

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

**December 2, 1997**

**7:00 PM**

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order.

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

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

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

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

**Absent:** Aldermen Reiniger

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.

Linda Garrish, 7 Irwin Drive, Manchester, NH, stated:

Good evening, your Honor and Board of Aldermen. I'm here to urge you tonight in light of the November 4th election as you review the election results and the referendum question results that overwhelmingly in a 2-to-1 margin stated that the people of Manchester wish to maintain two acute care facilities. I urge you as you accept those results to also adopt an official resolution on those results and also as a Board adopt as a full Board, as a committee the committee that the Mayor who recently so graciously but belatedly decided to determine a committee to negotiate on the people's desire. I urge you to help to facilitate that committee to take action and, Mr. Mayor, as grateful as many of the citizens are to you for starting that concept of that committee it is better late than never that your position as having been in support of Optima Health and its plan in difference to the views of the actual citizens of Manchester, it is clear to me that it would be more appropriate that a neutral, unbiased, well-respected member of the community aside from yourself be searched for and appointed as Chair of that committee. I also ask that this Board as it considers those referendum results and the issues of the people in trying to negotiate the best health care system in the Manchester that meets the people's needs

that you take whatever action you feel you can take to help to halt any further effort by Optima Health to continue with its plan to close Catholic Medical Center as an acute care hospital. And one other comment that I would like to make, I want to personally and I would hope that this Board would also efficiently thank John Toole of *The Union Leader* for his, what I consider fair, well-rounded and complete coverage of both City Hall and City issues as a citizen of this community. I think that he's done all of us fairly well justice in its time and I want to thank you this evening and Happy Holidays to you all.

Mayor Wieczorek stated to put your mind at ease, I think you're a little behind on the news. I indicated that I was not going to Chair the committee, nor will I be a voting member. I'll be a member of the committee, but that's the position that I've taken.

David Boutin, 50 Charles Chase Way, Manchester, NH, stated:

I just want to take a moment of your time to let you know that as you read in the paper, I am going to be filing or was requesting permission to file a bill after the filing deadline and the Rules Committee approved that today unanimously. So, I will be filing a bill to establish the Joint Chapter Study Committee (House & Senate) to essentially look at the Cable TV industry, how it operates, how it sets its rates, how it affects the communities and what can we do as a State to assist our municipalities because we are by estimation of a lot of people we are being gouged and we have an unregulated monopoly and we need to find a way to get our arms around it, so I just wanted to alert the Board and the Mayor that that bill will be filed and I will keep you abreast of its developments as we proceed through the session. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

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

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

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk