

REPORT OF THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MAY 18, 2005

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at 7:07 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Vice Chairman Marc W. Plamondon presided.

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

Members not in Attendance: Alderman Lori Cardin, Chairman  
Alderman Kevin E. Gage  
Alderman David D. Lozeau

Also in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane  
Phillip Costa, Nashua Police Department  
Assistant Chief Michael Mansfield, Nashua Fire Rescue

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Alderman Tollner

I would like to thank Alderman Deane for coming down and covering for Alderman Gage. Alderman Lozeau is at a business event this evening, and Alderman Cardin is out of town.

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COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER THAT THE RULES BE SO FAR SUSPENDED AS TO GO OUT OF THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS R-05-**

**214 AND R-05-218  
MOTION CARRIED**

**R-05-214**

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

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$47,750 FROM THE  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY INTO SPECIAL REVENUE  
ACCOUNT #331-6218 "SRT COMPETITIVE HOMELAND 2004 GRANT"**

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

ON THE QUESTION

Vice-Chairman Plamondon

Could you Officer Costa introduce yourself and your title, and speak on this?

Phillip Costa

I am the current Grants Manager for the Services Bureau at the Nashua Police Department.

Vice-Chairman Plamondon

Do you wish to speak on this?

Phillip Costa

We put in a competitive grant through the Department of Homeland Security, and were awarded \$47,750, which will allow the Nashua Department Special Reaction Team to purchase additional equipment that is not supported by our local budget.

Vice-Chairman Plamondon

There is no match?

Phillip Costa

There is no match. This grant will be specifically used for the purchase of one Nadeau three shield and 12 night vision binoculars for the SWAT Team.

Vice-Chairman Plamondon

Are there any questions from the committee?

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-05-218**

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

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF THE SUM OF \$3,980.76  
FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #331-**

**6216 “NH CLIQUE SEATBELT GRANT 2005”**

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

ON THE QUESTION

Phillip Costa

The acceptance of this money will allow the Nashua Police Department to participate in the work overtime shifts on a particular area of the city to enforce the New Hampshire seatbelt laws as well as to educate the public regarding the seatbelt use. Officers from around the State are allowed to participate in the campaign on these pre-selected days. The State dictates on which days the campaign is going to be conducted. This year it is going to be May 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 5<sup>th</sup> and then again on August 28<sup>th</sup> through September 11<sup>th</sup>. This is New Hampshire Join the Clique Campaign. That will allow officers on pre-selected days to awarded through the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agencies, and again there are no local matching funds required.

Vice-Chairman Plamondon

Are there any questions from the committee?

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-05-207**

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 \$192,500 FROM THE  
OFFICE OF DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS, GRANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION INTO  
SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #332-6316 "ODP GRANT 2004"**

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

ON THE QUESTION

Vice-Chairman Plamondon

Could you explain a little bit about this ODP Grant?

Michael Mansfield

- Back last year Nashua Fire Rescue applied for a grant from the Department of Homeland Security and Office of Domestic Preparedness in an effort to upgrade all of our self-contained breathing apparatus within our organization to bring it into compliance and to meet 2002 Nashua Fire Protection Association Standards. From that application the Department of Homeland Security did grant us \$192,500, which is part of a 70/30 split grant.

- Vice-Chairman Plamondon

The first question I have is purchasing air compressors – is this going on one of our existing vehicles? This is for the self-contained breathing apparatus right?

Michael Mansfield

That is correct. In reference to the compressor itself that is going to be a compressor that will be placed in one of the fire stations.

Vice-Chairman Plamondon

It is stationary not a mobile unit?

Michael Mansfield

We are looking at both options. Where we already have several stationary units we are looking right now at the possibility of us buying one that will be a mobile unit and provide us not only with the air capability that we need – there are some special operations and fires and so forth, but also provide us with additional lighting on scene if necessary.

Vice-Chairman Plamondon

The 70/30 split could you explain the split and where the local matching dollars are coming from?

Michael Mansfield

The grant total is \$250,000 of which \$192,500 will come from the Department of Homeland Security. The additional \$82,500 would come from the normal operating budget of Nashua Fire Rescue, which we intend to split over two fiscal years, which we are allowed to do based upon the fact that the Federal government is on a different operating budget cycle than we are here in the City of Nashua. Half of that \$82,500 would come from FY '05 with the hopes of the other half coming out of the operating budget in FY '06.

Vice-Chairman Plamondon

So the monies have already been set aside?

Michael Mansfield

That is correct.

Vice-Chairman Plamondon

Are there any questions from the committee?

Alderman Deane

Thank you. So we are putting \$41,000 aside each year?

Michael Mansfield

That is correct.

Alderman Deane

In what account would we find that in?

Michael Mansfield

If you give me one second Alderman Deane I can give you that information. The money will be coming from 64190, which I believe is a fire apparatus equipment line item.

Alderman Deane

I take it when you did your budget the amounts in that budget are clearly identified as to what they are for?

Michael Mansfield

That is correct.

Alderman Deane

This would be purchased when after July 1<sup>st</sup>?

Michael Mansfield

Yes.

Alderman Deane

There is no money in '05 for this?

Michael Mansfield

Well we have current monies right now. What we would have to do is if approved by the Board of Aldermen we would have to go through the bidding process and so forth, which we already have begun with Purchasing and with Finance to make sure that we have the monies available in the '05.

Alderman Deane

But we are locking ourselves into this purchase for '06 as well the other \$41,250.

Michael Mansfield

That is correct.

Alderman Deane

Thank you.

Vice-Chairman Plamondon

Are there any other questions from the committee?

**MOTION CARRIED**

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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From: Paul Newman, Manager, Urban Programs Department  
Re: Plus Company and Area Agency HOME Allocations

DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner  
Committee Clerk