

REPORT OF THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AUGUST 18, 2004

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Chairman Lori Cardin presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Marc W. Plamondon, Vice Chair (7:02 p.m.)
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner
Alderman Kevin E. Gage

Members not in Attendance: Alderman David D. Lozeau

Also in Attendance: Glenn Levesque, Nashua Police Department

Alderman Tollner

Alderman Lozeau called prior to the meeting to say he wasn't going to be here.

Chairman Cardin

I expect Alderman Plamondon to join us in a minute. He had a 6:30 p.m. meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-04-107

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 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,175 OBTAINED FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND THE TRANSFER OF \$13,400 FROM ACCOUNT 597-86607 "CONTINGENCY – POLICE GRANTS", BOTH INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT 331-6203 "NH DRUG TASK FORCE 2004"

MOTION BY ALDERMAN GAGE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Cardin

Glenn Levesque from the Police Department is here. Would you like to join us?

Glenn Levesque

Good evening. What is before you this evening is a grant that we have received for a number of years now. What happens when we receive this money is that we lend an experienced narcotics officer to the New Hampshire Drug Task Force and in return the State provides us with funds to hire a police officer on an overtime basis to fill that slot for the office that is working with the New Hampshire Drug Task Force. There is the 25% cash match, which is the \$13,400, which has been budgeted into our contingency.

Chairman Cardin

Are there any questions or comments?

Alderman Plamondon

I just left a meeting with the Chief and the one thing that was brought up – somebody posed a question regarding this grant money – these grant monies will assist in overtime for the Drug Task Force for the City of Nashua is that correct?

Glenn Levesque

The officer assigned to Drug Task Force won't necessarily be working specifically in Nashua. The Nashua officer is joining a State force and can actually work anywhere in the State of New Hampshire where the need is greatest. The officer that we are allowed to hire really works specifically in Nashua.

Alderman Plamondon

The reason I bring it up is I just found out that in the first 12 days, the last 12 days, we have already expended \$50,000 in overtime at the police department from the recent criminal activity; bank robberies, kids getting hit, murder, and we are already at \$50,000, which is what I believe is half of what was allocated for the entire year. Any money that we can get to help with overtime – granted something like this would be specific for drug enforcement – is critical. There is just not enough money in the budget.

Chairman Cardin

I commend officer Levesque for his work on these grants. The money that he brings into the city and the fact that he always shows up for our meetings. We do appreciate that.

Alderman Plamondon

Keep up the good work. We need more of these. Thank you.

Alderman Gage

I might note that he is so dedicated right now that he is here on a vacation day.

Chairman Cardin

Does that mean that you have to go to Budget tomorrow too?

Glenn Levesque

No.

Chairman Cardin

Do you know that this was also assigned to the Budget Committee?

Glenn Levesque

I hadn't heard that.

Chairman Cardin

Being on the Budget Committee we can speak to this legislation now that you have given us some facts. Thanks. Are there any other questions?

MOTION CARRIED

R-04-109

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

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF A \$200,000
EPA BROWNFIELDS GRANT INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT 371-7016**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE CONTINGENT UPON
THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN RECEIVING A MEMO PRIOR TO THE NEXT BOARD OF
ALDERMEN MEETING EXPLAINING THE APPROPRIATION OF THE GRANT**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Tollner

I think we just want to make sure if there are matching funds that the city will be obligated to provide in acquiring this grant.

Chairman Cardin

We would be looking for the Community Development Division to provide us with some kind of a memo explaining the particulars on this.

Alderman Tollner

I guess the requirements or the conditions of the grant. As a matter of fact I would request that it be in our packets a week prior to the Board of Aldermen meeting so that our colleagues can have at least a week to review it, and if they have any questions they can contact the Division Director.

Chairman Cardin

For the audience this Resolution authorizes the City of Nashua and the Community Development Division to accept and appropriate a \$200,000 EPA Brownsfield Grant into Special Revenue Account 371-7016. The grant funds will be used to conduct clean up activities and provide proper offsite disposal of asbestos containing materials that are part of the redevelopment of the Senior Activity Center site.

Alderman Tollner

Just for the public's information we want this grant money. It is good to get it. We just want to make sure if there is a required match and that there is money in a revenue account for it in the budget.

Chairman Cardin

Are there any other questions?

MOTION CARRIED

R-04-110

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

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$615 RECEIVED FROM THE ROTARY CLUB, NASHUA WEST
INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT 341-6421**

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

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

HELD IN COMMITTEE - None

DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN GAGE TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner
Committee Clerk