

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

**September 2, 1997**

**7:00 PM  
School Administration Bldg.  
196 Bridge Street**

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order.

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

Mayor Wieczorek requested a moment of silent prayer asking that the tragic death of Princess Diana be remembered.

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

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Sysyn, Clancy, soucy, Shea, Domaingue,  
Pariseau, Cashin and Robert.

Absent: Aldermen Elise, Reiniger, 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; that 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 come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Mr. Robert Padfield of 750 Somerville Street addressed the Board stating:

I been in the city for twelve years. I owned a small business of my own for six years, been involved in the youth ministry of the church for like six years. I have a vision for youth in Manchester. I know that each of you have done so much for the city of Manchester. I also know that each of you deeply love this city. I am here to ask you to express that your love for the youth of our city. It is my vision that most of the social problems are connected to family live, therefore we must undertake the planning, development, and building of a Manchester community center, utilizing the churches and the families of our cities. To achieve this goal, in one mind in spirit for the youth of this community and share all of our god given talents. I have about three names of people in the city I still need to talk to, and a police chief from another city, from another organization that has set up already in another town, and it is working for taking care of the small time crime in the city. The bicycle stealing, the breaking the windows, the graffiti, the kids out too late, the kids need a place to go. I was a kid and there was no place to go. You get the people, the families, you get the people to take the time, instead of staying home and watching TV and just doing their thing, if you get everybody involved, if people are

taking the time to take people under their wing, it will work. it is going to take a lot of work. it is going to take a lot of time. And I'm not asking for any money. The money will come too. Like field of dreams you build it, it will come, well I'm asking that you think about this instead of the civic center. That's a big issue, I understand that, but I would like to put the first one right in that Staples parking lot, and then I still want more. You want Manchester like Manchester has never been before, then this is what you need to do, get the people plugged in, get them on your side. Get them working with the kids, taking them under their wing, guiding them, bringing them up -- get every program there is in this city that is set up already and feed them all into it. You got a troubled youth, well get him plugged in. Service is the whole name of this thing. You've got to get the people involved. Kids aren't going to get anything without doing something for their neighbor or the city. The street needs cleaning - the windows need washed. There are all these workers here, we just got to take the time and plug them in. You've got everything all set up, you really do. This place is going to be great, but it could be better.

Mr. Padfield presented the Mayor with a book entitled "Wisdom for Winning".

Lloyd Basinow, 503 Amherst Street, addressed the Board stating:

Item P on tonight's agenda is a request from me to declare 1255 units of Manchester public housing as drug free zones in accordance with State law RSA 47:17. This law has been on the books for over five years and nothing has been done by the MHA to implement the law which I'm now calling upon this Board to take action on. Since the MHA commissioners are responsible for establishing public housing policy, I can't understand why they have taken no action already authorized by existing law. While our understaffed police department with limited resources fight to free our streets and schools from drug suppliers and users, Manchester Housing projects are considered by many as an unpublicized drug sanctuary. I would question whether the MHA rents to anyone and then looks the other way seeking to ignore the illegal use of public property subsidized by overburdened taxpayers of Manchester. The MHA is not doing all that can be done to keep its properties clean, respectable, free of the drug vermin that is infesting our community, and in fact has become a refuge for drug addicts in our community. In the many years that the laws have been on the books, the MHA has not declared any of its housing units to be drug free zones and posted appropriated signs to that effect. I would ask just what is the MHA doing to clean its house and assist our police to get rid of the drug pushers in and near our housing projects, and senior citizen housing. Tonight I hope for a change of pace that Alderman Wihby and Alderman Pariseau won't kill this request like they have done with so many of my other requests like term limits and several of the other items that have come before this Board. This is an important issue, and its time for this Board to take action to help our senior citizens in this city and the rest of the people in this city that want to get rid of the drug problem that we have. Thank you very much.

Mr. Harold Levine, 49 Hillcroft Road, addressed the Board stating:

I've been speaking to you people before about the consolidation of garages and motor pools. Six years approximately, I along with Mike Roche presented this to the Board and up to date I believe there has been a committee set up, but I've been stone walled for some reason by the Mayor's office, and I feel it's about time I keep calling and told that I won't get a report who is one the committee, etc., etc., I have volunteered many times for it but I'm not good enough to get on the committee. Maybe I'm too much a fiscal conservative for the mayor and some of the people on this board. I feel that it's a great cost to the taxpayers of Manchester by not having a consolidation of garages and motor pools and it is costing the taxpayers a heck of a lot of money until this is going to be implemented. Who the chairman is, and I think I found out at the last meeting it was Alderman Robert. Even there I haven't been able to get any answers. I don't know why I am being stonewalled Mr. Mayor by your office, I'm not given just a simple report of what's been going on for the last two years with this committee, who is one the committee. I know I have mentioned people who are ex-city employees who have saved the city of Manchester money and you've insulted these people by not putting them on the committee, but you've been able to put on people who aren't fiscal conservatives. I think it's about time under the right to know law, I hope to find out in the next two to three weeks. I will submit a written request to the appropriate office, whether the City Clerk or City Solicitor, but I hope to find out during the next three or four weeks. I don't know who the aldermen are as far as vehicles go, but right now there are too many city vehicles without city decals on them- maybe you're exempt Mr. Mayor, your car, the Supt. of Schools, your twin pontiac of last year have never had a city decal, and I feel indirectly we subsidized you as far as when you ran for congress because that car spent more time at your headquarters on Elm street than it did at City Hall. I feel this will take place too, and as the mayor of a city of this size it behooves you that the taxpayer own the vehicle it should have a city decal. I was very perturbed about my alderman last week when I read that all of a sudden she woke up to the fact and hasn't spoke to me in six years whether at an aldermanic Board meeting or a ward two committee pertaining to the consolidation of garage and motor pool. All of sudden she became a hero and I resent her using my idea and not supporting them in six years, and I don't think she will support them in the future either.

Alderman Pariseau asked relative to identifying city vehicles in other places where they are not suppose to be. How did he know they were city vehicles.

Mr. Levine responded when I see a parks and recreation truck, I know the color of parks and recreation trucks, I know you are changing some of the colors at the highway department. This is your job supposedly that you are in charge and like I say there are other, come to the school yard, you will see city vehicles here that don't have city decals on them. That's how I can tell, there is certain place that the county uses, certain place that city uses whether it is GO or GI. People know.

Alderman Pariseau stated his point was that a lot of non-profit entities had G plates.

Mr. Levine stated that they also had their names, like STS, Optima; that he didn't go to school yesterday. I know when I make a statement I research the statement. I don't think -- if you are in charge of the man this department, that department, I don't know. If you are asking me these questions, it behooves you to find out why these different departments aren't putting city decals on these vehicles.

Alderman Clancy moved to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented. Alderman Soucy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Special Meeting, on motion of Alderman Pariseau, seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk