

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

October 1, 1996

7:00 PM

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order.

Mayor Wieczorek called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Wihby.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll. There were ten Aldermen present.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Elise, Reiniger, Clancy, Soucy, Shea, Domaingue, Pariseau, Cashin, Hirschmann

Absent: Aldermen Sysyn and Robert

Mayor Wieczorek advised that the purpose of the special meeting was to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person would be given only one opportunity to speak and any comments shall be limited to two minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the chair.

Mayor Wieczorek requested that any resident wishing to speak should come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Howard Keegan, 1029 Ray Street, Manchester, NH (Re: Parks, Ice Time, etc.), stated:

Mayor, I didn't realize I was number one. I was just here to answer any questions with regard to the ice time and I guess, at this point, the only thing I have to say is I think Ron Ludwig did a super job and I think we're doing what you people want in running enterprise and the way you want it run. That's all I have to say right now, I'm sorry, I didn't realize I put my name first.

Alderman Wihby asked are we going to take it up now or take it up during the meeting, I just had a question I wanted to ask.

Mayor Wieczorek allowed Alderman Wihby to ask his question.

Alderman Wihby asked are we having anybody that's outside of the City renting the facility any time.

Mr. Ludwig replied I'm not sure I understand that question.

Alderman Wihby stated the rental of the facility, do we have outside Manchester people using it, taking up some of the time slots.

Mr. Ludwig replied, oh, sure.

Alderman Wihby asked why wouldn't you go and deduct it from them rather than from somebody inside of the City.

Mr. Ludwig stated, oh, now I follow your question a little bit better. Private rentals, Alderman, or whatever are comprised from people in Manchester, around Manchester, I don't know what the makeups are of those groups would be.

Alderman Wihby asked is there some group from Bedford or Goffstown or something like that that is renting the facility that we could have cut them rather than somebody from Manchester.

Mr. Ludwig replied it would make a difference as it relates to the times in question, I doubt it. I rent say like to the Hockey Academy which is a men's league but they use very early during the week or something like that, so I guess the answer to your question is no.

Jim Hallene, 186 St. Anselm Drive, Bedford, NH, (Re: Item Time), stated:

I'm not a resident of Manchester, Mayor, I don't know if that makes any difference as to whether I can speak or not, but I am President of MRYHA, so I did come here on their behalf, if I can't speak that's fine.

Mayor Wieczorek stated we'll let you speak as there isn't a large group.

Mr. Hallene stated basically we are comprised of a little over half of our children are from Manchester and the rest of the people are from out-of-town. In answer to their previous question about non-residents groups, I know that has come up on occasion, but basically we're Manchester Regional Youth Hockey and we've been in existence for a long time and for many, many years we've been under the premise that in the spring time and into the summer we're given "X" number of hours of ice which, at the present time, in the last few years has been around 2,100 hours. We were given that this year and then in July we were informed that we were losing the ice and that is where our major problem came from. We had no time to prepare, we had already had out sign out, based their budget and time frame and their scheduling and the number of people to enroll on the information we were given and we just did have a problem with it. We felt it was unfair that we were given that information after the fact. Yes, there

probably would have been a lot of people upset if we had been given information in the spring, but we might have been able to deal with it a little bit better and not look as bad as we did with everybody overall. Basically, we're just asking for your consideration and if you can do something for us, we'd appreciate it, if not, thank you for your consideration again.

Norma Champagne, 1015 Somerville Street, Manchester, NH (Re: Miscellaneous), stated:
I've been a little upset regarding the City budget and different aspect of the City, so I wanted to write this letter tonight. Well, I wrote it and I was going to mail it to you, but I figured I could come tonight and you could probably review it. It says:

Dear Mayor and Aldermen:

Enough is Enough

Employees throughout this City have been asked to "tighten their belts" because of the economic conditions.

Pay raises have been totaled to pennies per hour, over the past eight years, for workers. Department heads, on the other hand, are given raises by the thousand of dollars.

Most department heads are not operating their departments cost effectively. Wasteful spending is running rampant! Could this be due to the fact that these department heads are appointed because of who they know instead of what they know?

Perhaps finding qualified department heads and having them monitored by experts in the field to make sure that they are doing their jobs, might help the City find the answers to their financial woes.

Wake up City Hall!!!

s/Norma Champagne
State Representative, Ward 7

George Boudreau, Chairman, Manchester on Parade, stated:

I'm approaching the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to see if we can have some kind of financial help to pay the expenses on this parade. As of last Friday, we collected \$1,800.00 from Coca-Cola, Shorty's and Bonneville & Son. We've had a lot of support here and we'd like to do this one more time, if it's possible, but not look for City funds. If the City could help us, we'd appreciate it. Thank you, that's all I have to say.

Alderman Cashin asked how much are they looking for, your Honor, do we have any idea.

Mayor Wieczorek replied it's on the agenda, it's says \$2,800.00.

Mr. Boudreau stated the total amount was \$5,000.00 and we've already collected \$1,800.00 since last Friday.

Alderman Cashin stated, so you're looking for \$3,200.00.

Mr. Boudreau stated not even that much, half of that. I would say, at least \$1,500.00.

Mayor Wieczorek stated I'm going to tell you what I think the problem is with this, is you can't say about or around, this is taxpayer money that we have and I think we have a responsibility to be careful how we deal with it. I noticed the item that's on the agenda says \$2,800.00, but it's for Police. But, I talked to the Police today and they said that the amount was \$1,800.00.

Mr. Boudreau stated, no I'm sorry, it was \$2,500.00 we paid out. We took this money out of funds that were given to us for bands and stuff and we had to have this \$2,500.00 up front and that's where that money came from. Now, we have to replace it.

Mayor Wieczorek stated well, that's what the Police said today.

Mr. Boudreau stated I have a receipt.

Alderman Cashin stated, okay, just so that the Board understands. You're coming to this Board and asking for \$1,500.00, is that what you're asking.

Mr. Boudreau replied, yes.

Alderman Pariseau stated that's what I wanted clarified, your Honor.

On motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to take all comments under advisement and to receive and file any written documentation presented.

There being no further business to come before the special meeting of the Board, on motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk