

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

**January 7, 1997**

**7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers**

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order.

Mayor Wieczorek called for the Pledge of Allegiance; this function led by Alderman Soucy.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll. There were eleven aldermen present.

Present: Alderman Wihby, Elise, Reiniger, Sysyn, Clancy, Soucy, Shea,  
Domaingue, Pariseau, Cashin, and Hirschmann.

Absent: Alderman 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 will 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.

State Representative Peter Leonard of 502 Chestnut Street addressed the Board stating:

My concern is what the housing authority is going to do with the building that was on fire on Elm Street across from the plaza, if they are going to use it or what.

Mayor Wieczorek stated that this was an opportunity for comment and if he wished to ask for information they would try to get back to him. Mayor Wieczorek told Representative Leonard to continue with his comments and he would have him speak with Mr. MacKenzie following the meeting.

Representative Leonard continued stating his concern was the empty buildings on Elm Street, like the aldermen here were, and he was thinking of having the landlords see if they could rezone it to make apartments upstairs instead of office space so the city could get tax money from them, instead of the city ending up by getting empty buildings. He noted that a lot of

people had been asking him about the parking meters and he told them there was nothing he could do about it because it had already been voted on and they would be starting to put them up.

Mayor Wieczorek noted that Mr. MacKenzie was available for Mr. Leonard to speak with regarding getting an answer to the MHRA question.

Mayor Wieczorek called for anyone else wishing to speak.

Patricia Hadley, 77 Market Street addressed the Board and stated:

I have only been here a few months from Eugene, Oregon. I wanted to say something about paying attention to the Millyards. I know you have heard this in many different sorts of ways and many sort of different forms but having come from another place I can only tell you like others who have told you who have come from other places, that the millyards are your wealth, they give you your sense of place. I have some figures and live in Tim Reiniger's ward and will give him the specifics of the information so you have the sources, but tourism last year was a \$400 billion industry across the country. It's the second fastest growing industry after health care, and historic heritage tourism is the fastest growing sector of the tourism industry. Tourism has the potential for a local tax monies that you can't get from other places and I know that Manchester could use that money. I hope that you will do everything that you can to preserve at most the exterior of those buildings, and help those people that are trying to come up with adaptive reuse for the insides of the buildings so that they can make money so they can continue to support keeping the buildings in sound shape.

There being no one else wishing to speak on motion of Alderman Soucy, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented.

This being a special meeting of the Board, no further business could be presented, and on motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk