

# HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 18, 2009

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 6:35 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Chairman Lori Wilshire presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Richard LaRose, Vice Chair  
Alderman David MacLaughlin

Members not in Attendance: Alderman Richard P. Flynn  
Alderman Marc W. Plamondon

Also in Attendance: Mayor Donnalee Lozeau

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## Chairman Wilshire

I did hear from Alderman Plamondon that he had a work commitment that he could not get out of this evening so he won't be joining us.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

## NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

### **R-09-251**

Endorsers: Mayor Donnalee Lozeau  
Alderman Michael J. Tabacsko  
Alderman Jeffrey T. Cox  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$75,000 INTO SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT #341-6133 “COMMUNITY-BASED TOBACCO PREVENTION & CONTROL GRANT” FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

### **MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAROSE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

#### ON THE QUESTION

#### Mayor Lozeau

The State called our Public Health Department to tell them that they had some funding available through the CDC that wanted to target some specific activities surrounding tobacco prevention. We are one of ten coalitions in the state that currently are providing services around tobacco use and prevention primarily targeted at youth. They wanted to look at some of the more active communities so Nashua and Manchester were both asked to accept these funds and to provide certain activities.

I can share with you at least a snapshot of what some of those activities are. Best practices for a comprehensive tobacco control programs at the local level emphasizing smoking cessation, interventions among pregnant women, decreasing exposure to second and third hand smoke and decrease tobacco use among adults, collaborating with the New Hampshire Tobacco Program to educate administrators in local schools about youth tobacco, so it is expanding a little bit of what they had originally been working on, educate and empower people about health issues to eliminate exposure, develop local media initiatives about the impacts, and linking the local media campaign to the state's Try to Stop tobacco resource center. They will also assess readiness and work to

implement evidence based strategy for treating tobacco use and dependence in at least two pre-natal and obstetric departments of the healthcare system.

Those are priorities for the Center for Disease Control. This requires no matching funds from the city. It does require a hire so we will be looking at hiring a part-time person who, of course, will be told that this is grant funding and that the position will be tied directly to this grant and the funding remaining in place.

Chairman Wilshire

And that person will report to the Public Health Director?

Mayor Lozeau

Correct.

Chairman Wilshire

Are there any questions from the committee?

Alderman LaRose

Is the School Department going to have some kind of a role in this?

Mayor Lozeau

Yes. It will be the job of the coordinator to be working with the schools about programs that they can implement. The schools have already done some work with our current tobacco coalition. I think it is just an easy stretch. When you think that they have chosen Manchester and Nashua you might think it is because they are big communities, but it is actually because we have been very active and have been successful, which is why they chose us. They like the links that we have already established.

Chairman Wilshire

Is there further discussion?

**MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

GENERAL DISCUSSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAROSE TO ADJOURN  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Alderman David MacLaughlin  
Committee Clerk Pro Tem