

REPORT OF THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 16, 2003

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Thursday, October 16, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Chairman Lori Cardin presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Marc W. Plamondon, Vice Chair  
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner  
Alderman Stephen C. Lamos  
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

Members of the Committee absent:

Also in Attendance: Glenn Levesque, Nashua Police Department

COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-03-255**

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

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$18,000 FROM HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AS WELL AS CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AREA TOWNS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT 341-6406 “MEDIATION COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICES”**

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

ON THE QUESTION

Chair Cardin

I know that we have received money from Hillsborough County in the past. This is not a new grant. Is there anyone that has any questions? I know usually we have someone here from Community Services to talk about this.

Alderman Plamondon

Do you, Madam Chair, know anything about Mediation Community Education Services – what that means and what this money will go towards?

Chair Cardin

I am sure it is for the programming that has been ongoing over there. To answer anything detailed about it I don't have. We could hold it if you wish, but I think it is a good opportunity to get money from other towns and from the county to provide mediation services.

Alderman Liamos

I would agree with the Chair – any time we get money in a form other than taxes that is a good thing.

Chair Cardin

I know they do provide good services over there.

Alderman Plamondon

There are no matching dollars so.

Chair Cardin

I know it is ongoing, it is not something new. Especially when other towns can participate in providing services we always welcome that. In fact, encourage it.

Is there any other discussion?

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-03-256**

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

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,204 RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT 331-6291 "STATE DOMESTIC EQUIPMENT GRANT"**

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

ON THE QUESTION

Chair Cardin

Glenn Levesque is here from the Police Department – if you would like to give us a briefing on this.

Glenn Levesque

The acceptance of these funds will be used solely by the Nashua Police Department Bomb Unit to purchase additional equipment, which is not supported in the local funding. There are no local matching funds required for this grant, and it is basically under the State Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program passed through from the U.S. Department of Justice, Homeland Security.

Alderman Plamondon

If I might through you Madam Chair to Officer Levesque – Are any of these funds going towards a robot or are they lesser items like padding and equipment along those lines?

Glenn Levesque

Correct. They will be purchasing a couple of blast suits for when they approach the device, some cooling suits to go underneath because the design is extremely hot, search vests, protective helmets, and such. This money will not be used towards the robot. Hopefully I will be here within a month or two requesting acceptance of those funds.

Alderman Plamondon

That is great news. One other question – I think the public would like to know – it is my understanding that there are two bomb squads in the State of New Hampshire; one out of Concord with the State Police and the one that the Nashua Police Department operates. Is that true?

Glenn Levesque

That is correct.

Alderman Plamondon

Another kudos to the Nashua Police Department for being on the cutting edge. Thank you.

Chair Cardin

Is there any other discussion?

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-03-257**

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

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$8,000 FROM HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #332-6309 “NASHUA FIRE RESCUE’S RISK WATCH PROGRAM”**

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

ON THE QUESTION

Chair Cardin

I believe this is also an ongoing program. If there is no discussion ...

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-03-258**

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter  
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner  
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon  
Alderman Lori Cardin  
Alderman-at-Large Fred Britton  
Alderman Kevin E. Gage  
Alderman Scott A. Cote  
Alderman Robert A. Dion

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$12,000 FROM HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #332-6308 TO OPERATE A REGIONAL JUVENILE FIRE INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

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

ON THE QUESTION

Chair Cardin

I think this is a tremendous program. Any time we can educate our young people on fire safety – always a good thing. Is there any discussion?

**MOTION CARRIED**

DISCUSSION

Alderman Deane

I have a couple of things on CDBG – I spoke with Normal Bouthilette over at the Boys Club today about a request for some equipment inside the building, and I am going to be bringing that forward once he gets some pricing on that, and that will be probably in another week or so.

Chair Cardin

What kind of equipment?

Alderman Deane

Equipment for inside the building for around the pool – diving blocks and things of that nature – somewhere in the vicinity of \$10,000. I talked to Mr. Newman and I guess there is somewhere in the vicinity of \$80,000 in contingency and programs and projects seem to be going fairly well.

Alderman Cardin

It is still early, but that is good to hear. That is really good to hear.

Alderman Deane

I will be bringing that forward. Thank you.

Alderman Plamondon

I'm glad Alderman Deane got a hold of Norm Bouthilette at the Boys & Girls Club because I tried a good several times today. He must have been talking with you. I am also working with him on the Nashua Heritage Rail Trail – the Boys & Girls Club are adopting a section. There is legislation that already had its first reading, but more to my point is I have asked Paul Newman to see what he can do to come up with some signage; as we have these sections adopted and we are naming them in honor of people we need some kind of signage and something to promote that. There are some funds still remaining in that Heritage Rail Trail, but maybe next year – I don't know that I will be coming forward this year, but definitely next year for some more funds for some of the things that we are looking to do like a splash pad is one thing that has been discussed like we did in Ward 6 – it has been very successful, and some benches. Why we put the stone slab benches in there, which I was against from before we even took over the trail, I don't know why we did that, but I get a lot of complaints on them. They are always vandalized, tipped over – one of them one of the seniors told me last weekend they actually broke the granite. It just doesn't fit there. Maybe in Greeley Park, but not in the inner city. That is a pet project of mine so I will be coming forward with additional requests most likely next year.

Alderman Deane

Through you to Alderman Plamondon – Norm Bouthilette is well aware of the Rail Trail legislation, and they were talking about it at a meeting today. They are looking forward to

providing the youth to take care of that area and they are more than willing to cooperate and help out and do their part.

Chair Cardin

That is a tremendous match especially since it is right across from their club. That is terrific.

Alderman Plamondon

If I could have one more moment of time, this is kind of one of my dream projects; one is my three year battle to get the sidewalks on 12<sup>th</sup> Street, which is a collector road. What this does is my project has been I have 5 Boy Scout troops as you know adopted the section between 12<sup>th</sup> and Simon, now the Boys & Girls Club between Eaton Street Bridge and 12<sup>th</sup> Street so there are two very powerful youth organizations. Now the sidewalk connects Davidson Landing and Gatewood Manor so in this area we have Nashua Housing property and a lot of latchkey kids. This project gets leadership from the Boys & Girls Club, leadership from 5 Boy Scout Troops with leadership from our seniors co-mingling and interfacing with Memorial Field, which has all been rehabbed, the Nashua Heritage Rail Trail and putting in and rehabbing the entrance to Mine Falls at North 7<sup>th</sup> Street with a bridge crossing the canal. All of this working together to unify this neighborhood and provide some positive roll models to the kids in that are that are either low social economic or latchkey kids. I am real excited about this program, and I think the other part is Ledge Street will have CSO work done. After that I will be coming with some traffic calming measures before the Board. That whole area has been, in my mind, neglected for decades. I see this as a real good project and I am excited about it. It is finally coming to fruition.

Chair Cardin

Alderman Plamondon you have been very passionate about all that work over there, and I think the people over there are glad to have you as their representative. It is a great community effort and you have done a great job of spearheading that.

Is there any other discussion?

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO ADJOURN  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Alderman Stephen C. Lamos  
Committee Clerk