

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 7:33 p.m. in the aldermanic chamber, and duly noticed in two places, including the City's website, in accordance with the requirements of RSA 91-A:2 II.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Dan Healey recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Dan Healey; Alderwoman Vengerflutta Smith led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. If you are participating via Zoom, please state your presence, reason for not attending the meeting in person, and whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-To-Know Law.

The roll call was taken with 12 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman Clemons (via Zoom), Alderman Klee (via Zoom), Alderman Chess, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg (via Zoom), Alderman Dowd, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Wilshire.

Alderman Sennott, Alderwoman Kelly, and Alderman Lopez were recorded absent.

Mayor James W. Donchess (via Zoom) and Corporation Counsel Steve Bolton were also in attendance.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

President Wilshire

Mayor did you wish to address the Board this evening?

Mayor Donchess

Yes, Madam President. Can you hear me?

President Wilshire

Yes.

Mayor Donchess

All right, well thank you. I just wanted to mention a few things. Well first of all, we've, of course, suffered yet what two more snow storms and we've had a record year. I mean Director Lisa Fauteux can tell you how many snow events we've had but it's over 20. We were seeking action on R-26-010 to supplement the plowing budget and the plowing reserve fund but you had to cancel last night's meeting because where the public hearing was scheduled because of that snow storm. So we'll have to wait on that one, so that one should be held along with R-26-012 where the, again, the hydropower resolution where, again, the public hearing had to be canceled last night.

A couple other things, Madam President. I had sponsored R-26-015 asking that the Board of Aldermen support the Town of Merrimack in their opposition to the ICE detention center. My niece lives in Minneapolis and has reported that, you know, the overwhelming presence of ICE there has just totally disrupted community life and the residents just have found it really upsetting. In any event, it was announced today that the detention center plans have been canceled by Homeland Security and therefore, I'm suggesting we hold this either at the full Board or send it to a committee and hold it there. Washington could always change its mind. They seem to change their mind quickly on a number of subjects but there's no need for action on that if in fact, it turns out that the detention center really does not go forward.

And finally Madam President, I wanted to mention R-26-005 which is the bond refinance resolution. I want to thank CFO Enwright for this because this is a plan to refinance some of the outstanding bonds which will save on interest expense. I think a couple hundred thousand dollars a year on interest expense on bonds that were issued some years ago and therefore, I think this one certainly makes sense. I hope the Board will endorse and pass that. So with that, I will conclude Madam President.

President Wilshire

Thank you Mayor.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

Alderman Johnson

Thank you. I also would like to say that we had a horrible snow storm yesterday but I want to thank our plow drivers, our mechanics, and DPW because I think they did an excellent job. We have to thank our drivers for being out there all night long and making sure that our main roads will open up for us. So I want to shout out a big thank you to Director Fauteux and her crew.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? Okay, seeing no one.

RECOGNITION PERIOD - NoneREADING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the minutes of the special and regular Board of Aldermen meetings of October 27, 2025, February 10, 2026, and February 17, 2026 be accepted, placed on file, and the readings suspended.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ONLY PROCEDURAL ACTIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS

From: Deb Chisholm, Sustainability Department Manager
Re: R-26-012 Relative to the Supplemental Appropriation of \$600,000 of Assigned Fund Balance into Fund #7064 "Hydropower Reserve Fund"

From: Tim Cummings, Director of Administrative Services
Bobbie Bagley, Director of Public Health & Community Services
Matthew Sullivan, Director of Community Development
Re: Communication Providing a status update Siting/Developing a Resource Center

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communications and placed them on file.

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO ITEMS EXPECTED TO BE ACTED UPON THIS EVENING - NoneCOMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING FINAL APPROVAL - NonePETITIONS - NoneNOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

The following appointments by the Mayor were read into the record:

Cultural Connections Committee

Julia Stryzhenko (new appointment) Term to expire: March 10, 2029
23 Meadowview Circle
Nashua, NH 03062

Nashua Center for the Arts Board of Trustees

Philip Scontsas (re-appointment) Term to expire: February 13, 2029
14 Ashland Street
Nashua, NH 03064

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the Appointments by the Mayor as read and referred them to the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Budget Review Committee 10/27/2025

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the October 27, 2025 Budget Review Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Finance Committee 10/15/2025, 11/05/2025

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the reports of the October 15, 2025 and November 5, 2025 Finance Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Joint Meeting - Committee on Infrastructure and Board of Public Works..... 11/20/2025

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the November 20, 2025 Joint Meeting - Committee on Infrastructure and Board of Public Works be accepted and placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-26-002

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Vengerflutta Smith
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME STIPEND TO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS RETIREMENT SYSTEM RETIREES AS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-26-002, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman O'Brien

For those of you that are retired and soon to look to retirement, one unfortunate thing happens in all retirement systems. Some of them do not have a built In COLA and a COLA is a cost of living increase. You're basically frozen in time.

But before I go deeper, I would like to recognize that we have our Chairman of the Public Works Retirement Committee, and we also have Dawn Enwright, you know, but we have Mr. Dave Fredette former Treasurer for the city with us. I am proud to say as your liaison to the Board of Public Works Retirement System, we have managed that program excellently. It is better than what I'm getting from the State of New Hampshire, which has mismanaged the NHRS but we'll leave it at that because that's my personal opinion.

But we have done well and we've done well to the point that we have some well invested money that we can give back. We talked to our fiduciaries and they said, yes, we could do it painless and not affecting the system. So I strongly recommend that you support this. This is a rarity. Since I've been liaison to the Board of Trustees for the Public Works pension system, we've only done it once before. This is the second time we've done it and as what we did before, we did it cautiously to make sure that we were totally financially covered because if you skim too much off the top, you don't have much for the future. But according to our financial experts, we're well within the safety margin to do this. I'm sure it will be appreciated by our retired employees who have with the current snowstorm as an example, who have in the past years of service given us so much. So I hope to have a positive vote from this Committee and approving this to our retirees who have done well in their employment with the city. Thank you, Madam President.

President Wilshire

Discussion? Seeing none.

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Klee, Alderman Chess, Alderwoman Smith,
Alderman Thibeault, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd,
Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Wilshire 12

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-26-002 is declared duly adopted.

R-26-005

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS TO REFUND ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE CITY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE INTEREST COST SAVINGS

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-26-005, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Dowd

As was mentioned by the Mayor, this is an effort that we can save money by refinancing some of these bonds that are at a higher rate. We've done this before in the previous Treasurers and it's been wildly successful in saving lots of money for the city so I firmly endorse it.

President Wilshire

Discussion? Seeing none, would the Clerk, please call the roll.

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Klee, Alderman Chess, Alderwoman Smith,
Alderman Thibeault, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd,
Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Wilshire 12

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-26-005 is declared duly adopted.

R-26-006

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderwoman Vengerflutta Smith
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Tim Sennott
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$20,000 FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITY "NHCF GRANT PARTNER PROGRAM"

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-26-006, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea:	Alderman Clemons, Alderman Klee, Alderman Chess, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Wilshire	12
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-26-006 is declared duly adopted.

****Resolutions R-26-010, R-26-012 were supposed to be discussed at the public hearing on Monday, February 23, 2026, but was cancelled due to inclement weather. The Special Board of Aldermen public hearing on the Resolutions have been rescheduled for Monday, March 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.****

R-26-010

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman Tim Sennott
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

INCREASING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE AMOUNT IN THE SNOW REMOVAL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 OF ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE INTO THE SNOW REMOVAL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

R-26-012

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$600,000 OF ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE INTO FUND #7064 "HYDROPOWER RESERVE FUND"

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

BUSINESS UNFINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-26-014

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Alderman Richard A. Dowd

Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**APPROVING A PROJECT PLAN AMENDMENT #1 TO THE "SCHOOL STREET TAX INCREMENT
FINANCE DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND FINANCING PLAN" FOR THE WEST PEARL
STREET STREETSCAPING PROJECT**

Given its first reading; Assigned to the PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF EDUCATION, and SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, in the Aldermanic Chamber at 7:00 p.m. by President Wilshire

R-26-015

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Stephen Chess
Aldermwoman Vengerflutta Smith
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

SUPPORTING THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK IN ITS OPPOSITION TO AN ICE DETENTION CENTER

Given its first reading,

President Wilshire

What's the Board's pleasure?

Alderman Dowd

I was just gonna go for a sponsor but.

President Wilshire

Okay. Well I'll ask for additional sponsors and then we'll decide what we're gonna do with it. Additional sponsors: Alderman Thibeault, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Morgan, myself, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Smith. What's the committee's pleasure? Should we send it to a committee or just keep it at the full Board.

Alderman O'Brien

Point of order Madam President?

President Wilshire

Alderman O'Brien.

Alderman O'Brien

Is this something we can split the question?

President Wilshire

Split the question?

Alderman O'Brien

Yeah, in other words, eliminate and keep separate supporting Town of Merrimack in this opposition of an ICE detention center but approve if I am reading such correctly, the New Hampshire Department of Homeless - well keeping the emergency management grant activity for the Smart Hazmat.

President Wilshire

There's an error on the outline.

Alderman O'Brien

Oh, there's an error on that.

President Wilshire

Yes.

Alderman O'Brien

Okay. So I'm reading the error. I'm sorry.

Dan Healey, City Clerk

I'll reread it. So the resolution first reading is R-26-015 Supporting the Town of Merrimack and its opposition to an ICE Detention Center and that's it,

Alderman Clemons

Madam President, can you add myself and Alderman Klee as sponsors to that?

President Wilshire

Yes, we can.

Alderman Gregg

And Alderman Greg as well.

President Wilshire

And Alderman Gregg. We will. Alderman Chess.

Alderman Dowd

To same time, I don't know if I need to make it a motion but I think we ought to hold it here at the full Board until we find out whether Washington is going to be held true to their...

Unidentified Speaker

Table.

President Wilshire

Let's make a motion to table.

Alderman Sullivan

I was gonna make a motion to table.

President Wilshire

Okay, motion is to table. Thank you. Would the Clerk call the roll please?

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SULLIVAN TO TABLE, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Klee, Alderman Chess, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Thibeault,
Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Sullivan,
Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Wilshire 11

Nay: Alderman Clemons 1

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-26-015 IS TABLED.

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-26-003

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan

**EXPANDING THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UNDER RSA 162-K AND
NRO 295-11, ESTABLISHED BY O-03-171 AND REPLACING THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND FINANCING PLAN ADOPTED BY O-18-006**

Given its first reading; Assigned to the PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF EDUCATION, and SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, in the Aldermanic Chamber at 7:00 p.m. by President Wilshire

Alderman Sullivan

Thank you. The previous resolution there was language there about accepting \$15,833 is that...?

President Wilshire

That's an error. It was an error.

Alderman Sullivan

Okay, so it doesn't exist.

President Wilshire

It doesn't exist. Thank you.

Alderman Sullivan

Thank you.

President Wilshire

You're welcome.

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Keating

Good evening. My name is Bob Keating from 5 Colburn Woods Drive. A member of Granite State Organizing Project.

Carvell Curry was 62 and he died on December 5th outside of South Station. It was extremely cold. He froze to death. Carvell was very well known. He was considered to be a sort of ambassador of goodwill in that area. He had been

homeless for 15 years. As a result of his death, there was a series of articles and memorial to him. One of the articles was said it should never happen again and the other article was entitled, "Disgraced", and it was because in 2015, there had been an agreement in the State of Massachusetts that South Station was going to be kept open and the agreement just didn't get followed.

I raised that because it brings into focus our own shelters, and our own warming station, and they can be as we see from this event, a matter of life and death, and certainly the winter we've had including the last two days just, you know, brings that to home. The warming station has also extended its hours, including during the recent storm. So that's all been very, very good but the warming station and the overflow space at the Soup Kitchen will close on by April 15th. Although the risk of dying from exposure will be dropped, the risk of dying from other causes being out in the community will not change. And come April 15th somewhere in the neighborhood of 50 to 75 people will not have a place to go. There was not going to be openings at that point but we can do something about that.

We can continue to fund the warming station continually. So that that will address the issue of our ordinance that was passed which will come into full effect when the warming station closes and people will not have a place to go. So should we do this for the health and well-being of our residents as I said, I think it keeps in with if we're going to have this ordinance and we do that we should have a place for the people to go. So I hope the Mayor and this body will act on this in quick order so that the folks that are in this condition will have a place to go for that. So thank you very much.

Bill Ferriero

My name is Bill Ferriero. My home is number 35 Indian Rock Road. So I had the opportunity the other night to listen to the Mayor's State of the City address and he said a bunch of stuff and near the end of his speech, he started talking about budgeting. One of the things that he said, specifically, was he says, "we need to do everything we can to realize savings right here in Nashua". That's what he said. And then a couple minutes later, he said something else. He said, "major savings cannot be realized without laying off employees and cutting services for Nashua residents". He says that a lot.

Well, I think he's wrong because this is the actuals report, actual revenue through the end of Fiscal 2025. This is page 3 of 27. So halfway down this page, right in the middle of the page, this is page 3. It's not buried in there. Page 3 there's a line item, there's a budget item 42200 - motor vehicle permit fees. So page 3. The plan was \$12,400,000. The actuals - actuals - \$16,654,138.70. That line item was under planned by more than \$4 million. If you go back to previous years, that line item is always under planned by several million dollars. That's tens of millions of dollars that are being under planned and therefore added to the property tax burden.

