

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

September 2, 1997

7:30 PM

School Administration

Bldg.

196 Bridge Street

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Wieczorek advised if you desire to remove any of the following items from the Consent Agenda, please do indicate. If none of the items are to be removed, one motion only will be taken at the conclusion of the presentation.

Minutes Accepted

- A. Minutes of meetings held February 3, 1997; March 4, 1997; and March 18, 1997 (two meetings).

Informational to be Received and Filed

- C. Communication from the State of NH Commissioner of Safety notifying the City that a petition to ban motorboats on Crystal Lake has been denied.
- D. Communication from Executive Councilor Jim Normand noting items of interest and submitting an agenda of the August 20, 1997 meeting of the Governor's Council.
- E. Communication from Thomas O'Rourke, MediaOne, announcing various changes with respect to relocation of offices and personnel
- F. Communication from Sister Angie Whidden, New Horizons for NH, Inc. submitting a letter of support on behalf of Gemini House.

Informational - to be referred to the Department of Highways

- G. Communication from the State of NH, Department of Environmental Services submitting Administrative Order No. WMD 97-10 relative to the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill (Dunbarton Road).
(Note: copy of a communication dated August 27, 1997 from the Deputy Public Works Director addressed to the Finance Department enclosed.)

Accept Funds and Remand for the Purpose Intended

- H. Communication from the Deputy Finance Officer advising of the receipt of a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be used by the Animal Control Unit.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION/INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- J.** Communication from Chief Driscoll requesting that the Police Department be allowed to enter into a lease agreement for a maximum of \$45,000 over five years to complete the upgrade of the card access security system.
- K.** Communication from Dan Desfosses relative to Mr. Harris' "New Hampshire Pawn Shop" contracts.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS ON SECOND READING

- L.** Ordinances:

"Amending Sections 33.0240 and 33.025 (Reorganization of the Personnel Department to Human Resources Department, Grant Administrator) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

"Amending Sections 33.0240 and 33.025 (Lifeguard, Senior Lifeguard, Head Lifeguard, Pool Supervisor) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

- M.** Protest petition submitted by property owners abutting property located at the intersections of Webster, Beech, and Maple Streets and Hooksett Road.

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- N.** Copies of communications from the Library Director and Jeannette Gagnon, Chair of the Manchester City Library Foundation submitting a copy of the executive summary of the recent needs assessment done at the Library by Providence Associates.
- O.** Communication from the Health Officer requesting the Board's authority to enter into a 6-month lease extension under the same terms and conditions as their current lease at 795 Elm Street.
- P.** Communication from Lloyd Basinow requesting that the Board declare 1,255 units of public housing within the City limits to be "Drug Free Zones"
- Q.** Communication from Robert LaMontagne expressing an interest in purchasing City-owned property known as Map 728, Lot 2.
- R.** Communication from Hugh O'Neil on behalf of St. Anselm's College inquiring of City-owned property known as Lot 8A, Tax Map 105 which is located just north of Dockside Condominiums on Riverfront Drive for use by the school's Rowing Club.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

- S.** Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Department requesting the establishment of a new beautification project account.
(Note: communication from the Deputy Finance Officer dated August 25th suggesting donations received by Parks be placed into the Beautification Fund also enclosed.)
- T.** Communication from the Public Works Director requesting that \$3,000 which shall be forthcoming from the Governor's Recycling Program, Office of State Planning, be added to the Highway Departments budget to be earmarked for recycling education.

U. Bond Resolution:

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$8,000,000 for the 1998 CIP 7.60323 Cohas Brook Trunk Sewer Project.”

COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL/INSURANCE

W. Communication from the Airport Director requesting personnel changes needed at this time.

X. Communication from Chief Driscoll requesting four additional Police Officer positions from the COPS Universal Hiring Program office.

Y. Communication from Deputy Chief of Police Robinson requesting that the Temporary Parking Control Officers belong in the Non-Affiliated Hourly Schedule 1B rather than the PDSS Schedule.

Z. Communication from the Employee Relations Manager requesting changes to the Seasonal Temporary Schedule (ID).

AA. Communication from the Human Resources Department submitting class specifications (grant administrator, municipal communications superintendent, waste water treatment plant maintenance assistant supervisor, and senior auditor).

AB. Communication from Jim Whitehead, Executive Tour & Travel Services, Inc., expressing interest in entering into a working agreement with the City of Manchester to provide discount travel services for employees, families and friends of the City.

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

AC. Communication from Alderman Elise suggesting that representatives from the Planning, Parks & Recreation, and Traffic Department address the issue relative to parking at Derryfield Park.

AD. Communication from the Industrial Agent seeking approval of the renewal of the proposed parking lease option with Wynex Properties (formerly NYNEX Properties) for up to 150 parking spaces in either the Victory, Canal Street, The Wall Street Tower Garages, the Hartnett Parking Lot or any other City-owned parking facility agreed to by both parties.

AE. Communication from James Kathales submitting his suggestions relative to better traffic flow on Tarrytown Road and Mammoth Road in anticipation of the future openings of CVS and Osco.

AG. Communication from Brian Shaughnessy requesting the closure of streets as outlined in the enclosed on Sunday, October 19, 1997 at 1:00 PM in conjunction with a 5-K Road Race.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS, ENROLLMENT,
AND REVENUE ADMINISTRATION**

AH. Advising that is has accepted the enclosed report from the Board of Assessors and is submitting same to the Board for information purposes.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS ON SECOND READING

AJ. Recommending that Ordinances:

“Amending Chapter 52. Sewers. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by adding Section 52.160(D)(3) relative to user charge credits for non-residential customers.”

“Amending Chapter 150. Housing Code. Section 150.114 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by decreasing fees charged for inspection of rooming units.”

ought to pass.

AK. Recommending that Ordinance:

“Amending Chapter 91. Health and Sanitation. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by deleting Sections 91.20, 91.21, and 91.22 and inserting new Sections 91.20 and 91.21 relative to notifying abutters and the City prior to abrasive paint removal from a structure.”

ought to pass.

AL. Recommending that Ordinance:

“An Ordinance amending Article IV Residential Permit Parking Section 15-62(a).”

ought to pass.

