

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

June 17, 1997

**Immediately Upon Conclusion
of Committee on Finance**

Chairman Wihby called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor Wieczorek.

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

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

Chairman Wihby recognized John Snow to address the Board.

Brief update by the Manchester Economic Development Office regarding
the civic center.

Mr. Snow stated I'm here representing the Committee of Manchester Development Corporation that has been asked to pursue the feasibility of Phase I of the civic center project and other members of the Committee are here: Skip Ashooh, Dick Charpentier if there are any questions of them later. The last time we met with you we announced our recommendation for an architectural team. Since that time, the team has made a public presentation, last week at the Center of New Hampshire, it was an outstanding presentation, I felt and we had a nice turnout of the community and at that time Barry Brensinger who is the local member of the team announced his plans to get around to the community inviting citizenry generally to participate in the issue of site selection as well as program content of the arena. Obviously, depending upon what the program is impacts the design. So, they are moving forward and I think very effectively so. Recently, we received a draft of the report by Arthur Andersen who was asked to look into the question of private funding that was available to support the civic center project; that draft has identified possibilities for private funding that would be involved with naming rights, sale of licenses and club seats and suite sales and I would say, generally speaking, although it is still in draft form that it was a very positive report, an optimistic one that gives us a good feeling that we will be able to find a good reception when we actually go out into the community looking for these commitments. Last week, the Committee started its process of interviewing management companies and concession organizations as prospects to be in those capacities of the civic center and I must say as we experienced with the caliber of architectural respondents, we also received responses from those two functions of the civic center from the top firms in the country and, in fact, many of whom work throughout the world in managing these kinds of installations. But, we've also found that this issue on the management and the concession question is a very complicated one. It has all kinds of financial issues that are going to take time for us to wend our way through and we believe it will take a considerable amount of time to obtain the kind of understanding and the kind of agreement for the City that will be in the best interest of the City. So, although we indicated in our last meeting that we hoped to be able to wrap this up by June 30th, it's clear at this time that if we do the job that you would want

us to do that we are not going to be able to do it by June 30th. So, I'm here to ask that you agree to an extension of that time, I'm not sure that there was a commitment there, but certainly we would like the agreement of the Board for another forty-five (45) days and we will keep you current on our we're doing during that 45-day period and that will take us into the middle of August. At this time, it looks as though that should be enough time and I would assure you that we will be staying within the budget that has been prescribed even though there will be, under this proposal, more time involved in coming up with our recommendations. So, I would like a feel from the Board on that question. Finally, let me just add that in early July there will be a meeting of the Board of Governance of the American Hockey League where the teams will discuss the possibility of moving franchises and we would expect to have more information at that time on what the possibilities are for Manchester in that regard. In the meantime, we have had Carl Scheer basically has had very, very interesting discussions with three, as I understand it, major league hockey teams - NHL teams, with a great deal of interest in pursuing a minor league franchise in this City. So, that looks like a pretty positive situation, as well. That's the end of my report and I'm happy to elaborate or answer any questions or any member of the Committee, of course, but would like to have a feeling from the Board on a little more time for us to move forward with these considerations.

Alderman Domaingue moved that the extension be granted. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Soucy asked the informational meeting you had this past Wednesday or Wednesday of last week, was that a public meeting and how were the public, I never saw any advertisements or...I received a card in the mail and it wasn't convenient because of the time. I just wondered what the procedure would be for inviting the public to the future meetings that you are going to do involving the site and the Program Committee. My concern was that the meeting had number one, kind of short notice; number two, bad location; number three, horrible time for anyone who happens to work and if we're trying to get public participation which I think is the most critical part of this initiative, I think you kind of missed the mark on that first meeting and I just wondered how subsequent meetings will be presented.

Mr. Snow replied they have two plans in that regard which I hope it will make it convenient for anybody to attend. Number one, they plan to establish themselves for a day, I believe, or so, a full day in at least four locations throughout the City and secondly, they intend to publicize those dates and places and encourage people to attend. So, I would hope that that would make it convenient for people and hopefully there would be enough notice. I don't know exactly what the time plan is there with the architect's, but I know they are sensitive to that issue and will try very hard to not only make them public, but also convenient.

Chairman Wihby called for a voting on granting an extension of 45 plus days.

The motion carried with Alderman Shea duly recorded in opposition.

Chairman Wihby addressed item number 4 of the agenda:

Report of the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration recommending that a request from the Deputy Finance Officer that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

- (a) directing that departments normal purchasing be halted on June 20, 1997 allowing only emergency purchases through June 30, 1997; and
- (b) authorizing the Finance Officer to process a check run on June 30, 1997 for payments scheduled for July 15, 1997.

Alderman Pariseau moved to accept the report of the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration. Alderman Soucy duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Robert asked, Kevin, why was this brought up, are we in that bad a shape.

