

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 7:30 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; Alderman Patricia Klee led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance.

The roll call was taken with 13 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Klee, Alderman Chess, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Sennott, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan (via Zoom), Alderman Lopez, Alderman Wilshire.

Alderman Sullivan and Alderwoman Kelly were recorded absent.

Mayor James W. Donchess and Corporation Counsel Steve Bolton were also in attendance.

#### REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Donchess

#### RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

Alderman Johnson

#### RECOGNITION PERIOD

- Honoring Lori Wilshire - longest serving Alderman

***President Wilshire recognize Alderman Derek Thibeault.***

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ONLY PROCEDURAL ACTIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS - None

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO ITEMS EXPECTED TO BE ACTED UPON THIS EVENING

Lauren Spira-Savett

#### COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING FINAL APPROVAL

From: Mayor Jim Donchess

Re: Multi-Year Contract Award - Postage Machine Lease

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE, AND APPROVE A FIVE-YEAR LEASE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY BOWES FOR A NEW POSTAGE METER AT THE NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,571.40. FUNDING WILL BE THROUGH DEPARTMENT: 179 LIBRARY; FUND: GENERAL FUND/55-OTHER SERVICES, 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 Sennott, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Wilshire

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Nay:

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**MOTION CARRIED**

From: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Re: Tax Increment Finance Development Program - Renaissance Park Art Mural

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN SMITH TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE, AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO J. GRAHAM STUDIOS, LLC, TO PAINT A 200 BY 20 FEET TALL MURAL ALONG WATER STREET IN RENAISSANCE PARK IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$105,000. FUNDING WILL BE THROUGH DEPARTMENT: 183 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; FUND: RIVERFRONT TIF FUND/70 PROJECT CONTINGENCY, 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 Wilshire 9

Nay: Alderman Sennott, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Lopez 4

**MOTION CARRIED**

PETITIONS - None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

**\*\*Request was made to postpone until the February 10, 2026 Board of Aldermen meeting\*\***

Joint Convention with Woodlawn/Pinewood Cemeteries Board of Trustees

Joint Convention with Library Board of Trustees

***There being no objection, President Lori Wilshire declared that the Board of Aldermen meet in joint convention with the Board of Library Trustees for the purpose of electing one Trustee and called for a nomination.***

*Trustee LaFlamme nominated Patricia A. Dresner for the remaining six years of a seven-year term to expire March 31, 2032.*

***There being no objection, President Wilshire closed the nominations.***

*A viva voce roll call was taken on the appointment of Patricia A. Dresner which result as follows:*

Yea: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Klee, Alderman Chess, Alderwoman Smith,  
Alderman Thibeault, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd,  
Alderman Sennott, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Lopez,  
Alderman Wilshire  
Mayor Donchess, Trustee Kane, Trustee Kennedy, Trustee Kunapareddy,  
Trustee LaFlamme, 18

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel for Trustee Patricia A. Dresner.

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

Arts Commission

Stephanie Moll (new appointment) Term to expire: March 10, 2029  
15 Ledgewood Hills Drive  
Nashua, NH 03062

Citizens Advisory Commission

Jason Telerski (re-appointment)  
5 Shakespeare Road  
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to expire: December 1, 2028

Oscar Villacis (re-appointment)  
76 Beauview Avenue  
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to expire: December 1, 2028

Conservation Commission

Richard Widhu (re-appointment)  
23 Syracuse Road  
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to expire: December 31, 2028

Ethics Review Committee

Adam Thompson (new appointment)  
30 Front Street, Apt. 715  
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to expire: February 10, 2029

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

***Without objection, President Wilshire suspended the rules to allow for an appointment that was received after the agenda was prepared.***

Board of Health

Stephanie Ballentine, MS, RN, APRN, FNP-BC Term to expire: December 31, 2027  
9 Bartlett Avenue  
Nashua, NH 03064

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Joint Meeting - Committee on Infrastructure and Board of Public Works..... 9/30/2025

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the September 30, 2025 Joint Meeting - Committee on Infrastructure and Board of Public Works be accepted and placed on file.

Planning and Economic Development Committee..... 9/29/2025

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the September 29, 2025 Planning and Economic Development Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Finance Committee..... 10/01/2025

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the October 1, 2025 Finance Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee ..... 10/06/2025

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the October 6, 2025 Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee be accepted and placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES – None

BUSINESS UNFINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-26-008**

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

**RENAMING THE “ARLINGTON STREET COMMUNITY CENTER” AS THE “GLORIA TIMMONS COMMUNITY CENTER”**

Given its first reading, assigned to the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee, by President Wilshire

**R-26-009**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman Derek Thibeault  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Tim Sennott  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$80,790 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, EXOTIC SPECIES PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF MATCHING FUNDS**

Given its first reading, assigned to the Human Affairs Committee, by President Wilshire

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Keating

Bill Ferriero

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Alderman Lopez

Alderman Johnson

Alderman Sennott

Alderman Morgan

Alderman Thibeault

Alderman Smith

Alderman Klee

Alderman Clemons

Committee announcements:

Alderman Dowd

Special Board of Aldermen public hearing and Special Budget Review Committee meetings that were cancelled Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, due to inclement weather have been rescheduled to Thursday, February 12, 2026 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Alderman O'Brien  
Alderman Klee  
President Wilshire

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS THAT THE JANUARY 27, 2026 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED, BY ROLL CALL**

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

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| Yea: | Alderman Clemons, Alderman Klee, Alderman Chess, Alderwoman Smith,<br>Alderman Thibeault, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd,<br>Alderman Sennott, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Wilshire | 12 |
| Nay: | Alderman Lopez                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1  |

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Attest: Dan Healey, City Clerk