So when the when the Mayor says, "major savings cannot be realized", no, that's not true. There's major savings right there. How many police officers get laid off to fix that? None. How many services get cut if you fix that? None. The man needs to stop saying that stuff about no savings can be realized without laying people. This is page 3 of 27. How much confidence does this give you in the rest of it? What's on page - is there something else on page 7, on page 20, or page 14 so that a major savings that can be realized?

The other night at the public hearing, one of the more senior Aldermen said every penny counts. Every penny counts he said. This is like 400 million pennies that should be counted. The Mayor really needs to hire a budget manager. This stuff is - you should be able to find this.

Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager

30 seconds.

Bill Ferriero

Thank you.

Committee announcements:

Alderman O'Brien

I got one.

President Wilshire

Okay.

Alderman O'Brien

Tomorrow night, I think - to our Legislative Manager help me out. Six o'clock, we're having an Infrastructure meeting with our friends of the Police Commission for the project that we've got going on there. Then I don't know if we're going to lead immediately into but we've got the Committee of Infrastructure right afterwards. I don't know. I got to look at the schedule again and see if we have the asterisk.

Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager

Excuse me, may I make a correction. It's with Board of Public Works tomorrow night at six.

Alderman O'Brien

Oh, so it's the Board of Public Works.

Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager

Correct.

Alderman O'Brien

But we're going to lead into that. So tomorrow night's Infrastructure night. So starting at six o'clock, you're all welcomed. Thank you.

Alderman Dowd

Yeah, I just wanted to mention that due to the storm yesterday, we didn't have our public hearing and our Budget meeting and rescheduled some of that activity to March 9. We have several things to discuss and we needed time to get the seven days for public hearings again.

The one thing that's coming up is that request for more money being allowed in the Expendable Trust Fund for the BPW. They're running short of salt and sand, and they're making it stretch until we pass this new legislation, and allow them some more funds. The amounts, the limits that were on that account date back years, decades, probably, and the cost of salt has doubled in the last year. So they need more money in that account and when we have lean years be able to put that money into that account. In the past couple of years, we haven't been able to put any in there because of the limit. So now we're making up for it with the storms we've had. So I just would request to keep that in mind.

We've also stretched some things out into separate meetings. Like we were going to have a whole bunch of presentations. We don't want to have marathon meetings that go on 11 or 12 o'clock at night. So we're trying to load the meetings appropriately and have an extra meeting to make sure we cover it and cover it in a logical way.

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMENAlderwoman Smith

Just wanted to acknowledge everyone at Public Works and especially our tow truck drivers for the amazing job that they did. I know at one point I went to open my door and it just would not open. But the fact that they were able to get the streets and everything was so clear and to help us to be able to get about safely, I just want to acknowledge them.

I don't know how many of you have taken a tour of their facility. They are doing an outstanding job based on some of the limitations that they have. So I just fully want to acknowledge them.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you, Madam President. So just to comment on what was said in public comment. The person that does our budget is like two benches behind the man that spoke, so he could probably talk to her. We do hire somebody. That's what she does along with the Mayor and all the department heads, which I think do a really great job. I do trust the budget and, you know, maybe that one has been pretty stable - that line item for the last couple years. So maybe we up that a little bit so that it's closer to that number but I would never - because it's a variable amount, I would never go to the penny even though that - because that's not how you budget. Something that could be variable, you want to be careful

and look at the snow budget as it's gone the other way. That's also not exactly how budgeting works. There could be other line items that go the other way that could add up to that extra revenue.

So to the Mayor's point, it would take to get big time savings, you're going to have to cut staff and lay off people. If it's little savings, that's what we're looking for. We're looking for any savings we can get that doesn't get to that point, which I think might be in the budget and we might be able to do. We just have to look at it. I trust the budget. I trust that we're going to go through it the right way this year and try to get it down. We know that the Mayor has asked for 3%. Go around to the other towns. It isn't 3%. I'll tell you Mont Vernon was talking at the Nashua Regional Planning Commission and they were cutting it down from 13% to 10%. So we're not unique. People think we're unique because they live in this city but go outside the city, you're going to find that their budgets are going up way more than I think we're going to go up. I think we're going to be able to keep it as down as we can in this crazy time of inflation.

The other thing, too, I want to thank DPW. They do a fantastic job every time. I want to thank the people that stood out at either somewhere in Nashua or over at the ICE detention center. I was certainly not one of them. I couldn't get out on those days if I wanted to but they did a great job making pressure on the Governor and the federal government did not put a nice detention center, right? Basically, I mean that thing is literally on our border. So they did a great job doing that. I know the Governor at the end of the day takes credit for stopping it but she lied to us originally. So she couldn't try to have her cake and eat it too but I'm sorry but that's just not the case. It was the pressure that people put on her to change that. I don't like talking about those type of issues but I think it's important because it was right on our border and we don't need that so close to Nashua so thank you.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Madam President. I, too, would like to thank the members of the Board of Public Works for the excellent job that they have done this winter. It just seems to keep on coming. I think we see a little bit more snow in the forecast but they are to be commended, which leads into a little public safety announcement. I would just like to say when it snows such as it did, hydrants are covered. If you're able bodied, and I mean able bodied, help out the Fire Department because there's a couple hundred of them in the city and they have to go out and check on every single one. Unfortunately, sometimes Public Works to do the job that is required to get the streets as clean as possible, they come back and they may wing snow back into where the hydrants are. So if you're able bodied, please check your closest hydrant. It's for your safety too.

And the third thing and I've gotten kind of tongue in cheek and light candidness. I see we have scheduled Special Board of Aldermen meetings for March 17th. Okay, I will give up some cultural obligations that I have unfortunately. Maybe the corned beef and cabbage will be cold by the time I get to it but I'll be here. Thank you.

President Wilshire

That doesn't even sound good – cold corned beef and cabbage.

Alderman Dowd

Yeah I, too, would like to thank the Board of Public Works. This morning when I went out onto Tinker Road, it was right down to the bare pavement. I was amazed with the storm we had yesterday and as I went through all the way downtown, the streets were in great shape. I did notice that they were starting late today to get out and do some of the sidewalks but it's going to take time. It's the same drivers. They do have to sleep and they're required by law as to how much sleep they have to take between breaks. So just give them some time to do the sidewalks.

I also talked to the maintenance supervisor for the School Department and they are very thankful that they had school vacation this week and had the extra time so they could get all the schools plowed out or they probably wouldn't have had school today as well.

Alderman Johnson

I'll just say, I just wanted to let everybody know that now that they finished cleaning the streets, they're going to be going downtown to start cleaning up downtown the sidewalk. So these drivers from DPW don't get a break after these storms and we have to be grateful that we have great crew in Nashua. Thank you very much.

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Madam President. I also want to thank Public Works and I want to reiterate something that the Alderman-at-Large had mentioned about fire hydrants. We heard from Pennichuck that to, you know, to try to help clear those fire hydrants and also to check them by doing the shake as we mentioned a few times.

But I'd also like to mention that if it's possible if you have a drain near your home on your street by your driveway, on the corner if you can clean that, that will help because it will help with the runoff and so on and it won't freeze. So, you know, I've asked you know others to do this as well.

I also want to take the time to thank the wonderful people in Nashua who have helped out sometimes clearing sidewalks that aren't part of the city's normal cleaning of sidewalks who have gone out there and gone the extra mile to do maybe their whole street or in front of their house and their neighbor's house, who reached out and helped neighbors clean the driveway. I can tell you personally I had neighbors who came over and helped with my wide driveway and I know how grateful I was. I've seen them and others do it for others. So I think that's extremely important if your able body that especially in things like this, and we got more snow in the forecast, and 40 degrees over the weekend. I don't quite get that but I'm happy for that 40 degrees but clear those drains.

And the other thing is, I just like to comment about the ICE detention center and the tabled legislation. I agree with tabling it but I also want to agree with my colleague, my at-Large colleague who voted not to table it because the truth is, it also sends a message that Nashua is against it whether it's already been said no. We had this legislation drafted before that. So I do agree and I do understand someone saying that. I'm grateful that it is no longer on the table so to speak but it breaks my heart when I think of all of those human beings that were in a plane sitting on a Pease tarmac for almost 15 hours I think it was. They're human beings and whether you think they're immigrants and you want to name them, they're human beings and this is breaking my heart. So thank you for allowing me to speak Madam President.

President Wilshire

You're welcome.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN THIBEAULT THAT THE FEBRUARY 24, 2026 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea:	Alderman Clemons, Alderman Klee, Alderman Chess, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Wilshire	12
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Attest: Dan Healey, City Clerk