

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

December 3, 1996

7:00 PM

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order.

Mayor Wieczorek called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Ald. Soucy.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

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

Present: Ald. Wihby, Elise, Reiniger, Sysyn, Clancy, Soucy, Shea,
Domaingue, Pariseau, Cashin, Robert, Hirschmann

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.

Linda Garrish, 7 Irwin Drive, Manchester, NH, (Re: Bag & Tag, Solid Waste, Contracts), stated:

On behalf of the Citizens For A Better Manchester, I'm here to express disapproval and concern for the resurrection of the Bag & Tag proposal in the City of Manchester. This fee which, in fact, becomes another disproportionate tax on Manchester citizens, especially those that can least afford it is not the answer to Manchester's solid waste problems nor to enhance source reduction. Especially, when the proposal as presented was less costly to the taxpayers as done through the tax rate. If recycling and waste reduction are to be successful then weekly curbside pick-up should be initiated and an all out effort to promote recycling throughout the City. Our taxes have risen, our services have been reduced and privatization is costing us more and this in a year when a tax base increase has been proclaimed. Waste Management is facing increasing legal fees over the Auburn Transfer Station site and out-of-state waste transfer to New Hampshire is on the rise. What is the reason for this increase in cost to Manchester citizens by means of Bag & Tag and why is a potential tax increase being hidden in a user fee. What are the real costs of Manchester's solid waste plan. Really, it's amazing to me that the recycling's not increased more than 12 to 13 percent. When I see so many households with two or more

recycling containers out each recycling day throughout the City. We need to get full promoted and serviced recycling a chance. At least the cost of recycling have a chance of some reduction to the taxpayer when they deduct property taxes on their annual income tax. But, not with a disguised tax as a user fee. Please bag the Bag & Tag proposal once again. On a related matter, CBM feels that Manchester must revisit once again concerns over Waste Management's proposed transfer station site in Auburn. Despite the City's position that our Watershed will not be adversely affected too many conservation experts disagree. Many questions have arisen about potential dangers to our water supply along with evidence of increasing waste coming to New Hampshire from Massachusetts with more large waste truck transport on our highways with questionable safety records as well as the potential for toxins to be mixed in with regular waste like the hydraulic acid that recently killed a New York sanitation worker. Once again, CBM asks the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to fully address Manchester's short and long-term solid waste plan including the potential hazards of a transfer station in neighboring Auburn. And lastly, but most importantly Manchester's inordinate delay in resolving organized City worker's contract negotiations has not only become an embarrassment but it blatantly implies that Manchester is anti-union and that it does not value its workers. If settlements are good for some, then it's time they were good for all. Thank you.

Harold Levine, 49 Hillcroft Road, Manchester, NH, (Re: City in General - Police Department), stated:

What I have to discuss tonight, I'll probably have my head in a noose because I'm going to talk about our City's finest. I've been checking the RSA's of the Traffic Department and for two years I've been on the other side of the fence because evidently I speak out at these meetings or have offended certain people in City government and I feel with the present chief, the Traffic Department and the commissioners and even the chair person of the Traffic Committee I've spoken to, if things are good or no good for Harold Levine and the Police Department seems to be able to get the Highway Department to survey and this and that but when it comes to any other business, a person in the City they will not enforce the same laws as far as I'm concerned. I'll just mention one thing and this is the Traffic Department's or the Traffic Committee's RSA's and I believe it's number 5 in paragraph 9 and this is the thing that I have been fighting for that they are not enforcing in the City of Manchester. One other thing I've got to say is I do travel, I live up the north end and I have a lot of times go down on Webster Street and I think you, Mr. Mayor, the Alderman from Ward 1, the Alderman from Ward 2 belong to St. Catherine's and I think it's a blight on that area to allow and I've got to call it a junk yard across the street at Webster and Oak. I have occasion to go to the BackRoom and there are two unregistered vehicles on City streets. I mean, this is ridiculous. We're paying for services and I think we're entitled to these services and I would like, if possibly, what are the things...maybe it's about time the Police Commissioners were changed, 1, 2, 3 and maybe younger personnel with more direction that could lead our City finest to do their job correctly. Thank you.

Mayor Wiczorek stated that's one of our young men from Troop 118, this is the Troop from St. Anthony's Parish and they're here to get their Citizenship Badges, so we want to make it as easy as possible for them tonight.

Ryan Legro, 858 Valley Street, Manchester, NH, stated:

My concerns are the crime on the streets and all of the things that have been going on and all of the break-ins and a few other things. I think that the crime should be cut down and more cops should be on the street.

Lionel LeBlanc, 203 Belmont Street, Manchester, NH, (Re: Taxes), stated:

I'm getting sick of paying taxes, I didn't like the last tax bill and I heard you people are proposing now a fee for non-profit organizations. Well, I'll tell you one thing some of them could pay taxes because you've got some in Manchester that belong to this as high as \$350,000. As far as I'm concerned that is a business, so they should at least pay for their sewage or the electric lights, help us out. Now, a lot of people think about these organizations they don't have any money to help out the veteran's like the VA Hospital that have novelty parties and everything. Don't let them fool you because when they go out there, myself inclusive, when they go out and sell buddy/poppies throughout Manchester, we do get money and that money goes into the Relief Fund and that money from the Relief Fund is used for novelty parties or for anybody that can't pay their rent, anybody that can't pay their utilities, so there's money available there. Don't take them the limit, but at least get a fee out of them. Thank you.

Mayor Wieczorek stated lest our young people get confused here, we want you to know that non-profit organizations that don't pay a tax here in the City, we don't pay for their electricity or any of their utilities, that is paid for by the organization, the only thing that they don't pay would be the property tax.

David Delsie, 542 Beech Street, Manchester, NH, stated:

I noticed that one of the most concerns in Manchester is gang violence and gun violence at school and I noticed that they have Police officers at school. Well, that's one of the best things that I've seen done, but I wish there was more. We don't need all this crime and we don't need people getting hurt. So, I hope that the crime can be stopped. Thank you.

Michael Turczyk, 286 Oakland Avenue, Manchester, NH, stated:

I think that by eliminating a few taxes by making a volunteer Police Department would be very helpful and having less and trying to stop the crime wave going on around here and making a volunteer Police Department or volunteer Fire Department. Thank you.

Ald. Pariseau stated, your Honor, could I just air a complaint rather than do it at the end of the meeting. This pertains to an incident that occurred on Elm Street last week. An individual got stopped for "jaywalking" and the fine that he had to pay was \$57.00 that I think is outrageous and I would like to send a message back to Traffic and Public Safety to see if we could cap the fine for "jaywalking" in the City to somewhere around \$15.00/\$20.00. To have someone pay a

\$57.00 ticket for “jaywalking” and he was a businessman in Manchester, who runs a business on Elm Street and I would like it referred to Traffic and Public Safety.

On motion of Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Shea, 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 Ald. Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Shea, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk