

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, April 28, 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 Richard A. Dowd 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 (via Zoom), Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Smith, (arrived at 7:32) Alderman Thibeault, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Sennott, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Wilshire.

Alderwoman Kelly was recorded absent.

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

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN GO INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION BY ROLL CALL PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3 II (d) CONSIDERATION OF THE ACQUISITION, SALE, OR LEASE OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH, IF DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC, WOULD LIKELY BENEFIT A PARTY OR PARTIES WHOSE INTERESTS ARE ADVERSE TO THOSE OF THE GENERAL COMMUNITY

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN

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

Yea:	Alderman Clemons, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Sennott, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Wilshire	13
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board of Aldermen went into non-public session at 7:34 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen came out of non-public session at 9:07 p.m.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN KEEP THE MINUTES OF THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION CONFIDENTIAL BECAUSE THE DIVULGENCE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION LIKELY WOULD RENDER THE PROPOSED ACTION INEFFECTIVE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN DETERMINES THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY WOULD NO LONGER BE SERVED, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea:	Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Wilshire	8
Nay:	Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Sennott, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Lopez	4

MOTION CARRIED

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Donchess

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR - None

RECOGNITION PERIOD - None

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the minutes of the regular Board of Aldermen meetings of November 13, 2025 and March 24, 2026 be accepted, placed on file, and the readings suspended.

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

Matthew Gouthro

Bob Keating

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING FINAL APPROVAL - None

PETITIONS - None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

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

Arts Commission

Judith Carlson (re-appointment)
15 Manchester Street
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to expire: April 1, 2029

Planning Board

Joseph MacIntyre (new appointment as designee)
40 Roy Street
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to expire: May 12, 2029

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

Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan objected.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - None

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-26-018

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderdwoman 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
Alderdwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$377,874 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO TRANSIT GRANT ACTIVITY
“FEDERAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (“FTA”) OPERATING GRANT”**

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-26-018, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Thibeault,
Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Sullivan,
Alderman Sennott, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Lopez,
Alderman Wilshire 13

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-26-018 is declared duly adopted.

R-26-024

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
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
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$41,600 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY, HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INTO FIRE GRANT ACTIVITY
“HAZMAT PLANNING AND TRAINING FY2026 GRANT”**

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SENNOTT FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-26-024, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Thibeault,
Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Sullivan,
Alderman Sennott, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Lopez,
Alderman Wilshire 13

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-26-024 is declared duly adopted.

R-26-025

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
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
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$678,300 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND \$425,000 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE FISCAL YEAR 2026 INTO TRANSIT GRANT ACTIVITY "TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECTS"

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SENNOTT FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-26-025, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Thibeault,
Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Sullivan,
Alderman Sennott, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Lopez,
Alderman Wilshire 13

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-26-025 is declared duly adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

BUSINESS UNFINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

R-26-015

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Patricia Klee
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

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

- tabled at Board of Aldermen meeting on 2/24/26

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SULLIVAN TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE R-26-019 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 14 MULBERRY STREET, BY ROLL CALL

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

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

Nay: Alderman Klee 1

MOTION CARRIED

R-26-019

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

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 14 MULBERRY STREET

Given its third reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SULLIVAN FOR INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF R-26-019, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Sullivan,
Alderman Sennott, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan 7

Nay: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Klee, Aldерwoman Smith, Alderman Thibeault,
Alderman Lopez, Alderman Wilshire 6

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-26-019 is declared indefinitely postponed.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SENNOTT TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE R-26-020 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$900,000) TO FUND THE PURCHASE, DESIGN, PRE-RENOVATION WORK AND RENOVATIONS FOR A RESOURCE CENTER AT 14 MULBERRY STREET, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Sennott, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan 4

Nay: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Klee, Aldерwoman Smith, Alderman Thibeault,
Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Lopez,
Alderman Wilshire 9

MOTION FAILED**R-26-020**

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

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$900,000) TO FUND THE PURCHASE, DESIGN, PRE-RENOVATION WORK AND RENOVATIONS FOR A RESOURCE CENTER AT 14 MULBERRY STREET

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

****Alderman Sullivan requested that R-26-029 be removed from the agenda****

R-26-029

Endorser: John Sullivan

REGARDING THE NASHUA RESOURCE CENTER AT 14 MULBERRY STREET**R-26-030**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Patricia Klee
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 Amber Morgan
Alderman Thomas Lopez

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$381,394 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO VARIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITIES

Given its first reading, assigned to the HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, by President Wilshire

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES**O-26-008**

Endorsers: Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Vengerflutta Smith
Alderman John Sullivan
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

REMOVING CERTAIN TRAFFIC-CALMING MEASURES ON A PORTION OF MIDDLE DUNSTABLE ROAD

Given its first reading, assigned to the COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE, by President Wilshire

O-26-009

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

RELATIVE TO FLAGPOLES ON CITY HALL GROUNDS

Given its first reading, assigned to the COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE, by President Wilshire

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Keating

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Alderman Thibeault
Alderman O'Brien
Alderman Gregg
Alderman Sullivan
Alderman Sennott
Alderman Johnson
Alderman Morgan
Alderman Lopez

Committee announcements:

Alderman O'Brien

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE APRIL 28, 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, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gregg, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Sennott, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Wilshire	13
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Nay:		0
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MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Attest: Dan Healey, City Clerk