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

AM. Recommending that a request allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of an 80% state reimbursement grant for cost of design and rehabilitation work for the Amoskeag and Biron Bridges by increasing the 1998 CIP 7.10115 Bridge Rehabilitation project from \$116,000.00 bond to \$741,317.91 and decreasing the 1996 CIP 7.10217 Valley/Tarrytown/Massabesic Intersection Improvements - \$18,027.91 be granted and approved; and for such purpose an amending resolution and budget authorizations have been submitted.

AN. Recommending that a request to decrease the 1997 CIP 5.10155 School Recreation Facilities/Parking Lot Improvements Project - \$74,734.25 CDBG and increase the 1997 CIP 5.10251 Neighborhood Parks Rehabilitation Project budget from \$100,000 CDBG to \$174,734.25 CDBG be granted and approved; and for such purpose an amending resolution and budget authorization have been submitted.

AO. Recommending that a request for the acceptance and expenditure of grant funds for various School Department projects by increasing Title I (aka Chapter I) - from \$1,950,000 to \$2,124,268; Title II - from \$110,000 to \$121,429; Title VI - from \$125,000 to \$126,966; and by adding Technology Literacy Challenge Grant Application - \$100,000 and Goals 2000 Educate America Act Grant Application - \$50,000 be granted and approved; and for such purpose an amending resolution has been submitted.

AP. Recommending that a request to change the administering authority for the 1998 CIP 2.50602 Latin American Center from Manchester Consolidated Services, Inc. to Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc. be granted and approved; and for such purpose an amending resolution and budget authorization have been submitted.

- AQ.** Recommending that a request allowing for impact fees associated with the Middle School Program by changing the 1998 CIP 3.30519 Middle School Program budget from \$4,500,000 bond to \$4,500,000 bond and \$250,000 Impact Fees (Trust Fund) be granted and approved; and for such purpose an amending resolution and budget authorization have been submitted.
- AR.** Recommending that a request to increase the 1998 CIP 7.50101B Sidewalk 50/50 Construction Program - \$95,000 - from \$90,000 bond to \$185,000 (\$90,000 bond and \$95,000 other) be granted and approved; and for such purpose an amending resolution and budget authorization have been submitted.
- AS.** Recommending that a petition for discontinuance of a portion of Page Street as herein enclosed be referred to the next road hearing.
- AT.** Advising that it has authorized the Planning Department to proceed with utilizing balances of funds from the Veteran's Park Tent Structure Replacement for improvements to the skating rink at Hampshire Plaza.

**HAVING READ THE CONSENT AGENDA, ON MOTION OF ALDERMAN
PARISEAU, DULY SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SHEA, IT WAS VOTED THAT THE
CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED.**

Approve under Supervision of the Department of Highways

- B.** NYNEX Petitions Nos. 158609, 223489, and 223499

Alderman Wihby noted that a handout had been distributed from Highway Department and requested to add Let Freedom Ring to this item for approval subject to submission of appropriate licensing forms.

Alderman Wihby also expressed concern about the tearing up of streets. Alderman Wihby noted that frequently, like in the case of Union Street, a street is paved or reconstructed and the next thing you know it is torn up for a utility company; that while he understood that the companies were to fix them to Highway's satisfaction, the streets end up looking a mess a year after they are done and he did not want that to happen with Elm Street or any more streets the city invests in.

Mayor Wiczorek noted he had conversed with Highway on that issue regarding Elm Street.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to approve both requests as outlined.

- I.** Communication from Alderman Elise requesting the Board support a joint meeting of State Senators and Representatives relative to enabling legislation that would allow the City of Manchester to ban video poker machines.

Alderman Pariseau moved to refer the communication to the mayor's office. Alderman Reiniger seconded the motion.

Alderman Elise stated that the majority of this Board has voted on an ordinance that restrict these machines to certain locations, and we have not had success with this ordinance holding up in court. Alderman Elise stated the City Solicitor says that we cannot ban these machines, so the proper avenue to decrease the use of these machines in the city and maybe even ban them is to work with the state senators and the state representatives as Alderman Pariseau has just stated, to develop some enabling legislation that would allow us to either ban them or restrict them.

Alderman Elise said that a joint meeting of this board and our senators and state representatives may be cumbersome but it might emphasize the importance of this issue and the magnitude of this issue in hopes that our state senators could come to some consensus on this. Alderman Elise noted that apparently Alderman Pariseau and Alderman Reiniger feel that the Mayor's office could handle this type of a meeting, asking if that was what Alderman Pariseau was saying.

Mayor Wieczorek stated no, what he was saying was to just refer it to my office.

Alderman Pariseau noted that the mayor meets with the representatives and the senators on a monthly basis.

Mayor Wieczorek noted when there is legislation they meet weekly.

Alderman Pariseau stated that there was no sense in sending it to a committee of the Board, when the mayor can handle it directly with the senators and state representatives.

Mayor Wieczorek noted that they were working with the police department, the police chief to try to get some legislation set.

Alderman Elise stated my intent would be to handle this in a process that does produce an outcome. She did not mind referring this to the mayor's office so that if there is a time limit placed on it and they got a report of what had transpired.

Alderman Pariseau noted that the bills would not be submitted now until next January or so, the session was completed for this term of the House and they would be in the next one of December or January, so maybe a year from now they would have something on the books.

Mayor Wieczorek stated they were working with the police chief to get something to work with the legislation to get something drafted.

Alderman Pariseau asked what she meant by a time limit, a week or two.

Alderman Elise stated this was definitely an issue that has to be worked with all parties involved, her concern in having the mayor's office handle it was that the full Board of Mayor and Aldermen knows when the meeting occurs what is the results of the meeting, do the state reps in some kind of consensus in supporting some type of a ban or developing legislation, or do they want to move more towards regulation, and that's what she was concerned about -- knowing the process, the steps involved, making assurances that the steps are followed and that there is an outcome.

Alderman Hirschmann stated he also favored some type of regulation and thought a move to send this to the delegation was in order, so if it could go through the mayor's office or the committee he supported either one because he would favor some type of regulation.

Mayor Wieczorek again stated they were working with the police department now to get some legislation that the legislature would hopefully take a look at.

Alderman Hirschmann stated it should be going through the Board of Mayor and Aldermen so that the directive that goes out is in favor of this board.

Alderman Soucy stated in terms of timing she thought there was time to get something done because as of either this week or next week the legislature is accepting requests for legislation to be drafted for the upcoming session, so if we want to get something in that would be effective in a year it can't wait until the delegation meetings start happening again because those don't start happening until January.

Alderman Pariseau stated that the mayor's office was in touch with the delegation.

Alderman Soucy stated not until January, they meet during session, so the session doesn't start until January something needs to be done before the session if the legislation is going to be introduced. In response to further comment, Alderman Soucy stated she was just suggesting that there were not any regular meetings scheduled with the mayor and the delegation, and if they wanted to do something within the required time to get the legislation enacted.

Alderman Pariseau asked how the administration committee could expedite the process.

Alderman Soucy stated it may, call a meeting; that what Alderman Elise is suggesting is to call a meeting with the delegation, and she would hope there would be input also other than the police chief from the city solicitor's office or from the county attorney's office relative to prosecution because that seems to be where we have run into problems with these machines.

Alderman Robert stated he was comfortable with leaving it with the mayor's office knowing he had been working on it for a long time, we had been working on it for many months now. He felt comfortable that the mayor would come up with something that will be worthwhile.

Alderman Robert noted there was a time not so long ago that the Board was asked to ban video poker, or explore it further and the board rejected that notion. The few people who supported it are still working at it and he felt that was where the sincere effort was.

Alderman Elise stated she wished to present another motion. Mayor Wieczorek stated he wished to finish with the current motion.

Alderman Elise stated she wanted to present another avenue to go forward with this, it may be in terms of Alderman Soucy 's input here, instead of having a motion that the mayor's office handle it that the motion should be that the full Board of Mayor and Aldermen requests the mayor to meet with our state reps and senators to discuss the possibility of enabling legislation to either regulate or ban, and that way our state senators and reps know that the full board is behind this initiative.

Mayor Wieczorek stated that the motion was on the floor, and he was going to call for a vote to refer it to his office. The motion carried with Alderman Elise recorded in opposition.

V. Resolutions:

“Amending the 1996 and 1998 Community Improvement Programs, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$623,317.91 for the 1998 CIP 7.10115 Bridge Rehabilitation Project.”

“Amending the 1997 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$74,734.25 for the 1997 CIP 5.10251 Neighborhood Park Rehabilitation Project.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for various School Department Projects.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, changing the administering authority for the 1998 CIP 2.50602 Latin American Center.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the 1998 CIP 3.30519 Middle School Program.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$95,000.00 for the 1998 CIP 7.50101B Sidewalk Construction 50/50 program.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) from Contingency to Civic Contributions.”

Alderman Domaingue noted that this item dealt with the impact fees associated with the Middle School Program asking Mr. MacKenzie if this block of fees were already accounted for, were they already earmarked for a specific purpose.

Mr. MacKenzie responded there was \$250,000. that would be coming over, almost all of that had been included already in the contingency, there may be a difference, the fees have been coming in since the time they had budgeted for the project, there may be a little bit more money, perhaps in the order of \$10,000. that are in that defined budget for the school

Alderman Domaingue stated that they are to be used for the middle school project as part of the contingency. Mr. MacKenzie responded affirmatively.

Alderman Domaingue asked if that would include expenditures such as crossing guards in an emergency situation.

Mr. MacKenzie stated he thought only if determined there are certain requirements for particularly bond monies and he thought they would have to confer with Mr. Clougherty to see if they were eligible. Certainly there were certain costs associated with police protection that are eligible under bonds but he could not say if that would be eligible.

Alderman Domaingue stated the reason she raised the issue was because she tonight had gone to the site of the Green Acres School where 713 students are going to begin their education tomorrow and there is a new entrance to that school that she did not recall the Joint School Building Committee giving its full assent to open, but it is there and it is opened, and it is the entrance that is going to be used, the new asphalted entrance to the middle school and Green Acres site. Her concern was that the request had come from the Green Acres School administration to include a third crossing guard at one of the entrances because of the safety factor involving the elementary school children. She wanted a comfort level at this time for them to go ahead and provide the crossing guard because she did not find tonight that there was a significant comfort level in terms of safety for those elementary school children and that concerns me, she wanted herself and the school to be assured that they would have the crossing guards necessary to avoid any type of confusion or accident.

In response to question from Mayor Wiczorek, Alderman Domaingue stated that they had requested it through the Public Building Services Department and she understood that the police department had been contacted requesting a third crossing guard.

Chief Driscoll stated that they had requested of Dick Houle and he asked that a third crossing guard be made available, and he had assured him that they would do their very best they could to find someone. Chief Driscoll stated that tomorrow morning he expected that there would be three there, or an officer would be there.

Alderman Domaingue noted that the first day was confusing for everyone, and she appreciated the cooperation.

Alderman Domaingue moved to refer the Resolutions to the Committee on Finance. Alderman Clancy seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

AF. Communication from Bill McDonald requesting the closure of Lowell Street between Elm and Kosciuszko Streets on Saturday, October 4, 1997 between the hours of noon to 10:00 PM in conjunction with a block party being sponsored by The Wild Rover and The Black Brimmer.

City Clerk Bernier advised that Mr. McDonald had requested this item be removed.

Mayor Wieczorek advised the item was removed from the agenda.

Report of Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration

AI. Recommending that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen adopt the list of receivables for write-off as submitted to the Committee by the Revenue Administrator in a letter dated August 7, 1997.

Alderman Domaingue noted that the Committee had amended the original listing and removed the Fire Department alarms from it, asking if it had been removed in the enclosed package.

Alderman Hirschmann commented that the Fire Department was working with them and those items had been tabled in the Committee. Discussion followed where it was noted that the listing enclosed was the correct version without Fire Department reflected.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to accept the report as submitted by the Committee.

Alderman Wihby requested to address AH for a moment, relative to the report of the Committee on Accounts submitting the Assessors report.

Alderman Wihby questioned Mr. Tellier, relative to open cases asking if that meant that those were taxes that were not paid. Mr. Tellier responded not necessarily advising that these were local cases that were appealed for the 1996 tax year. He noted that the date for appeal to the next higher level will expire at midnight tonight.

- 4.** Confirmation of Aldermanic nominations to the Conduct Board as follows:
James Barry, term to expire July 1, 1998;
James Craig, term to expire July 1, 1999;
James Eddinger, term to expire July 1, 1999;
Michael Netkovick, term to expire July 1, 2000; and

Eugene Gagnon to serve as an Alternate, term to expire July 1, 1998.
(Note: Clerk assigned expiration dates in order of nominations.)

Mayor Wieczorek stated there was a lot of confusion on item 4. Part of the confusion was that he did not think there should have been any dates assigned to any of these appointments. He understood that the clerk had taken these in the order they were nominated and applied that term to it but he thought the proper way to do it would have been to just nominate people for a particular term, which would have been a lot easier.

Mayor Wieczorek stated he also had three nominations.

Alderman Wihby withdrew Mike Netkovick from the nominations.

Mayor Wieczorek made nominations to the Conduct Board as follows:

Mike Netkovick, term to expire July 1, 1998.

Sr. Carol Descoteaux , term to expire July 1, 1999.

Siobhan Tautkus as an alternate, term to expire July 1, 2000.

Mayor Wieczorek stated that these were his nominations and now they had the nominations the aldermen had here, and we have to balance this because it has to be no more than three from one party, and so it's not been easy to try to get these things balanced. Mayor Wieczorek stated he thought the thing to do in order to try to be fair with this, he took one term with a term expiring July 1998; that this would leave the aldermanic board a term of one year alternate term expiring July 1, 1998. Mayor Wieczorek stated he had one term expiring July 1999, and the Board has one term expiring July 1999. Mayor Wieczorek stated he had one term expiring July 2000, and the Board has one with July 2000, but it's a three year term rather than an alternate. Mayor Wieczorek noted that he had tried to get this thing as fair as they could make it.

Alderman Pariseau asked what he was saying.

Mayor Wieczorek responded he was saying they had too many people here, so we are going to have to, we have eliminated one because we have taken Mike Netkovick off, and brought him in on the mayor's side.

Alderman Pariseau asked about James Eddinger, asking if he should be nominated for the term expiring July 1, 1998.

Mayor Wieczorek stated they had James Barry, what term, and they had the July 1, 1999 term the July 1, 1998 term, which was an alternate, and the July 1, 2000.

Alderman Pariseau asked if Eddinger could be a July 1999 term.

Mayor Wieczorek noted that he was a republican, and they can only have three of each, noting he had two republicans and a democrat. Mayor Wieczorek noted that there was one democrat, James Craig, on the nomination list, the others were republican. In response to question, Mayor Wieczorek advised that Sr. Descoteaux was a democrat.

Mayor Wieczorek stated that they had someone here to fill a two year term.

Alderman Shea nominated James Barry for the two year term. Mayor Wiczorek called for a second to the motion. Alderman Clancy seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mayor Wiczorek advised that they now had one.

Alderman Hirschmann stated he had nominated someone for this board that he thought could do a good job and work hard, and they're being expired July 1, of next summer by the time this board meets it will be October so that gives him like six months, asking if the Charter shouldn't give him a year.

Mayor Wiczorek stated it does; that the new charter passed July 1 of 1997, and that was why, they had to have staggered terms.

Alderman Hirschmann stated so give him a year and a half.

Mayor Wiczorek stated he did not think you could do that, this gets it all jumbled up.

Alderman Cashin stated that this did not have to be acted upon this evening asking if they couldn't table it. He noted that this was probably the most sensitive board you are ever going to put together, and to do it tonight the way they are trying to do it, he thought was a mistake.

Alderman Domaingue stated she would second that.

Alderman Cashin stated why not table it, get together talk about it in a room and work it out, this was not the way to do it this evening, it wasn't fair to those who were nominated and not fair to the Board.

Mayor Wiczorek stated he was going to accept the vote on those that were nominated at the last meeting, those that he was proposing couldn't be voted on until the next meeting.

Alderman Cashin noted that they were putting in other names and other people are being knocked off, couldn't they table it until the Board had a chance to sit down with the Mayor and work it out through a consensus.

Alderman Domaingue stated she supported that motion and she also support it because she was a little concerned that the language of the charter which says that they are entitled to a one year term should mean a one year term. If as Alderman Hirschmann pointed out if you nominate them and they don't take official office or placement until October and they are up in July that's not a one year term.

Solicitor Clark stated that his office had looked at this; that the way the charter reads the conduct board because effective July 1st whether or not they had somebody on there or not and that is the date that has been set forth on these.

Alderman Domaingue stated she did not quarrel with that but was raising the issue of if I were an appointee to that board and you didn't make the appointment as a board until October, if the language says you will serve a one year term my interpretation of one year would be twelve months, wouldn't yours.

Solicitor Clark responded if you are telling someone they are going to get a one year term yes, but if you tell them they are going to serve the one year term that started July 1st, no.

Alderman Domaingue asked if that was what they were doing.

Solicitor Clark responded he believed so.

Alderman Shea stated he tended to disagree with his colleague. He felt that the board was essential, they were asked to nominate a person and he in turn had, and he felt in justice to these

people they should be nominated this evening. He did not feel as though it was an imposition or a stretching of any rule, he felt they should go ahead with the nominations tonight, in fairness to the people who were nominated.

Alderman Soucy stated that since they had to vote on these at the next meeting anyway, to confirm the mayor's nominations, wouldn't it make sense to do it altogether, and then be able to say this will be the two year term, this will be the one year term, she did not think anyone was clear at this point as to who is going to occupy which terms and how they should be allocated. She noted that the clerk had put them in order and that was probably the only way they could have arranged them, but she thought the process involved a little more thought than that, and she thought it would be a little more appropriate. The board can't meet before we confirm the mayor's nominations anyway, even if they acted on the aldermen's tonight they still did not have a complete board, they would still have to come back and vote on more people so why not do it altogether.

Mayor Wieczorek noted that they had already confirmed one.

Alderman Elise stated she wished to nominate James Craig to the three year term.

Mayor Wieczorek noted that there was a motion to table this, Alderman Cashin by Alderman Domaingue.

Alderman Wihby stated he withdrew a nomination and one already went through today, so if they were going to table it then everything should be back on the table, not vote the first one in.

Alderman Cashin stated that he was not opposed to anyone who had been brought in they were all good people, but he felt that if they tried to work something out here tonight they would wind up with something nobody is going to be happy with.

Alderman Elise asked who was going to work it out, a small group of aldermen.