Mr. Clougherty replied, no. What we are trying to do with the new system being brought in on-line, we're trying to meet a July 1st deadline to bring on the new system and what we're trying to do is make sure that we don't have to bring on as much entries for old items as possible, so it's a house cleaning mechanism to make sure that when we make the conversion from one fiscal year and go from one computer system to the other that we're minimizing the amount of transactions that has to happen there.

Alderman Robert asked is this going to present a problem to the departments.

Mr. Clougherty replied, I don't believe so. There was an additional item on here with respect to inventory and that's not being forwarded so that we can deal with that issue with the departments and get some more input on that. But, we've talked to the departments about it and it's my understanding that this is something that everybody agrees is worthwhile. It should cut down on the amount of work on the other side, once we move over to the new system and the amount of entries that people would have to make.

Chairman Wihby called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried with none being recorded in opposition.

Chairman Wihby stated I want to bring up one thing that I meant to bring up earlier and it goes with this, with the computer system and the way that we funded the raises, because we start on July 1st and the pay period starts two days earlier, Finance is saying that it is going to cost more money to put everything together and try to figure out the pay schedules for everybody, they would like to push the raises up the two days so that it would be a full pay schedule rather than a half a pay schedule for two days and the rest for the other days and getting the new system in it's going to cause a big problem. Does anybody have a problem with that.

On motion of Alderman Soucy, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn it was voted to adjust the pay period by two (2) days to include raises.

Chairman Wihby acknowledged Mayor Wieczorek's return to the meeting.

Mayor Wieczorek stated thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and addressed the next item on the agenda regarding the appropriating resolutions.

Clerk Johnson indicated she would need an additional few minutes to work the details out for the reports of the Committee on Finance.

Mayor Wieczorek recessed the meeting.

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting back to order.

A report of the Committee on Finance was presented recommending that Resolutions:

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester Airport Authority the sum of \$12,975,285 from Special Airport Revenue Funds for Fiscal Year 1998.”

“Appropriating to the Central Business Service District the sum of \$175,000 from Central Business Service District Funds for Fiscal Year 1998.”

“A Resolution appropriating the sum of \$2,637,542 from Recreation User Charges to the Recreation Division for Fiscal Year 1998.”

“Amending a Resolution ‘Appropriating the sum of \$9,259,964 from Sewer User Rental Charges to the Environmental Protection Division for Fiscal Year 1998’ to \$9,357,780.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester Transit Authority the sum of \$900,000 for the Fiscal Year 1998.”

“Appropriating to the Manchester Aggregation Program the sum of \$1,058,685 from Aggregation Fees for the Fiscal Year 1998.”

ought to pass and layover.

Alderman Sysyn moved to accept the report of the Committee on Finance as presented.

Alderman Soucy duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with none recorded in opposition.

A second report of the Committee on Finance was presented recommending that
Resolution:

“Amending an Amended Resolution ‘Approving the Community Improvement Program for 1998, Raising and Appropriating Monies Therefor, and Authorizing Implementation of Said Program’.”

as further amended by increasing Table 1-3 City Cash by \$25,000 to include Precourt Park Study, for total City Cash of \$1,192,200., ought to pass.

Deputy Clerk Johnson noted that following that Committee’s action, the Committee on Finance did, in fact, appropriate funds through Contingency and a motion would be in order to amend that report by eliminating the Precourt Park Project Study for a total City Cash appropriate of \$1,167,200 and to amend the resolution as stated.

Alderman Pariseau moved to amend the report of the Committee on Finance and the appropriating resolution as outlined by the Clerk. Alderman Robert duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Johnson advised that the Traffic Committee met this evening and discussed, at some length, an estimate provided by the Highway Department of \$87,100 for construction of a parking lot at Memorial High School. The estimate was provided after some discussion by the Traffic Committee and members of the public had responded to problems in the area with parking. The Traffic Committee voted to refer that matter to the budget discussions of the Board and if the Board so desired to act on that it would be required to amend the report just provided and the recommendation of the Finance Officer would be for \$90,000.

Alderman Domaingue moved to amend the report of the Committee on Finance to add the \$90,000 to the resolution so that the neighborhoods in the area around Memorial get some relief. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion.

Clerk Johnson stated we would want to clarify that we would be increasing the Bond Table by \$90,000 to add a new project called School Parking Lot Construction, for the record. Alderman Domaingue and Alderman Shea concurred this to be their intention in the motion.

Mayor Wiczorek called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Domaingue moved to accept the report of the Committee on Finance as amended. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

A third report of the Committee on Finance was presented recommending that

Resolution:

“Amending a Resolution ‘Raising Monies and Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 1998’ to \$155,553,156.”

ought to pass and layover.

Alderman Cashin moved to accept the third report of the Committee on Finance. Alderman Clancy duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Reiniger duly recorded in opposition.

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

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk