dental. I don't have a problem moving it over from that account because it all should be centralized under the umbrella of City Hall. We have Risk Management. It should all be together this way we know exactly how it is being funded and being paid, and we have a clear view of what is going on.

This motion I don't have a problem with moving it over, but I did ask you this about two weeks ago because I would have been more than happy to have moved it over at this point in time. Thank you.

Alderman Deane

I just wanted to comment. I will withdraw the motion if you want to make it.

Alderman Johnson

I don't want to make it I just .. excuse me Mr. Chairman.

Alderman Deane

I think part of the whole idea of the 508 account was to gather everything in and put it in one spot so it wasn't scattered. I believe you are part of the health insurance committee, and I think they are going to look at the entire 508 budget too and how the line items are reflected in different areas so that they are all put into one spot, which I think is a good idea.

Alderman Lozeau

Just to Mrs. Lemieux – is there any corresponding revenues generated from the school department's dental insurance?

Maureen Lemieux

Not that would be reflected here. They are and those all go into the 214 accounts that we talked about before. None of that will change. Nothing changes as far as the tax rate or the bottom line of the budget. Nothing changes with this, but at least it brings this under the umbrella of Risk Management.

Alderman Lozeau

And the 214 account being ...

Maureen Lemieux

Those are all of the employee payroll deductions.

Alderman Lozeau

Thank you.

Chairman Bolton

Is there any further discussion?

Alderman Cardin

Could you repeat that motion please?

Chairman Bolton

Department 508, line 83009 add \$1,363,750. Is there any further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 581-83009 BY \$1,363,750

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 512-99999 BY \$9,542

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman LaRose

I already have that down. Is that the second time we are doing that the same amount? Could I hear the motion again?

Chairman Bolton

The motion is passed, but the result was to reduce line item 512-99999 by \$9,542.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 511-99999 BY \$1,005

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 513-99999 BY \$6,248

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 516-99999 BY \$3,920

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 519-99999 BY \$55,000

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

For the data collectors positions.

Chairman Bolton

Is there any further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 522-99999 BY 9,791

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 544-99999 BY \$6,921

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

That is for that case technician that we have hired that have shown us some significant reductions in our welfare costs.

Chairman Bolton

Is there any further discussion as to that motion?

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 555-99999 BY \$32,600

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

This would be to fund the position that was moved Streets to Traffic, and then I am going to make a subsequent motion to remove the money from Streets.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 553-99999 BY \$32,600

MOTION CARRIED

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Alderman Deane

These are two items that were FY '05 transitional costs for furniture and moving expenses.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 581-99999 BY \$164,500

ON THE QUESTION

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Alderman Lozeau

Can I assume Alderman Deane that those numbers represent the amount of money needed to do the transition to the South High School?

Alderman Deane

Yes. We funded \$90,000 for furniture and \$74,500 for moving expenses.

Alderman Lozeau

Thank you.

Maureen Lemieux

If I could Mr. Chairman I know Alderman Deane is in the spirit of being fair to everybody in what his intent was. Just so that everybody is aware the School Department, the dental insurance for '05 had been \$1,269,172. The money that you just moved out of their account was \$1,363,750 so if the intent and whatever Alderman Deane's intent is I respect that, but if the intent is to take out the transitional costs then to add 2.5% to their base I think the more appropriate number in all fairness is really \$106,939.

Alderman Deane

That is correct. I am sorry

AMENDED MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 581-99999 BY \$106,939

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 592-85015 BY \$59,404

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 592-85010 BY \$17,877

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Johnson

Thank you. May I ask Mrs. Anderson a question through the Chair?

Chairman Bolton

Please.

Alderman Johnson

Are you comfortable with this?

Carol Anderson

Yes. I provided those numbers. We refunded some bonds in late March, and we had savings on those. We were anticipating to have the savings all go into '06 that is why I had that negative \$350,000, but we had to realize a substantial amount, \$265,000 in '05 and then in '06 the interest payments did drop down. It is those two amounts that it dropped down by.

Alderman Johnson

Thank you.

Chairman Bolton

Is there any further discussion? The motion is in Department 592, line 85010 reduce that by \$17,877.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 592-85090 BY \$350,000

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

Mrs. Anderson could you give an explanation of that addition?

Carol Anderson

It is a combination of the savings – we got the actual cash in '05 of \$265,000, and then the other two amounts that Alderman Deane just proposed, the \$59,000 and the \$17,000 that was all part of the same refunding. It is just the way it was structured out. Now what will happen with this \$350,000 that negative \$350,000 in the budget goes away and then we will be adding the net difference of \$265,000 as surplus revenue – the \$2.5 million that we are asking to put towards the tax rate it will be \$2,765,000 rather than escrow over and apply it here so that we state it correctly in bonded debt.

Chairman Bolton

Does everyone understand the motion?

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 593-999999 BY \$197,170
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 597-86605 BY \$84,000
MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 597-86608 BY \$137,691

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Lozeau

This is the same line in the Mayor's recommended budget cuts we reduced by \$297,204. Is there any reason for the change?

Carol Anderson

These are additional amounts. When that was proposed they should have all been included at that time.

Alderman Lozeau

So we have already done those – what the Mayor proposed...thank you.

Chairman Bolton

Is there any further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 600-653-11 BY \$145,000
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 600-699-07 BY \$300,000
MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 600-699-01 BY \$2,000,000

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

We have \$10 million in the budget book, but we have to send money back over to insurance. Is that part of that legislation?

Carol Anderson

The legislation that I think is 05-77 it establishes the new capital reserve fund for the school. There is no dollar amount connected with that because you are funding it through the 600 account. It would have been funded at \$10 million and now it will be funded at \$8 million.

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Deane

We talked about 801, Solid Waste, last time. We had Rich Reine back everything out and do his separation work. By the time the dust settled he would end up with a surplus if we did what we wanted to do, which was nice, but we also would be adding 2.8% to the tax rate, which is what we don't want to do. I am going to spend a little time – I have not get a hold of him, but I want to sit down with him, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Lemieux and go over everything because it was really complicated. I guess it is like anything else – if you took his basic operations and the commercial tipping fees he had, and you backed all of the costs of everything back out he was smiling from ear to ear with a huge surplus, and in the meantime we are funding the additional part of the program with tax dollars and increasing the tax rate by 2.8%. I really think it needs to be adjusted, but I don't think this is the year to be doing that. I think we are trying to work in the opposite direction. I want to sit down and really go over it to see how it works because there are so many different components in there and I still am a little – I still do have some questions in that area. I just wanted to update the committee on that.

The other thing was the Majestic Heights money that we have already acted on. We just have to ..I am going to make a motion – the resolution passed and the transfer would be .. I would have to add that to a revenue line in dept. 801 – that was that \$1,017,225 out of the back of Holman Stadium.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 801-428 BY \$1,017,225

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Deane

The next thing Mr. Chairman was the residential credits. That didn't come in under an ordinance did it?

Chairman Bolton

We haven't seen anything there yet. Is the Administration going to bring legislation to us?

Maureen Lemieux

If I may we're still having discussions with Legal with exactly how it should be worded. That is

why it has been so long in getting here.

Alderman Deane

We had been given a revenue estimate of about \$350,000 on that. We're waiting for the language from Legal to basically abolish the residential credits and hopefully garnering that \$350,000 as being tipped.

Chairman Bolton

Were we abolishing all of the residential credits – only in some cases.

Maureen Lemieux

Basically commercial apartment buildings of 30 units or more.

Chairman Bolton

Whatever the legislation comes in at, but my understanding was it was something less than all.

Alderman Deane

I don't think it is appropriate to really even act on this without a piece of legislation in front of us. That is going to be forthcoming? Okay.

Chairman Bolton

The fiscal year starts in 8 days. If the Mayor wants legislation passed by then I think he ought to get it in.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 492-994 BY \$65,000

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

This is the Stellos' Stadium money.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 492 BY \$265,000

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

This is FY '05 Excess Revenue-Savings Bond Refunding.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 481-630 BY \$4,438,116

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Deane

On another revenue, we have O-05-86 establishing additional motor vehicle registration fee of \$5 per vehicle and establishing a special municipal transportation fund for such fees under RSA 261.

David Fredette

That Ordinance – the city attorney is working up language if you remember a couple of weeks ago when it was discussed – several Alderman wanted to know if it could be restricted to one of the items that are listed in the State RSA and the attorney said yes, but after looking at it even further he thinks that it needs to be related to construction of roads or reconstruction of roads and not just plane paving. We need to speak with Scott Pollock and see how much of that is in this year's budget. Hopefully we will have some language for that ordinance to be amended, but then you would have to have another public hearing, which I think I mentioned that to the committee too. Hopefully we will have that next week.

Alderman Deane

I think some of the concerns that some of us had was the fact that there was – building bicycle bridges and things of that nature where if speaking for myself if this was going to be passed I would want the funds used on road improvements, which could be similar to the language that was in the paving trust account where I had asked Superintendent Pollock to give the whole base around everything that had to do with street paving so the funds could be used for those purposes. That is similar to what I think the language should state, but we will have to wait for the attorney to get back to us. Now this is two pieces so we have O-05-86 he is working on and we have the other piece that hasn't come in yet, which is the residential credits – if we could get an update on that from somebody Mrs. Anderson or Mrs. Lemieux or Treasurer Fredette or anyone that likes to go up to the third floor and get back to us and let us know what is going on with that.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 572-99999, BY \$2,000

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 576-99999, BY \$2,025

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Deane

- Department 574, Urban Programs, we have no control over that, but I would certainly hope that the aldermanic merit adjustments are.. how could we go about making those, Mr. Chairman? This is a little different because it's kind of out of our realm. I don't know what sort of authority we have in there. Can we ask that those monies be directed into the services and programs that are provided?

Chairman Bolton

- You're concern is that if other merit employees are not getting increases in salary then even those positions that are funded out of grants or other sources similarly do not receive any salary increases?

Alderman Deane

- Yes sir.

Chairman Bolton

- Any ideas, Mrs. Lemieux?

Maureen Lemieux

- I believe, and Mrs. Anderson can correct me if I'm wrong, but those people who are paid by grant are all paid through our payroll system. I know I did say one of the last times I was here that it would be my expectation that the Mayor would either grant everyone a merit increase and tell all of the divisions to find the money somewhere or grant no one a merit increase. Even though these were bottom line adjustments, it will either be all or none. I believe in him doing something like that that would preclude the people on the grants from getting a merit increase but I don't know that. That's something that maybe as a board you want to make clear, if there were no merit raises then the grant people wouldn't get them either. I'm not quite sure what kind of a motion you would make, but you could certainly make your intentions known.

Carol Anderson

- I would agree that those on grants would not receive the merit increase.

Alderman Deane

- I need a little direction. I know that you stated that the mayor is going to either up or down, but what guarantees us that one for all and all for one? We don't have the authority to do that,

though.

Maureen Lemieux

- Perhaps you could introduce a resolution that said that if no merit raises were granted this year, you would expect it to be for all merit employees. You would at least make the will of the Board known.

Chairman Bolton

- By merit raises, you mean raises to merit employees.

Maureen Lemieux

- Yes.

Alderman Johnson

- I was going to suggest maybe first send a memo to the mayor before you take drastic measures. Maybe he would be kind enough to understand that the budget committee feels strongly about this. If no merit employee was to receive an increase then the grant employees shouldn't be expected to get an increase – rather than writing the resolution. I don't know the will of the committee, but I think that's the first step before we get very aggressive.

Chairman Bolton

- The mayor tells me that when Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Lemieux are here, it's like him being here so you heard it.

Alderman Johnson

- Although, Mr. Chairman, they are women and not a man.

Chairman Bolton

- He tells me that if we tell it, he will find out about it and when we get answers back it's like he spoke the words himself. That's what he says.

Maureen Lemieux

- He and I did have that conversation after the lengthy conversation that we had that night at budget about worrying about departments giving merit raises. It would certainly be his intent either everyone gets them or nobody gets them.

Alderman McCarthy

- I'm not sure I actually consider it drastic for the board to define what it wants as a policy on merit raises by way of a resolution. I think it is probably something we ought to do if we intend to not give merit raises to make a statement of policy on the part of the board of aldermen.

Chairman Bolton

- You or any of us can introduce that legislation.

Alderman Deane

- Through you, Mr. Chairman, to Mrs. Anderson, where are we total wise?

Carol Anderson

- I am trying to calculate that now.

Alderman Deane

- How long is it going to take? Can we take a five-minute recess?

Chairman Bolton

- Sounds good. Chairman Bolton called for a five-minute recess.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 507-99999, BY \$25,000
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE R-05-184
MOTION CARRIED**

R-05-184

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

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

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO AMEND R-05-184 TO REFLECT THE CHANGES
MADE BY THE BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE, WHICH WOULD REFLECT, OTHER THAN
THE \$450,000 FOR REVENUE FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND THE \$350,000 FOR THE
RESIDENTIAL CREDITS, LEVEL FUNDING AT FY '05 AMOUNTS WITHIN ALL
DEPARTMENTS EXCEPT THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, WHICH WOULD REFLECT AN
INCREASE OF 2.5% OVER THE FY '05 AMOUNT**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

We really need a dollar figure. How long is it going to take to get that?

Maureen Lemieux

I think it may take a while.

Alderman Deane

A long while?

Maureen Lemieux

Mrs. Anderson just ran downstairs to see if she could do it faster in her office than up here because what she was first tracking was all of the motions that you made and approved tonight, but then we have all of the prior ones.

Chairman Bolton

There will be other figures that change as well.

Maureen Lemieux

There will be many figures. If the motion was for us to create an amended version for you to reflect all of the changes that have been approved by the Budget Committee, if you think that motion is in order we could certainly for your packets tomorrow have the complete amended one in your packets.

Chairman Bolton

In accordance with what has been accomplished thus far?

Maureen Lemieux

Yes.

Chairman Bolton

Does that suit you Alderman Deane?

Alderman Deane

Absolutely.

Alderman Cardin

I had a question about the \$145,000 for the Allds Street Salmon Brook that we just cut. We were going to ask the Engineering Department to give us an update on whether that was the full scaled beautified version of that or if that was the down scaled down and dirty version of just getting the job done. We haven't heard back on that.

Maureen Lemieux

If I may I did have a conversation with Director Seymour the following day after we had that conversation that night and that was definitely a scaled back version, however, he did assure me that if that did not go forward that he would be putting – not that they look nice, but at least he would be putting the Jersey barriers there. They were only holding off waiting to see what the committee did. That was the scaled back version.

Alderman Cardin

Just for the record I think the Jersey barriers are a terrible idea. First of all you have a fence that is ready to crumble and fall into Salmon Brook and you have a sidewalk that is crumbling there. I don't know if you put the Jersey barriers against the sidewalk or against the fence, but it is going to create issues for pedestrians in that area. I think the Jersey barriers are a really bad idea – just for the record. Thank you.

Alderman Deane

The motion on the floor is to amend R-05-184 with an amended dollar figure to reflect all the changes made by the Budget Review Committee.

Chairman Bolton

I thought we were going to ... you want to make a motion that says that? My understanding was we were going to get that done so that you could have something where you could actually put the dollar figure in.

Alderman Deane

Then I would like to take a recess and give Mrs. Anderson a little time to work on this so that we can see what the dollar figure is.

Chairman Bolton

In order to have that resolution in its final form based upon everything that has been done in committee it is not just that one number that has to change. There are a lot of other numbers as well so .. I will stay here all night if that is what it takes, but if the intent is to get this to where it is done this evening that is likely to take some time as I understand it. Is that what everyone is contemplating?

Carol Anderson

I was almost there, but now I understood I was to stop so my adding machine still has a tape in it. I can go complete my tape. Is that what you would like me to do?

Chairman Bolton

I guess I am asking that. Alderman Deane what is it that ...

Alderman Deane

I would like to know where we currently stand, and I would also like to know how long it would take you to do it.

Carol Anderson

I am almost there, but I just want to check my number. I am by myself so I need to check my numbers one more time. I am not going to ...

Alderman Deane

I would like you to do that, but what are we looking at for a timeframe 20 minutes, half hour?

Carol Anderson

Ten to fifteen minutes.

Alderman Johnson

I would also like to know where we stand with the tax rate at this point in time.

Carol Anderson

Right.

Chairman Bolton called for a fifteen minute recess.

Chairman Bolton

The Budget Review Committee is back in session.

Alderman Lozeau

Before we go back into it, I would like to go back into Urban Affairs for one second. I figured out the merit increase in Urban Programs, and I would like to make a motion.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO REDUCE THE URBAN PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT BY \$10,950

ON THE QUESTION

Carol Anderson

I am not sure how we would do that because it is not part of the budget at all. That comes under like a special revenue fund so I am not sure how we would approach that as a budget cut. It certainly wouldn't pertain to any of the items that you have before you, any of the resolutions. If you would want to send some sort of maybe communication or you did a resolution saying that they will reduce part of that funding, but that is a difficult one because I am not sure how you would handle it.