Alderman Cashin stated they (the aldermen) could sit down in a room and talk and work things out.

Alderman Pariseau asked if they could call a recess to go into executive session under 90:II.

It was concurred that they could not do that and general discussion followed.

Mayor Wieczorek advised that he would call for a vote on the motion to table, but he felt Mr. Barry ought to consider himself elected, that was voted upon.

Alderman Cashin stated that they couldn't vote on half of it they either tabled it or didn't.

Alderman Cashin then commented that some of the aldermen didn't even know who the people were.

Mayor Wieczorek noted that they should strike all the dates listed.

Alderman Wihby noted that it had been changed anyway because Barry's term was changed to 1999.

Alderman Domaingue stated that she found it surprising that this discussion and the time taken for this discussion tonight in that no one including the mayor's office realized that there would be some confusion relative to the new names that were brought forward, and she thought that underscored the need to take a second look at it and table it until they have had a chance to discuss it among themselves with respect to terms if nothing else. She did not have a problem with leaving one member that has been voted in, voted in on that board, but she thought they

needed to take care, this was a conduct board, very important to the city of Manchester and she did not think this discussion and confusion is the manner in which to go about it.

Alderman Elise stated she understood the seriousness of this board and thought many of them thought of individuals that they might nominate to this board and she had nominated one individual she thought would serve very well and she did talk prior to the meeting with other individuals about other candidates and came to some consensus on some candidates. If they did table this this evening, she wanted to know when they were going to talk about this because she was very uncomfortable with having a few aldermen sit down and decide who is going to be nominated to what years, outside of a public meeting. She asked when they would be discussing this.

Alderman Pariseau withdrew the name of James Eddinger, with the understanding that the mayor keep his resume on file for a future position.

Alderman Soucy requested that they move the tabling motion.

Alderman Wihby asked if Mr. Barry was in our out. Alderman Clancy, Alderman Soucy, and Alderman Domaingue all stated he was in. Alderman Wihby felt it was not fair and could not understand why it had to be tabled today.

Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote on the motion to table. The motion carried with Alderman Wihby and Alderman Elise recorded in opposition.

Alderman Cashin asked the mayor's office to convene a meeting of the whole board as soon as possible so they could discuss this.

Mayor Wieczorek advised a special meeting would be called.

Civic Center update presented by John Snow

Mr. Snow introduced himself as a member of the Civic Center Committee of Manchester Development Corporation noting other members were here as well, Dick Charpentier, Skip Ashoo if there are questions or comments later. Mr. Snow read a written report to the Board, a copy of which was distributed to members, as follows:

Since our last report on August 6, 1997, the architectural team of Lavallee-Brensinger and HOK Sport has discussed their choice of a site in a public session on August 19th to which all interested citizens of Manchester were invited. At that forum, the architectural team presented a model covering four hundred square feet, displaying the site, as well as surrounding buildings within a block or so. The team also presented different design schemes for group discussion and comment. It was a terrific performance by the architectural team and those who attended (over two hundred in number) actively participated in the program. Committee members spoke with many of those attending and universally received very positive comments on the team's presentation and on the opportunity to participate in design decisions. The architects expect to complete their final report during this month.

The committee has continued to negotiate with firms offering to manage the facility and provide concessions. As mentioned in earlier reports, this is an area where the city can receive significant private funds to support the financing of the civic center. Last Friday, we sent letters to each of the top organizations in these negotiations and requested their final and best proposals for providing management and concessions. During the month of September, we expect to choose among these candidates and enter into serious negotiations to obtain a memorandum of understanding with our final selection.

We have also continued our efforts to obtain a suitable minor league American Hockey League franchise. It is clear that the league wants a minor league team in Manchester. The committee wants to obtain the best possible fit between the team and the city. Given that objective, we are somewhat tied to the candidate/team's schedule in coming up with our best opportunity. Thus, we will take the time that may be required to obtain the best possible franchise for Manchester, while, at the same time, recognizing that that possibility may require us to modify our desired timetable.

We have received the final report from Arthur Andersen concerning their discussions with several prospective organizations and individuals on their interest for naming rights and premium seating. Their report indicates substantial interest. Information that they gathered has been used by the architects in planning for luxury suites and club seating. This information will be used in connection with our analysis of overall financial pro formas for the facility. This element of the pro formas will be a major ingredient in developing private funding to support the overall financing of the civic center.

The committee met last Thursday, August 28, to review progress to date and work to be completed. We continue to be very enthusiastic about our ability to bring to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen a project proposal that will include significant private funding, a guarantee on operating performance, tax payer protection on debt repayments and a facility that will truly be a landmark structure providing economic impetus to the downtown. To present such a prospect will take continuing work on the part of the committee which is likely to extend through the end of this calendar year and, possibly, into 1998. After a detailed review of construction timetables, it is clear that the opening of the facility cannot occur until the fall of 2000. Even this projection assumes prompt action once our report is presented. This time frame brings some complications in dealing with prospective minor league franchise opportunities, but, also, offers other possibilities. We will continue to maintain contact with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on our progress and would welcome any suggestions or comments Board members might have on our efforts.

Alderman Shea asked if the aldermen would get an update as far as how much private funding is going to be involved in this project, and if they were, when they would receive that. Alderman Shea asked if they would receive it periodically or at the end of 1998, or when could the general public expect the private funding noting there was discussion about managing and concessions and the team but the actual building of the civic center, which is a very costly endeavor, when will the general public be able to say 20, 30, 50, 80 percent of private funding is forthcoming regarding that.

Mr. Snow responded the negotiations and discussions they were having now really represent the opportunities for that private funding. The management organization, the concessionaire, as well as the team. He thought that would require them to go right to the final bell of the report before they were able to give a complete picture, and what we think the total private funding opportunity is.

Alderman Shea asked when that would be, did he have any idea now.

Mr. Snow responded they consider that the project would take continuing work on the part of the committee which is likely to extend through the end of the calendar year, and possibly into 1998.

Alderman Shea so then the public would be able to assess how much private funding will be available.

Alderman Hirschmann questioned the site selection, asking if that was going to entail ripping down the new Parts America store.

Mr. Snow responded it does include that building.

Alderman Hirschmann noted that Mr. Snow's group solicited the businesses such as Staples, asking if they told they would like them to remain downtown, or.

