

CITY OF LACONIA - CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
Interviews and Election of Ward 5 Councilor  
July 17, 2023  
7:00 pm  
City Hall - Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

3. **RECORDING SECRETARY**

4. **ROLL CALL**

5. **STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.A. **Request to schedule two Public Hearings for the Community  
Development Finance Authority**

Documents:

[STAFF REPORT - CDBG - REQUEST TO SCHEDULE TWO PUBLIC  
HEARINGS.PDF](#)

7. **INTERVIEWS**

7.A. **Interviews of Ward 5 City Council Candidates**

Documents:

[STAFF REPORT - INTERVIEWS OF WARD 5 CITY COUNCIL  
CANDIDATES.PDF](#)

7.A.i. **Breanna Neal**

Documents:

[APPLICATION FOR WARD 5 VACANCY - BREANNA NEAL.PDF](#)

7.A.ii. **Steven Bogert**

Documents:

[APPLICATION FOR WARD 5 VACANCY - STEVEN BOGERT.PDF](#)

7.A.iii. **Michael Denufrio**

Documents:

[APPLICATION FOR WARD 5 VACANCY - MICHAEL DENUFRIO.PDF](#)

8. **NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS**

8.A. **Election of Ward 5 City Councilor**

Documents:

9. **Any other business that may come before the Council**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
JULY 17, 2023**

**STAFF REPORT  
AGENDA ITEM 6.A.  
REQUEST TO SCHEDULE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY**

**Topic:** Request to schedule two (2) public hearings on July 24, 2023, during the regular City Council Meeting regarding:

1. A proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$500,000 in CDBG Housing Grant Funds. Of the grant funds, up to \$30,000 will be retained by the City for administrative/labor compliance costs associated with the project, up to \$470,000 of the funds will be subgranted to Lakes Region Community Developers (LRCD) for improvements to Millview Apartments, an 18-unit affordable housing complex located at 115-117 Union Ave; 20 & 28 Locust St; and 5 Jameson St). The improvements will include new siding, new boilers, and possibly some landscaping improvements.
2. The Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for the Millview Apartments Upgrade Project.

**Discussion:** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are available to municipalities through the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Up to \$500,000 annually is available for Economic Development Projects, up to \$500,000 for Housing Projects, up to \$500,000 for Public Facility Projects, up to \$350,000 in Emergency Funds, up to \$25,000 per Planning Study grant. All projects must directly benefit a majority of low- and moderate-income persons.

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Staff Recommendation:**

**This report submitted by:** Kirk Beattie, City Manager

**Proposed motions:**

*"I move to schedule a Public Hearing on July 24, 2023, during the regular City Council meeting regarding proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$500,000 in CDBG Public Facility grant funds for improvements to Millview Apartments located at 115-117 Union Avenue, 20 & 28 Locust Street and 5 Jameson Street. The improvements will include new siding, new boilers, and possibly some landscaping improvements."*

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**STAFF REPORT  
AGENDA ITEM 7.A.  
INTERVIEWS OF WARD 5 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES**

**Discussion:** A Ward 5 City Council vacancy exists due to the recent passing of Councilor Robert Hamel. The term expires on January 1, 2024. Election of a candidate to fill the Ward 5 City Council vacancy will occur later in the agenda under "Nominations, Appointments & Elections".

Please refer to the candidates' applications included in this agenda packet.

**Fiscal Impact:** Not applicable

**Staff Recommendation:** Not applicable

**This report submitted by:** Kirk Beattie, City Manager

**Proposed motion:**

**Nancy Brown**

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**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Monday, July 3, 2023 10:54 AM  
**To:** Nancy Brown  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Application for Appointment to Fill a City Council Vacancy in Ward 5

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## Application for Appointment to Fill a City Council Vacancy in Ward 5

The City of Laconia is accepting applications from residents interested in being appointed to fill the remainder of the City Council seat for Ward 5. The term expires January 1, 2024. Applicants must be a registered voter in the City and a resident of Ward 5.

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Name: Breanna Neal

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Physical Address:

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Mailing Address (if different from physical address):

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Email:

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How long have you resided at your current address? 3 years

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Are you a registered voter in the City of Laconia? Yes

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Have you ever served as a City Council member or as a member of a City Board or Commission? If so, please list the Board or Commission and include dates of service: Downtown TIF Advisory Committee 2015-2022  
City Ballot Clerk/Selectman/Ward Moderator 2015-2022

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Reason you are interested in serving on the City Council: I have spent more than 8 years actively learning and participating in city government in order to find where my abilities can best be served. I only wish to be of service to

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those around me. I do not seek the position for myself, I seek it only to offer residents the option of diverse representation and an approachable, open minded listener who will speak for those who cannot be present. That is the example that has been set by those I have witnessed at the many council meetings I have attended, which I hope be given the opportunity to live up to.

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What do you believe are the key issues facing the City?	Inflation, affordable housing, homelessness, substance misuse/addiction, workforce shortages, and a number of different things which are all interconnected.
What do you see as the role of the City Council?	A combination of ethical stewardship and allocation of taxpayer dollars and representation of the public on issues which affect our community. It is not to put forth our own personal views, but to be the voice for our constituents.

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Print Name: Breanna Neal

Date: 07/03/2023

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Completed application forms are to be submitted by 4:00 pm on Thursday, July 13, 2023 to the City Manager's Office, City Hall, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH 03246. Applicants will be interviewed at a special meeting of the City Council at 7 pm on July 17, 2023. Please contact the City Manager's Office at 603-527-1270 or by email at Nbrown@laconianh.gov with questions or for additional information.

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Electronic Signature Agreement I agree.

Electronic Signature Breanna Neal

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## Nancy Brown

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**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2023 4:24 PM  
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Name:	Steven Bogert
Physical Address:	
Mailing Address (if different from physical address):	
Email:	
How long have you resided at your current address?	20 years
Are you a registered voter in the City of Laconia?	yes
Have you ever served as a City Council member or as a member of a City Board or Commission? If so, please list the Board or Commission and include dates of service:	New Hampshire State Representative, District 5, Laconia 2023 - Present Mayor's Housing Task Force 2023 - Present City of Laconia Zoning Board of Adjustments 2002 - Present Laconia Youth Football and Cheer Association 2004 - Present City Commissioner, Miramar, FL 1999 - 2002 City of Miramar Planning and Zoning Division, 1995-1999
Reason you are interested in serving on the City Council:	As a citizen of Laconia, I would like to be involved in helping our city progress in business and community. Having gained working knowledge of over 25 years of steering

cities in an upward direction, I believe this will be useful for the positive growth of our city.  
Laconia is at the crossroads of maintaining its past while moving forward and creating a city of the tomorrow. I believe we could achieve an improved future while maintaining the tax cap.

What do you believe are the key issues facing the City?

Some of the key issues the city is facing are development of the state property, affordable housing, employment, drug addiction and homelessness.  
Another key issue is redeveloping needed areas to attract new businesses that will provide jobs with home buying wages. This would help stop the brain drain that is currently being experienced.  
Also, continuing the development of Weirs Beach and steering the area towards year-round businesses.

What do you see as the role of the City Council?

The role of the City Council is working together to ensure the proper growth of the city and provide a safe environment for the citizens and visitors of Laconia.  
To oversee the city's budget, making sure there is a balance in the services provided in order to accomplish the aforementioned statement.

Print Name: Steven T. Bogert

Date: July 7, 2023

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Electronic Signature Agreement I agree.

Electronic Signature Steven T. Bogert

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**Nancy Brown**

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**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2023 10:21 PM  
**To:** Nancy Brown  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Application for Appointment to Fill a City Council Vacancy in Ward 5

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**Name:** Michael Denufrio

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**Physical Address:**

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**Mailing Address (if different from physical address):**

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**Email:**

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**How long have you resided at your current address?** 11 months

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**Are you a registered voter in the City of Laconia?** I am

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**Have you ever served as a City Council member or as a member of a City Board or Commission? If so, please list the Board or Commission and include dates of service:** No, I have never served

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**Reason you are interested in serving on the City Council:** I have a genuine desire to serve the public and give back to the community. This position provides a platform so I can contribute my skills, expertise, and ideas for the betterment of

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Date: 07/12/23

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Electronic Signature Agreement I agree.

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Electronic Signature Michael R. Denufrio

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**STAFF REPORT  
AGENDA ITEM 8.A.  
ELECTION OF WARD 5 CITY COUNCILOR**

**Discussion:** A Ward 5 City Councilor vacancy exists due to the recent passing of Councilor Robert Hamel. The term expires on January 1, 2024. Candidates were interviewed earlier in this meeting.

**Fiscal Impact:** Not applicable

**Staff Recommendation:** Not applicable

**This report submitted by:** Kirk Beattie, City Manager

**Proposed motion:**

*“I move to elect \_\_\_\_\_ as Ward 5 City Councilor to fill the remaining term of the late City Councilor Robert Hamel which expires on January 1, 2024.”*