

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 3, 2005

A meeting of the Budget Review Committee was held Wednesday, November 3, 2005, at 7:01 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 Lori Cardin  
Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson  
Alderman Rob Shaw

Members not in Attendance: Alderman David MacLaughlin

Also in attendance: Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy  
David Fredette, Treasurer/Tax Collector

COMMUNICATIONS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-05-312**

Endorser: Alderman Lori Cardin  
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$13,699 FROM ACCOUNT 505-81116 “CIVIC & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – SALVATION ARMY” TO VARIOUS OTHER CIVIC & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARDIN TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Cardin

As you know the Review & Comment process meets every year, and we make recommendations for the

505 money to go to agencies based on applications they present. This past year the Salvation Army put a proposal to start up a full time daycare program. At that time the Greater Nashua Child Care Center was closing and they wanted to offer those services to low-income families. As it turned out they were not able to do that. What they did do instead was expand their after school program daycare and their summer program. The fact that they weren't going to be serving as many children, we asked them to put in a revised application and met with two of the Commissioners on the Review & Comment. That is why you see this Resolution before you tonight. We took a look at the amount of kids they initially planned to serve which was up to 36, and in their new proposal are only going to serve about 20 kids. We felt justified in not funding that full amount.

When we looked at what we could do with the money that we were going to transfer we looked at the agencies that were going to provide more services to some of the people that came to this area from Katrina relief. According to the Continuum of Care there were at least 29 families that came to the City of Nashua that were identified as coming from there. We took a look at what agencies we didn't fully fund that we would have given more money to had we not funded the Salvation Army at that level, and that is the Resolution you have before you to give the American Red Cross another \$4,699. Certainly they picked up some of that relief aide, Harbor Homes, and Nashua Soup Kitchen. I would ask the committee to please make that recommendation to the full Board.

Chairman Bolton

The motion is to recommend final passage. Is there any further discussion?

Alderman Lozeau

To Alderman Cardin, the original \$13,699 was recommended by Review & Comment or Continuum of Care

Alderman Cardin

The initial amount that was going to be funded was \$23,699 based on a full time daycare program. We felt that because of the fewer children they were going to be serving that giving them \$10,000 and re-allocating the \$13,699 to other programs was appropriate.

Alderman Lozeau

Was that recommended by Review & Comment or Continuum of Care?

Alderman Cardin

It was recommended by Review & Comment and then went before the Human Affairs Committee and ultimately before this Board.

Chairman Bolton

If I have it right when that initial plan didn't happen they presented a revised application and Review & Comment commissioners basically made this subsequent recommendation.

Alderman Cardin

Correct.

Chairman Bolton

Is there any further discussion? The motion is to recommend final passage of R-05-312.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-05-313**

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane  
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon  
Alderman Robert A. Dion

**RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION OF \$30,180 FROM ACCOUNT #499-975 “UNANTICIPATED REVENUE – PAVEMENT RESTORATION” INTO EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND ACCOUNT #953-5331 “STREET PAVING”**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-05-314**

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$40,441 FROM ACCOUNT #596-86580 “CONTINGENCY RETIREMENTS, CITY” INTO ACCOUNT #531-11900 “POLICE FULL-TIME PAYROLL”**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-05-318**

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter  
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner  
Alderman David D. Lozeau  
Alderman Lori Cardin  
Alderman Kevin E. Gage  
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon  
Alderman-at-Large David Rootovich

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$45,002 FROM ACCOUNT #597-86900 “CONTINGENCY, NEGOTIATION – DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY SERVICES” AND \$12,600 FROM ACCOUNT #591 “GENERAL CONTINGENCY” INTO ACCOUNT #541-11240 “PAYROLL, FULL-TIME – DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES”**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

I believe that we have to make some amendments. Treasurer Fredette is here in the absence of Mrs. Anderson this evening. She had sent a couple of e-mails out. If he could come up and give us the proposed amendments.

David Fredette

The only thing you need to change is where it says \$12,600 it should be \$11,102.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO AMEND BY CHANGING IN THE TITLE AND BODY THE AMOUNT OF TWELVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$12,600) TO ELEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND TWO DOLLARS (\$11,102)  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE AS AMENDED  
MOTION CARRIED**

**R-05-324**

Endorser: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$15,772 FROM VARIOUS RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS INTO ACCOUNT 553-11192 "STREETS, OPERATIONS COORDINATOR – FULL-TIME PAYROLL"**

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

**R-05-325**

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter

Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

**RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION OF \$240,986 FROM FY06 REVENUE ACCOUNT 453-791 "STREET DEPARTMENT – FEMA REIMBURSEMENT" (UNANTICIPATED REVENUE) INTO EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND ACCOUNT #953-5329 "DPW SNOW REMOVAL"**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Lozeau

I would just like to know if – it does say unanticipated revenue – was that revenue anticipated in our budget projections?

Chairman Bolton

I don't believe it was. This is something that we became aware we were going to get after that time.

Alderman Deane

Alderman Lozeau we put in applications to FEMA for certain storms and sometimes we get the funds back and sometimes we don't. We can apply for the FEMA reimbursement through the forces and the fuels and things that we utilize during the events. A few years back we set up the DPW snow removal account and when we get these reimbursements they go back into that account so if we have overages in that area we can go back into this account and draw off of that to help offset some of the costs of snow removal.

Alderman Lozeau

I was just wondering as to specifically if you know as to what season this reimbursement is coming back from. Was it '05?

Alderman Deane

It was '05.

Alderman Lozeau

Thank you.

Chairman Bolton

Is there any further discussion? The motion is for final passage of R-05-325.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-05-326**

Endorsers: Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

Alderman Richard LaRose

Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner

**ESTABLISHING AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR ACCEPTING \$2,500 FROM EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO BROAD STREET EAST OF THE F.E. EVERETT TURNPIKE**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-05-327**

Endorsers: Alderman Lori Cardin

Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner

Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

**RELATIVE TO EXPANDING SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT 332-6304 "REGIONAL HAZMAT FUND" FROM FUNDING SPECIFICALLY THE HAZMAT TEAM, TO INCLUDE FUNDING ALL SPECIAL OPERATIONS**

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

**R-05-329**

Endorsers: Alderman Richard LaRose  
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner  
Alderman-at-Large Steven A. Bolton  
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

**ESTABLISHING AN EXPENSE ACCOUNT IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

During the budget process there were some concerns brought up about how money was being spent on and how it was being recorded and who was recording it. I guess in the past what we have looked at has only happened in this administration has happened in different administrations as well so this resolution identifies what the funds can and can't be used for. It is not a lot of money and I think it is something that City Mayor should have afforded to them.

Alderman Johnson

I would like to amend this where it says Financial Services shall submit to the Board of Aldermen where it says six months I would like to see it every three months like a quarterly report so this way everybody gets to see how that money is being expended to date versus six months into the year.

Chairman Bolton

The motion is to amend by changing six months to three months. Is there any discussion on the motion to amend?

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO AMEND BY CHANGING THE PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS  
THREE (3) MONTHS  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE AS AMENDED  
MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

Alderman McCarthy

I would like the opportunity to address O-05-85, which is currently held in committee.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SHAW TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE O-05-85  
MOTION CARRIED**

**O-05-85**

Endorser: Acting Mayor Brian S. McCarthy

**ELIMINATING CONSERVATION COMMISSION COMPENSATION**

Alderman McCarthy

As I stated I think when we re-referred this from the full Board, this is basically the enabling legislation that makes the compensation for the Conservation Commission established in the same way as that for the Planning and Zoning Boards through the budget rather than through ordinance. I actually have to claim some culpability in the current situation because the ordinance – the Conservation Commission was not compensated until about three and a half years ago and at the end of '01 it looks like I had introduced legislation to establish the compensation, and rather than word it as the others are through the budget I did it to establish the actual compensation rate in the ordinance. The amended version, which I have to say I don't know which one is currently in front of the committee – you had at one point amended it (6-30).

Alderman Bolton

I guess we recommended that the full Board amend it.

Alderman McCarthy

Right.

Chairman Bolton

I am not sure what the full Board did before re-referring it to us.

Alderman McCarthy

I think they just re-referred it. I think you actually amended it and then recommended indefinite postponement, and rather than that it was re-referred to the committee. As I say this is – we had asked the Division Directors to manage their budgets – this was requested by one of the Division Directors as part of that. It undoes some language that was done just a few years back and in order to make that established by budget – it is my understanding that there was only one member of the Conservation Commission who is currently accepting the stipend in the first place.

Alderman Lozeau

Question to the maker – what is the compensation amount?

Alderman McCarthy

What is stated in the Ordinance is \$30 a meeting.

Alderman Lozeau

The Conservation Commission members have they voiced an opinion on this that you know of?

Alderman McCarthy

I had an e-mail exchange with the Chair of the Conservation Commission who said she would like to see it changed so that it is established in the same way as the Zoning and Planning Boards.

Alderman Lozeau

Thank you.

Alderman Deane

Currently the stipends for the Zoning and Planning Board are not being paid?

Alderman McCarthy

That is my understanding based on the budget that we passed.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

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

HELD IN COMMITTEE

Resolutions

**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**

**R-05-304**

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large Paula I. Johnson  
**RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 FROM ACCOUNT #412-180  
"AUTO PERMITS" INTO ACCOUNT #505-81035 "CABLE PUBLIC ACCESS"**

Ordinances

**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**

DISCUSSION

Alderman Johnson stated that she has been going round and round with the Mayor seeking information on soft waste collection. She wanted to see how it was offset by opening up on Saturdays and Sundays, which creates overtime. The information she received states projected for FY '06 for overtime costs for soft yard waste collection for November and early December is \$36,000, estimated overtime soft yard waste collection ending second week of November would be \$11,130, and estimated overtime costs for Saturday and Sunday residential drop off hours would be \$2,690. They said that the projected savings was \$22,180. Alderman Johnson continued that she was awaiting a

response to whether the overtime was being paid at time and a half or at double time and how it was being paid whether it was based on the pick up and go home hours or on a forty-hour actual work week. She stated she was glad to see the time period for pick up has been extended.

Alderman Johnson made mention of a flyer that was left for the Aldermen in their mailboxes regarding political issues. Chairman Bolton stated this meeting was not the appropriate place for comments regarding the upcoming election. Alderman Johnson continued to discuss items included in the flyer such as the budgetary issues as viewed by the Teacher's Union.

Alderman Lozeau stated that was informed by Commissioner James Hall the early stop of pick up was going to be changed. Alderman Lozeau phoned the Mayor's office and requested confirmation.

Chairman Bolton informed the committee he had received an e-mail from the Mayor the prior day stating they were going to do one more week and then evaluate the situation on a weekly basis.

Alderman Deane informed Alderman Johnson that the landfill has staggered workweeks so the Sunday question is a good one, but he believes that they probably utilize the staggered shift on Saturdays.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARDIN TO ADJOURN  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared closed at 7:25 p.m.

Alderman Robert Shaw  
Committee Clerk Pro Tem