Mr. Snow stated that they would try very hard to maintain their activity downtown certainly, but our discussions so far have merely been in an effort to obtain access to the site.

Alderman Domaingue stated when we initially looked at this project, Mr. Taylor was present because it was GMDC funds that was being used for the initial phase of this asking if they were talking at the time of a private contribution in the area of 25 to 30 percent and if we were at that time has that ultimate goal changed, was Mr. Snow saying that that could be as much as 80 percent. Alderman Domaingue noted that she was not sure that the clarity was there for her. Mr. Snow stated he did not mention a percent, and to his knowledge mentioned personally, he knew the committee had not focused in on any particular percent, their attention had focused on getting as much as they could, and then it became a question for the Finance Department to determine whether that is going to be adequate to obtain the insurance they need to protect on the bonds. They were out to pursue as much as they possibly could, they did not have a target, they did not have a minimum - they did not have a maximum, because they would like to do the best they possibly can for the City.

Alderman Domaingue asked if he recalled when they first gave approval to this initial phase whether or not there was a timeline that had been promised. Was it explained to the board that this would be an ongoing study that would launch into 1998 and possibly beyond.

Mr. Snow responded he was not sure what basis previous time frames were given. Speaking for himself, and he believed the committee, any projection that they made frankly was quite naive. We are not experienced people in dealing with these things and frankly we underestimated initially in our thoughts on what timetable we were going to be dealing with. They would love to have this thing behind them, but they had concluded that they were going to do the best possible job they can, present the best possible package to the Board and they recognized now that that was going to take considerable time, not all of which was under their control.

Alderman Domaingue stated her final question was a little rooted in philosophy, asking if there was any opportunity for him to explain why if a civic center is such a good venture and a profitable venture, why...

Mr. Snow stated that they had every indication at this point, it is going to take public funds, he thought that that had been in the picture from day one, at least it has been with any discussions that he had, the question becomes how much public funds. It was his understanding and he was not aware of any installation of this kind that have done without public funds and our assumption is that the Board expects that there will be public funds involved.

Update from Eleanor Dahar on the activities of Federated Arts and its role as Arts Council for the City.

Ms. Dahar addressed the Board stating she was president of the Board of Federated Arts of Greater Manchester. Ms. Dahar stated she was there to tell them what they had accomplished over the last year, they had three projects that had been completed and are successful. The first

is that we are now on-line so when you surf the net or web you can click on to fedarts.com and see what we are doing. You will also see what are funded members are doing. Our funded members are the New Hampshire Center for the Performing Arts which is the Palace Theater, the New Hampshire Symphony, the New Hampshire Philharmonic, the Manchester Historic Society, the Currier Museum, the Manchester Community Music School, the New Hampshire Coral Society, and the New Hampshire Opera League. They also have a telephone number for a voice mail message information system, 669-ARTS, and when you dial that number you'll get a message machine that tells you what the activities are of each of the funded members for the City, tells you what the performance is for each organization, the exhibits upcoming, information and directions how to get to the organization. It will tell you what Federated Arts' mission is and what it is doing at the present time. The third project which they are ecstatic about is this ticket kiosk which was being presented to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the first of many being presented throughout the city to stores, organizations, theaters, restaurants. She asked that it be placed in a prominent position in the temporary city hall, and then placed in a permanent position in the renovated city hall, for the purpose of connecting people to the power of the arts. Each one of the brightly colored tickets represents a coupon for a discount or promotion at one of the funded members organization's upcoming performances exhibits or items at their galleries, and this was for each member of the public to take a ticket or coupon, as many as they want, and when they become empty they would refill them because it was to promote audience awareness and participation with the arts of Manchester and to get people involved and to show them that the arts are alive and present in the City and thanks to you its working and people are very excited about what is going on and Federated Arts is a prominent part of that, and we're promoting the cultural awareness for the city of Manchester and making Manchester aware of the arts councils activities in the city. Ms. Dahar noted their executive director, Deb Tatro, was present, who was completing her first year as director of Federated Arts. Ms. Dahar stated that these three projects are the first of many projects to come and they would update the Board as they become available to the public. Ms. Dahar stated she had pamphlets to distribute to the members so they would know what Federated Arts was doing, what their logo was. Ms. Dahar noted they were in the Hampshire Plaza which was open from 9 to 5 every day and if they had any ideas on how Federated Arts can help the city more than what they were doing stop in and talk to Deb and tell her your ideas. They want to be active with the city.

Alderman Reiniger stated as a member of the Philharmonic orchestra he could attest to the fact that the Federated Arts is a fantastic group, they have done a lot for the orchestra, he wished to thank them for that and for their efforts in helping the arts in the community.

Alderman Elise wished to commend Chairman Dahar for her work in promoting the cultural organizations in the city and providing the necessary funding. Alderman Elise noted that they had some wonderful groups in the city which she had participated in and was a member of a few, as a lot of people know cultural organizations are the basis of a healthy and vibrant community.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to remove the following item from the table for discussion.

19. Communication from John Mayer of the Manchester Historic Association requesting an appropriation of \$5,000 from the Board in support of the Association's upcoming exhibit and related public program series entitled *Picturing Manchester: Photographers and Photography in the City, 1850-Present*.
(Note: communication from Mr. Mayer dated August 28, 1997 enclosed.)
(Tabled 8/5/97)

Mr. Mayer addressed the Board stating this is a project that the Historic Association is developing as part of our annual exhibit and program series. For those of you familiar with the Historic Association and my work there, for the past five years they have undertaken an exhibit and program series for each of those years. This project we are focusing on the collections of the Historic Association, our photographic collections, and it is the first time ever that we have tried to develop a program exclusively based on those collections. We have begun to learn quite a bit about those things that we have. For instance we have a daguerreotype that was made in 1844 of Betsy Kidder that supposedly is the earliest photograph made in New Hampshire, but in addition to that we have collections of some 6,000 prints that document the growth of the city over time. Our goal with this project is to not only offer an interpretive exhibit for the public but also to develop school programs, and adult programs, that will engage our constituents in learning about New Hampshire history.

Mayor Wieczorek noted that the request was for \$5,000. which would have to come from contingency.

Mr. Clougherty advised that there was \$10,000. allocated in civic contributions which had been intended to be spent in a different area so they would need to transfer funds from contingency to civic contributions. Mr. Clougherty noted that there was a current balance of \$253,500. in contingency.

In response to questions, Mr. Mayer advised that the total exhibit costs were \$11,000.; that they had received a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council of \$4,000. so the grant of \$5,000. from the city will help match that grant and the additional amount will be made up from operational funds of the Historic Association.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to approve \$5,000. to be transferred from Contingency to Civic Contributions for the Historic Association project.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to recess the regular meeting to allow the Committee on Finance to meet.

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting back to order.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$8,000,000 for the 1998 CIP 7.60323 Cohas Brook Trunk Sewer Project.”

ought to pass and lay over; and further that resolutions:

“Amending the 1996 and 1998 Community Improvement Programs, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$623,317.91 for the 1998 CIP 7.10115 Bridge Rehabilitation Project.”

“Amending the 1997 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$74,734.25 for the 1997 CIP 5.10251 Neighborhood Park Rehabilitation Project.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for various School Department Projects.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, changing the administering authority for the 1998 CIP 2.50602 Latin American Center.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the 1998 CIP 3.30519 Middle School Program.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$95,000.00 for the 1998 CIP 7.50101B Sidewalk Construction 50/50 program.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) from Contingency to Civic Contributions.”

ought to pass and be Enrolled.

Alderman Clancy moved to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee. Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

Communication from Marion Ciechon submitting her resignation as a member of the Airport Authority.

Alderman Domaingue moved to accept the resignation with deepest regrets and to send a letter thanking Mrs. Ciechon for her service to the Board. Alderman Soucy seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

11. Communication from Andrew M. Allen of FIRST requesting an extension to agreements with the City.

Alderman Wihby moved to approve the request. Alderman Reiniger seconded the motion.

Alderman Cashin moved that this be tabled and referred to the City Solicitor's office and the Finance Department. Alderman Cashin noted that this was the third time they had been requested to make an extension here and he was sure there was a valid reason, but the city of Manchester gave \$2,300,000. for this building, the purchase price of the building was \$1.9

million, leaving \$400,000 someplace he didn't know where, and he wished to know where. Alderman Cashin stated also there were certain commitments made that certain renovations would be made on the building and they haven't been made to date, and he was sure there was valid reasons for this, but he felt that if this was anyone else, a taxpayer, if they had a problem, as the mayor had said there were a few bumps in the road, he understood that and appreciated it, but if the average taxpayer has a few bumps in the road we put a lien on their building. Alderman Cashin stated he was asking that they treat everybody fairly, and if they were going to do it to an average taxpayer why should this be different; that he was asking to table this to give Finance Department an opportunity to audit, let's find out where the \$400,000 is, where the monies that are in that building that are being leased, where those monies are going, he thought they had a fiduciary responsibility to ask these questions, and it's got nothing to do with US First, they've entered into a business agreement, we purchased the building and he felt they had an obligation to find out what was going on.

Mayor Wieczorek stated that Mr. Allen who was the president of First was going to be at the October 7 meeting, so he was sure he would be happy to answer any questions they might have. Mayor Wieczorek commented that part of the problem was the CDFA funds, which were not released. He was in Keene talking to the directors of the CDFA to see if they could get the funds released. They finally have been released, and if it were a matter of saying we can honor what we said we were going to do by the end of the year, they could do that, but he thought it made more sense to try to do a larger part of the program all at one time, and this is what they are asking for.

Alderman Cashin stated he was not questioning any of that, he was asking where are the funds - the additional \$400,000. and the revenues being brought into the building - where are they going and who is accounting for them.

Mayor Wieczorek stated that was a fair question.

Alderman Shea seconded the motion to table pending report from Solicitor and Finance. Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote. The motion carried with Aldermen Wihby, Reiniger and Robert duly recorded in opposition.

Communication from the Library Director presenting information on present and future library services and requesting to introduce Janice Shepherd to the Board.

Mayor Wieczorek noted that neither the Library Director or Ms. Shepherd were present and the item was removed.

Resolutions:

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On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to read by titles only and it was so done.

The clerk noted that based on previous action with regard to the Historic Association, the Board may wish to amend the last resolution read by adding \$5,000.00 to the amount.

Alderman Wihby moved to amend the resolution transferring contingency funds to civic contributions to \$5,500.00. Alderman Clancy duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

Alderman Pariseau moved that the Resolutions pass and be Enrolled, the last resolution as amended. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

Notice for reconsideration by Alderman Cashin regarding motion to confirm Steven Tellier as Chairman of the Board of Assessors.

Alderman Cashin moved to reconsider. Alderman Soucy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Clancy, Domaingue, Pariseau, Robert, Hirschmann, Wihby and Sysyn voted nay. Aldermen Soucy, Shea, Cashin, Elise and Reiniger voted yea. The motion failed. Alderman Sysyn noted that her vote of nay was because she did not want to belabor this any longer and feeling that the Board of Assessors needed to move along. Mr. Tellier was congratulated.

15. Nominations to be presented by Mayor Wieczorek.

Mayor Wieczorek presented nominations as follows:

Board of Registrars

Rita M. Brack to succeed herself, term expiring May 1, 2000.
Brian McHugh to fill vacancy, term expiring May 1, 1998

Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries

Fred Harris to succeed himself, term expiring July 7, 2000.

Conservation Commission

Mark Gross to succeed himself, term expiring August 1, 2000.
Todd Connors to succeed himself, term expiring August 1, 2000.
Jane Beaulieu to succeed herself, term expiring August 1, 2000.
Kathleen Brown to succeed herself, term expiring August 1, 2000.

Manchester Development Corporation

Charles E. Hungler to succeed John Allard, term expiring March 11, 1999.

Fire Commission

Augustus Fromuth to succeed Daniel Manning, term expiring May 1, 1999.

Heritage Committee

Verna Perry as an alternate, term expiring January 1, 1998.
Linda Seabury as an alternate, term expiring January 1, 1999.
Walter Milne as an alternate, term expiring January 1, 2000.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

John J. Brady to succeed himself, term expiring March 1, 2000.

Planning Board

Joan Bennett as an alternate, term expiring May 1, 2000.

Board of Health

Sophia Antoniou to succeed Joanne Farley, term to expire July 1, 1998.