Chairman Bolton

It is not really part of the budget it is part of the allocation of the grant money that comes in. Cutting it won't mean that we don't get the grant money. We would end up putting it somewhere else. It is a question of how to move it around. I think that desire is made known. I don't think that motion accomplishes what you would like it to accomplish. Some other actions might or it might not even be necessary if anyone trusts that the Mayor will do what he says he will do.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

AMENDED MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO AMEND R-05-184 IN THE BODY BY CHANGING THE DOLLAR AMOUNT LISTED UNDER PROPOSED GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION FROM "TWO HUNDRED TEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY (\$210,816,350)" TO "TWO HUNDRED TEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$210,188,497)" BY CHANGING THE DOLLAR AMOUNT LISTED UNDER "ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND REVENUES OF" FROM TWENTY NINE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY THREE (\$29,878,923)" TO THIRTY MILLION TWO HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY THREE DOLLARS (\$30,208,923)", BY CHANGING THE DOLLAR AMOUNT LISTED UNDER "ESTIMATED STATE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF" FROM "TWENTY EIGHT

MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$28,300,000)” TO TWENTY THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$23,861,884)”, BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT LISTED UNDER “PROPOSED ENTERPRISE FUNDS APPROPRIATION AMOUNT” FROM “EIGHTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY NINE (\$18,501,869)” TO “EIGHTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND SIXTY DOLLARS (\$18,434,060)”, BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT LISTED UNDER “ESTIMATED ENTERPRISE FUNDS REVENUES OF” FROM SIXTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY SIX (\$16,465,646)” TO “FIFTEEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$15,775,225)” BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT LISTED UNDER “UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NASHUA CHARTER SECTION 56-D, THE AMOUNT OF” FROM “TWENTY THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FORTY FOUR THOUSAND SEVENTEEN DOLLARS (\$23,244,017)” TO TWENTY THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY SIX DOLLARS (\$23,516,736)” BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT LISTED UNDER “PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON MUNICIPAL BONDS” FROM “NINETEEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS (\$19,613,503)” TO “NINETEEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY TWO DOLLARS (\$19,886,222)”, BY CHANGING THE TOTAL OF “PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON MUNICIPAL BONDS AND PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON ENTERPRISE MUNICIPAL DEBT” FROM “TWENTY THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FORTY FOUR THOUSAND SEVENTEEN DOLLARS (\$23,244,017)” TO “TWENTY THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY SIX DOLLARS (\$23,516,736)” BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT LISTED UNDER “SCHOOL – CAPITAL DEFERRED MAINTENANCE” FROM “SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000)” TO “FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000)”, BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT LISTED UNDER “PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERS – SIDEWALK PROGRAM FY06” FROM “THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000)” TO “ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$150,000)”, BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT LISTED UNDER “FIRE-CAPITAL DEFERRED MAINTENANCE” FROM “TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$225,000)” TO “ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000)”, BY DELETING THE AMOUNT LISTED UNDER “ST. DEPT. – ALLDS ST./SALMON BROOK RAIL SAFETY”, BY ADDING THE AMOUNT OF “THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000)” TO BE LISTED UNDER “699-07 WATER ACQUISITION”, AND BY CHANGING THE TOTAL AMOUNT LISTED FOR “CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS” FROM “SIX MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,520,000)” TO “SIX MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,200,000)”

ON THE QUESTION

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Alderman Cardin

I am not going to support the motion based on the Allds St. \$145,000 that was cut. Thank you.

Alderman Johnson

I would like to know what the tax rate is going to be at this point.

Maureen Lemieux

Thank you. Actually I believe at the moment, and I don't know if you had a chance to look at the tax rate – with everything that has been done up until this point we believe that it is at just about 6.9% right now. There are still \$800,000 worth of motions that we haven't addressed yet, the \$350,000 for the residential credit, the \$450,000 for the \$5 road improvement fund. If those were to pass – if we could get it straight with Legal to begin with and figure out how to do it and if you were to pass that that would bring it to 6.37%.

Alderman McCarthy

Can I have Alderman Deane repeat just the general fund appropriation numbers at the beginning?

Chairman Bolton

I can do that. The total general fund appropriation would be \$210,188,497.

Alderman McCarthy

I heard two numbers that both started with \$210 million and I thought those should have been more different based on the changes that we ...

Chairman Bolton

They are not that much different. They are about \$624,000 difference.

Alderman McCarthy

Why is that with the adjustments that we made?

Maureen Lemieux

Because the amount that needed to be added to insurance virtually offset everything else that you did.

Alderman Johnson

I am not going to support this. We are still at 6.9%, and I started calculating the numbers. It is

\$627,853 difference. Even with the insurance I have a list of rated average for another \$2.5 million reductions from other departments yet. I know if I make these motions I am pretty sure that none of them will pass, but you know we are still at 6.9%. Even at 6.3% that is not a reasonable tax rate to pass on to the citizens of Nashua. Again we haven't even heard what will be happening with the assessed value. I am being stopped by people in the hospital, people at K-Mart and they are saying they can't afford what is going on in this city. I am not going to be supporting this. I think there is still more .. I will be more than happy to start going down the list and try to take out more money. I think it is really a shocking thing that every department has reduced, but the school district got a 2.5% increase again. Every year the school department gets more, and it is usually the police and the fire. The police and the fire sat here and they are willing to reduce and the school district isn't willing to reduce. There are headmasters that can be taken out, there is middle management galore, they got another assistant superintendent so we are having two assistant superintendents again. They are hiring another Superintendent for probably \$125,000 if not probably more if they can get it. This can't go on like this in the city. People are busting at the seams. I am not going to support \$627,853 taken out. I tried to reduce the stipends because I don't believe stipends should be given out.

I am sitting here calculating what the Fire Chief is getting in stipends, and that is about \$11,000 over and above his salary. That is a lot of money. I am not going to support this. Thank you.

Alderman Deane

Thank you. I don't support a tax rate at this level either Alderman Johnson and I don't think anybody does, but we have been here since February and I urge you to start making your motions. I think it is time that the rest of our colleagues on the Board got their chance to look and bring forth their recommendations and what they think we should be doing. I think quite frankly we listened for a number of years about level funding – we have to level fund, we have to level fund, well other than the school district and dealing with the two high schools that we built and the teachers' contract that was approved – those are significant increases that have to be absorbed, I think we have been fair with the 2.5%. Others may not think that way. We basically level funded the rest of the city. People might not agree with it not being enough and we have spent a lot of time and as Mrs. Lemieux had stated we still have another possible \$800,000 to deal with on the two pieces of legislation that we are waiting for to be written. Quite frankly I would like our other colleagues on the Board – I would like to bring this up to the full Board level and let our other colleagues on the Board weight in on it although they had the availability to come here, and see what they might have for suggestions.

I think we have done a lot of work. We had a difficult issue with the insurance problem to deal with. We had to – there were motions made as Alderman Cardin is not happy about the Salmon Brook, but we have employees in place, we have costs that have escalated, and we have to deal with those costs. Some things we had to put back on the back burner. Yes I agree with you that area has to be addressed. There is no doubt in my mind. It is unfortunate that we can't do it or can't find another way to do it. That area has been like that for a long period of time, and yes it is a safety issue, and yes we should be dealing with it, but if we can put it off for another year

and deal with the issues that we have this year – hopefully we will not have this sort of a problem next year. I do realize we have an assessing updating that has to be dealt with.

There was money put in for data collectors. I don't like paying any more than anybody else, but having those two people in place and keeping that data nice and fresh that is just dealing with reality. It is what it is. Not having four years of assessing updating done and then having it in one shot a lot of people felt that affect. I am one of them. My tax bill went up over \$1,000. I am not alone. That is something else that had to be straightened out. I think moving this to the full Board and letting the full Board weigh in on it – perhaps they have some ideas. I really think that is what we should be doing. We have all put in a lot of time and effort. I think that it is time that we send it along and let the rest of our colleagues have a turn with it and see how well they do with it. I think we have done a good job with where we started, and you go back to day one when we were up over 12% or so and if you look at what we have taken out and what has been put around and what we had to address with the 508 account, and we are down to 6.9% and we still have \$800,000 to get it down to 6.37% I think we have done a good job on that. That is just my opinion.

When you look at we were up around 12 or 13% at one time and now we are down to half of that and we have addressed the healthcare insurance issue, which everybody is dealing with either in their own lives or it comes out of their paycheck, but I mean this is just reality. I would just like to move it along. I think it is time. Thank you.

Alderman Lozeau

I agree with pretty much everything Alderman Deane said. I think we owe it to the School Department – they are going to make some tough budget cuts – we owe it to them to get this forward, and hopefully in the first week in July. We owe it to every department head, we owe it to the two ladies sitting here that have been working so hard and diligently and thank you for – I think this is probably the worst and I am told by former Aldermen this is the worst they have ever seen it. I think we have to move forward. I can't speak strongly enough that I would support the intentions of Aldermen Deane's motions yet to be made I believe. Thank you.

Alderman Johnson

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I had a lengthy conversation with Alderman Tollner today on the phone trying to convince me to move this to the full Board. Any Alderman can sit around this horseshoe with us during this budget time and ask any one of us who are on this Budget Committee to make motions for them to reduce the budget. A lot of them have chosen not to be here. To say that let the full Board take a look at it now and let them make motions – they had every opportunity to be here at all of our meetings. As far as making reductions every time I try to make a reduction I got voted against in a lot of areas. I am not afraid to bring this to the full Board, but I don't think it is right to bring it to the full Board because I don't like the way the budget is sitting right now. It started off at 12 or 13% and we are down to 6.9%, but you know yeah we have done a lot of work, but that is still a hefty amount to give to the taxpayers because

an error was made in the insurance area and now are blaming them, and not everybody in the city has health insurance. Look at the people who don't have health insurance in the city that are paying for people who work for the city to have this health insurance. I don't brag about and I don't talk about, but I am one of these people in the city that doesn't have health insurance and I guess I resented the fact for four years I didn't have it and I paid for the workers here in the city to have the best and I have had nothing. How does it make people feel in the city who don't it? I am not one to talk about my personal life and I don't like to, but you know when you don't have it you don't run to the doctor because you can't afford it and you don't go to the hospital unless you God forbid need it because you don't have the money in your pocket to pay for it.

When we pay for everybody that has it it is a luxury now to have health insurance it is not a necessity. I didn't make this mess in this insurance area – the consultant told us what to do and we didn't do it. The Administration didn't do it, and now everybody in the city has to pick up and pay the difference and be hit with this big increase. It is a shame we couldn't stop spending in this city. I am not supporting sending it to the full Board. Thank you.

Chairman Bolton

The motion is to amend R-05-184 by substituting the numbers that Alderman Deane read earlier. Is there any further discussion?

MOTION FAILED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

HELD IN COMMITTEE

R-05-185

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

ESTABLISHING THE USE OF UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR TAX RATE

R-05-193

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

AMENDING COMPENSATION FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

R-05-211

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

DECLARING THAT NO APPROPRIATION OR TRANSFER WILL BE FUNDED FROM ACCOUNT 802-299 "SEWERAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM – RETAINED EARNINGS"

FOR TIPPING FEES AT THE FOUR HILLS LANDFILL RELATED TO THE SARGENTS AVENUE AREA SEWERAGE WORKS IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT

R-05-228

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large Steven A. Bolton

APPROVING AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE UPPER ENDS OF SALARY RANGES FOR NON-AFFILIATED PERSONNEL OF THE NASHUA SCHOOL DISTRICT

O-04-45

Endorser: Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

REQUIRING THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO CHARGE A

FEE TO NON-RESIDENTS FOR RESERVATION OF CITY-OWNED PARKS AND

SPORT FIELDS

O-05-76

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

RELATIVE TO DISCONTINUING THE SCHOOL BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

O-05-77

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

ESTABLISHING A NEW "SCHOOL BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND"

O-05-85

Endorser: Acting Mayor Brian S. McCarthy

ELIMINATING CONSERVATION COMMISSION COMPENSATION

O-05-86

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

Acting Mayor Brian S. McCarthy

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

DISCUSSION

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ADJOURNMENT

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MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO ADJOURN

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared closed at 10:00 p.m.

Alderman David Lozeau
Committee Clerk, Pro Tem