

REPORT OF THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

JUNE 21, 2006

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 7:39 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Chairman Marc W. Plamondon presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Richard LaRose
Alderman Michael Tabacsko
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner, Vice Chair

Members not in Attendance: Alderman David MacLaughlin

COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-06-65

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

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF THE SUM OF \$55,479.07 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY, INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #331-6237 “JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL)”

MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

Officer Phil Costa, Nashua Police, Grant Manager

This is a grant that we were awarded \$55,479.07 for the justice assistance grant. We are going to use this money for overtime patrols for traffic enforcement, bicycle patrols, walking patrols, saturation patrols on the rail trail and also to take care of care seat inspections, some money for fire arms training unit, crime prevention materials, rape aggression defense classes, teen nights and citizens police academies.

Alderman Tabacsko

Where it says “multi-jurisdictional” does that mean this money is shared with other jurisdictions?

Officer Costa

The way this was awarded by the Justice Department was we had to form a Memorandum of Understanding and split a certain amount of money with Manchester and also the Hillsborough County. Our share was \$55,000 out of the total award. Last year, there was a little more money. We got \$235,000, but some of it went to Manchester, Milford, Hudson and again Hillsborough County. This time there’s three jurisdiction.

Chair Plamondon

Was it an even split or was it percentiles?

Officer Costa

Manchester got a little more. It was based on population and also on how many sworn officers we have. They have a bigger city and more crime. We used the same formula last year.

Alderman LaRose

It also says purchasing of equipment. Are you purchasing some equipment?

Officer Costa

Generally the fire arms training unit gets \$1,000. They buy whatever they deem necessary, whether it's target, etc. to keep the range open.

Alderman LaRose

You're spending \$42,000 on traffic patrol overtime and the list of litany that you gave us. There's still \$22,000 left, because you said you were spending \$1,000 for firearms training.

Officer Costa

Thirty-two thousand is going to go to directed patrols. The other programs are basically all overtime as well as the instructors for RAD, the car-seat inspections and installations. The only place where there would be purchase of equipment would be from the fire arms training unit and possibly from crime prevention for this for neighborhood crime watch: pamphlets, signs, things along that nature.

Alderman LaRose

The \$52,000 is overtime for traffic patrol, some of that other monies is for overtime in other activities?

Officer Costa

Yes. The car seats are generally done during overtime. They come in after their shift or on a Saturday. Crime prevention and the rape and aggression defense, they usually go to schools and colleges. That again is done after normal working hours. Teen nights are overtime for officers to run teen nights at the PAL Center. When we run the citizen police academy, those officers come in and give their briefings and instruction.

Alderman Tollner

Is there any match or commitment?

Officer Costa

No matching funds.

Alderman Tollner

When this grant funding is done, the city has no obligation to continue the programs?

Officer Costa

That is correct.

Alderman Tollner

This is for FY07?

Officer Costa

It's 06, but the grant has a four-year period. We don't have to finish spending this funds until 2010.

Alderman Tollner

In budget last night, Karen Smith was here and they asked to escrow some dollars to move forward any grant dollars. The money you have left over would have been included in what she talked about last night?

Officer Costa

It should have been. I'm not sure exactly what she was talking about regarding the grant funds moving forward. We spend our money prior to any kind of federal deadline. Manchester is now administering this grant. Last year, I did it for the 05 grant. Manchester is administering it this year.

MOTION CARRIED

R-06-73

Endorser: Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

AMENDING THE USE OF FY2006 CDBG FUNDS APPROVED FOR MARGUERITE'S PLACE AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$12,185 FY2006 CDBG CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO MARGUERITE'S PLACE

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAROSE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Chair Plamondon

The balance of contingency currently is \$92,437.45. Approval of R-06-73 for \$12,185 would bring contingency down to \$80,252.45.

Alderman LaRose

I was under the impression that when we did the Community Development Block Grant we took all the contingencies that were in prior years and combined it into the '07 budget. If we did that, did we take the contingency in the 06 budget and bring it forward? If we did that, how can we take contingency money out of the 06 because it wouldn't exist.

Sheila O'Riordan

For 07, we brought forward all prior year contingency, but we didn't touch 06.

MOTION CARRIED

R-06-75

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

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$65,000 OBTAINED FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE INTO
SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #331-6203 "OPERATION STREET SWEEPER"**

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAROSE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Officer Costa

There are no matching funds.

Alderman LaRose

Is this a one year grant?

Officer Costa

This one expires at the end of the federal fiscal year, which is September 30th. We have to use these funds by September 30, 2006.

Chair Plamondon

The resolution says to buy money.

Officer Costa

\$15,000 is going to be used for the narcotics division for buying money to buy drugs from drug dealers in this city. The other \$50,000 is going to be for overtime to fund expanded investigations. We only have four detectives and a supervisor working so there's a backlog and plenty of work for them to do. This is going to help supplement that.

Chair Plamondon

The other night we had legislation come through targeting amphetamines.

Officer Costa

They are going to be targeting crack cocaine, heroin and meth amphetamines with this, directly in conjunction with the US Attorney's Office for federal prosecution.

MOTION CARRIED

R-06-81

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner
Alderman Michael J. Tabacsko
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$600 FROM FY2006 CDBG CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO THE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL)

MOTION BY ALDERMAN TABACSKO TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Tabacsko

I've been over to center quite a bit. This is a facility where the usage has increased over the last year or so by a large factor. There's a lot of activity going on and a lot of good programs. This is a pretty good bang for our buck so I would encourage everybody to pass this.

Chair Plamondon

I have to concur. I remember when I first thought to purchase the building. It has really become a safe haven. A lot of kids in this area have no dreams. That's what touches my heart. That's why working with PAL and the center here and my personal dreams for the Historic Rail Trail and everything else going on in that area is to give these kids dreams and give them some goals and desires that they can advance in the City of Nashua.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

An unidentified speaker made comments from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN TOLLNER TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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