16. Ratification of agreement with the Manchester Education Association in accordance with the memorandum of agreement and cost calculations presented on August 5, 1997.
(Note: Available for viewing at the City Clerk's Office and forwarded under separate cover to the Mayor and Aldermen.)

Alderman Clancy moved to ratify the agreement in accordance with the memorandum of agreement and cost calculations presented on August 5. Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Robert stated that the agreement on the health insurance was going to prohibit us from saving any money in the future. In previous years the health insurance has gone up 25 percent year after year, with this clause in there it will not allow them to do that. It was a formula in his mind for runaway spending. They would not be able to control it. Alderman Robert stated his usual concern when they give pay raises of any nature they put themselves before the eight ball forcing them to raise taxes to fix the parks, streets and schools and they are never able to do enough and that should be the Board's priority not this stuff, these people get taken care of year after year, everybody else in the city gets left with nothing.

Mayor Wiczorek called for a vote. The motion carried. Aldermen Wihby, Reiniger, Domaingue and Robert were recorded in opposition.

Alderman Wihby stated he was opposed to be consistent with what he had said a couple of years ago as far as the merit increases go. Alderman Reiniger stated he was opposed for the same reason.

TABLED ITEMS

17. Petition submitted by State Representative Vaillancourt seeking the Board's endorsement regarding resident concerns of the Airport Access Road.
(Tabled 7/1/97)

This item remained on the table.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to remove the following item from the table for discussion.

18. Communication from the Director of Planning seeking the Board's formal acceptance of the dedication of Pickering Street, Barrett Street, and Blevens Street in a recently developed subdivision as outlined in the enclosed.
(Note: update communication submitted by the Director of Planning.)
(Tabled 8/5/97)

Alderman Wihby moved to accept the dedication of Pickering Street, Barrett Street, and Blevens Street as outlined, accepting the streets as public streets, and approving the street names and grades as established. Alderman Shea seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Elise stated that her first item was related to the item discussed earlier was the fact that the mayor would be meeting with the state reps and senators to develop legislation to either ban or control video poker machines. Alderman Elise stated she had initiated the motion to have a joint meeting based on the fact that she was not aware that any efforts were being taken

place; that this was not a we versus they issue, what she wanted to do was have the Board support a motion that would support the mayor's efforts to work with our state representatives and senators on this issue and have testimony from the aldermen that they do support the mayor's efforts so that they will know the seriousness of the problem and the fact that they did support his office on working on this issue for now and in the future.

Alderman Elise stated she wished to make a motion that the Board will support the Mayor's efforts in working with the state reps and senators to develop legislation to either ban or control. Alderman Elise noted that when the mayor worked with these groups they would know that the aldermen were in support of his efforts to do so.

Alderman Robert seconded the motion.

Mayor Wieczorek asked what Alderman Elise wished to do, asking if she wanted to come testify before the group. Alderman Elise stated that she would like to do that at such time where he informed them of the meeting but this would be a testimony that he would have on behalf of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen indicating that they support his efforts.

Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote. There were two in favor, two opposed and the balance did not vote. Discussion ensued relative to the clarity of the motion.

Alderman Elise noted that the motion was to support the mayor and chief of police who would be meeting with the reps and senators to develop legislation that would enable the city to ban or control video poker machines. She was making a motion that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen support the mayor in his efforts in working with the house reps and senators.

Alderman Cashin asked if they had not submitted Alderman Elise's communication to the mayor's office for that reason. Members concurred.

Alderman Clancy stated that the Safety Review Board recently held a meeting and had the stages throughout the city inspected, one in particular, Central High, was in dire need of repair; that they had not received an estimate back but it was guessed to be about \$300,000 to update the stages in the city.

Mayor Wieczorek stated they had not received the information back as of yet but he thought they would be taking a look at that because the Practical Arts was really a facility that this city should be very proud of. He felt they wanted to see it become a little more self sufficient, and make sure it is going to be operating a little more efficiently. As soon as they got a report from Alderman Clancy's committee which he commended him for attending, they would give the report to the Board as soon as they had one.

Alderman Cashin moved to submit something to CIP asking if they can't find some location where young people may be able to skateboard, noting he had gotten several calls on the issue. Alderman Sysyn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Alderman Reiniger stated that the Neighborhood Housing Services and center city residents are working to clean up Sheridan-Emmett park area, they are also looking at building a skateboard park somewhere in the area.

Alderman Reiniger stated that Child Health Services will be holding a reception and inviting the aldermen to see them before their first meeting in October, from 6 to 7 PM. Alderman Reiniger noted that this program addresses the health needs of the children in the community from disadvantaged families.

Alderman Reiniger nominated Ray Manseau to fill the seat being vacated by William Desrosiers on the Manchester Transit Authority board.

Alderman Reiniger moved to close nominations to succeed William Desrosiers to the Manchester Transit Authority. Alderman Sysyn seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued relative to appointments to board and commissions where it was noted that the MTA and Water Works were appointments of the aldermen by statute.

Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote on the motion to close the nominations. The motion carried with Alderman Wihby and Alderman Cashin recorded in opposition.

Alderman Elise stated she had a letter from Alexander Kolinski regarding Ted Herbert's building addressed to the mayor's office, concerning traffic issues and future use of the area outside of the building. Mr. Herbert has been with the city for 40 years. They did make the effort to stay in the city, purchased a building, done wonderful things in renovating the building and she was concerned that they be treated as well as we can so they stay in Manchester and have a profitable organization. Alderman Elise asked if some of their concerns had been addressed.

Mayor Wieczorek advised that all of their concerns had been addressed and was satisfactorily resolved.

Mayor Wieczorek commented that Principal Baines of West High School had reminded him this morning that Ted Herbert is going to be called out of retirement to have another band concert on October 19th with his old band, so anybody interested in going and seeing Ted and the big band should contact Mr. Baines.

Alderman Soucy stated that Paul Porter wished to address the Board.

Mr. Porter stated this Board has made a number of very difficult decisions in the nearly 17 years I have been here, and I just want to assure and congratulate Steve Tellier, and he was sure Tom Nichols joins him in that, and to assure this board that they will be working together as a board and you have a good board before you.

Alderman Cashin moved to cast one unanimous ballot for Steve Tellier. Alderman Pariseau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk