

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

**February 3, 1998**

**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 Reiniger.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

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

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Klock, Reiniger, Clancy, Pinard, Shea, O'Neil,  
Girard, Rivard, Cashin, Thibault, Hirschmann.

Absent: Aldermen Sysyn and Pariseau.

Mayor Wieczorek advised that the purpose of the special meeting was to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak and any comments shall be limited to two minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair.

Mayor Wieczorek requested that any resident wishing to speak come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Glen Poyer-Hunte, of Country Club Drive, Manchester, addressed the Board stating:

I'd like to just address something that concerns me, something I read in the paper the other day with reference to the kids cruising on Elm Street. The city is trying very very hard to revitalize the area and I understand that. However, the last time an ordinance was imposed to limit the kids traveling at night what they did was they started going into surrounding neighborhoods. I fell victim to that in that the vandalism increased. I live on Country Club Drive, which is off of 3A. We were subject to enormous amounts of property destruction, cars, pulling over shrubs, kids basically need to be with kids. Once you start telling them that they can't do this they are going to channel their energies elsewhere, sometimes, in the negative. On a lighter sense the two businesses or the three businesses which are the gas stations do benefit from unfortunately the pollutants, which are gasoline, but these kids are going to spend money, we know where they are. I do not wish to limit the access of a main thoroughfare, something that is also tradition. I'm going to poke a little fun at New Hampshire, in that tradition is something that NH residents believe it, tradition is cruising Elm Street. Our neighborhoods need to be safe and the negative element of kids that feel that they want to go out into the North End, the east side, the south end, and my neighborhood, I think that we can all basically consider that as a major factor. That you know where they are. We are already taxing our police department enough as

it is we don't need to have four and five cruisers out there basically baby-sitting, that's what it comes down to. They don't really do all that much as far as damage is concerned. I'm an employee of a downtown business. I basically benefit from the travel, these kids drive, I'm in the auto business, and I think everybody benefits. So I hope that the consideration is that we will not limit their access. It's done when businesses are closed, so I really don't think that it is going to interfere with pedestrian traffic as far as shoppers are concerned. Again I thank you and please take that under consideration.

Mayor Wieczorek welcomed Mary Klock, Alderman Klock's mother, who was here visiting.

Mayor Wieczorek also welcomed Troop 134, the downtown Manchester troop, who was here tonight to observe their government in action.

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

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

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk