

REPORT OF THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at 7:05 p. m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Chairman Lori Cardin presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner
Alderman David D. Lozeau

Members not in Attendance: Alderman Marc W. Plamondon, Vice Chair
Alderman Kevin E. Gage

Also in Attendance: Alderman Robert Shaw

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COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

R-05-282

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 A MOOSE PLATE
CONSERVATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,911 FROM THE STATE OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES INTO SPECIAL REVENUE
ACCOUNT #313-6180**

MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Lozeau

I have always asked for a description of the account numbers when they come before us just so we know – I know it is no big deal, but I don't know why we can't get descriptions of those account numbers that things are going into.

MOTION CARRIED

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R-05-283

Endorser: Alderman Robert Shaw

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$15,000 FROM SSJ COMPANY INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #371-7008

MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Shaw

Basically this has to do with a region near some of the Maplewood Development. There was a study done of a vernal pool that was roughly 250 feet away from some lots that were going to be developed. There was a study done of this and trying to make sure there would be no impact on it. The EPA was actually part of the study. Through the course of that work it was determined that those lots could go ahead and be developed. At the same time the developer did agree, based on just this identification not understanding the sensitivity of these vernal pools, to go ahead and make a contribution to the city that would be specific regarding essentially education, mapping, any sort of things basically focused on vernal pools. I can give you a little more definition on vernal pools if you like. There was one in a message I had received from Angela Vincent in the Planning Department.

It is a contained basin depression lacking a permanent above ground outlet. In the northeast it fills with water with the rising water table the following winter or with the melt water and runoff of winter and spring snow and rain. Many vernal pools in the northeast are covered with ice in the winter months. They contain water for a few months in the spring and early summer. By late summer a vernal pool is generally but not always dry. Essentially they are used for things like salamander and other amphibian breeding. It is an ecological environmental type of item that does definitely fit into wetland.

MOTION CARRIED

R-05-286

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 \$10,000 RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #332-6308

MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Cardin

I did get a call today from Rick Wood in the Fire Marshall's Office. He regretted that he couldn't be with us this evening to speak on this. However, he is actually teaching a juvenile fire class this evening. He assured me there is no city match required for this grant, and asked that we please accept this grant.

Alderman Lozeau

Just for the record, the same comment regarding the description of the special revenue account.

Chairman Cardin

The motion before us is to recommend final passage of R-05-286. Is there any further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

R-05-300

Endorsers: Mayor Bernard A. Streeter
Board of Aldermen

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A HUD SPECIAL EDI GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$248,000 FOR THOREAU'S PARK, TO BE KNOWN AS ROTARY COMMON

MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

MOTION CARRIED

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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 LOZEAU TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner
Committee Clerk Pro Tem