

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

February 17, 1998

7:30 PM

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 fourteen aldermen present.

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

Presentation of "Spirit of Manchester" award.

Mayor Wieczorek stated the Spirit of Manchester Award Committee recently convened and selected an organization to be honored in the month of February for outstanding service to the Queen City. The parameters of the award state that the recipient should have contributed to the improvement of the quality of life in Manchester, performing acts that are clearly above and beyond the call of duty. This month's winner is the Riverfront Park Foundation. The group set out to create a multi-purpose sports facility along the Merrimack River, a dream that was realized in only eight short months. Following the creation of the non-profit organization, numerous civic activists and political leaders became interested in the group and its objective. The stadium was a plan that was not only feasible and cost effective, but it was a project that would figure prominently into the revitalization of Manchester. Now the Board of the Riverfront Park Foundation has a new brainchild, a walkway to run along the east side of the river. The path would accommodate bikers, walkers and joggers intending to attract even more people to the river front. Through its numerous projects, the organization has kept one goal in mind to create attractions that will help in reviving Manchester and its downtown. Their efforts have been among the most successful and noteworthy attempts at bettering the community and its welfare. Their tireless dedication to the City has proven them genuine public servants. Those who embody the true spirit of Manchester. Those being honored are founders Kevin Provencher and Peter Ramsey; Mark Campbell, Christine Zoulious, Richard Plichta, Stacey Kazakis Wagler, Frank McBride, Michael Black and Andy Pelletier.

Awards were presented by Alderman Reiniger.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Informational, receive and file

- B. Communication from Jay Taylor, Manchester Economic Development Office, submitting an update on the Revolving Loan Fund program.
- C. Minutes of Manchester Transit Authority meeting of November 25, 1997 and Financial and Ridership reports for the months of October and November 1997.
- D. Schedule of CIP Budget Adoption process for FY1999

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

- F. Communication from Dolores Hurley registering a complaint against Media One for their recent rate increase.
- G. Communication from Diane Prew, Information Systems Director, requesting authorization to issue Requests for Proposals for the purchase of telephone systems for City Hall/Annex and other City departments.

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- H. Communication from Airport Director requesting approval of a ground lease between the City and Cargex Manchester III Limited Partnership, for a multi-purpose cargo facility located adjacent to the lessee's affiliate air cargo facilities through agreement dated December 1995; and further requesting approval of an operating agreement with National Garages, Inc. for management of the airport parking facilities from September 1997 through June 2002.
- K. Communication from Ronald Ludwig requesting to utilize bond balances from the department aerial bucket truck, and trade in allowance from two fixed plows, for the purchase of two power angle plow units.
- L. Communication from 42 New England Square & Round Dance Convention requesting the use of Starks Landing parking lot, or other area lots, for parking of about 30 self contained campers during their 2000 and 2001 conventions (Thursday through Sunday afternoons).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

- M. Recommending that the Board adopt a revised Rule 11 to read as follows:

RULE 11. (Mayor Appoints Committees) At the commencement of the municipal year, the following standing committees shall be appointed by the Mayor.

Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration; Administration; Bills on Second Reading; Community Improvement; Finance; Human Resources and Insurance; and Traffic and Public Safety.

Said committees shall consist of five members each except the committee on finance which shall have fifteen members.

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC SAFETY

- N.** Advising that it has approved a request of McQuades for the lease of a portable house (at the expense of the merchants) to be located at the Middle Street Parking Lot for a full-time attendant.

(Note: referral to Bills on Second Reading)

- O.** Advising that it has approved a proposed Anti-Cruising Ordinance for Elm Street and recommends same be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading for technical review.
- P.** Recommending that a request for installation of signalization at the Jewett/Valley Streets intersection be granted and approved; and that same be funded through the Community Improvement Program.
- Q.** Recommending that a request to close Pleasant Street from Elm Street to Franklin Street on March 9-16, 1998 for the placement of a modular home for the 1998 Home Show be granted and approved under the supervision of Police, Traffic and Highway.
- R.** Recommending that a request to impose a parking ban on both sides of Elm Street on Sunday, March 8 from Bridge Street to Lake Avenue for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade be granted and approved subject to review and approval of the Police and Fire departments. The Committee advises that it has approved the painting of shamrocks on Elm Street for the event.
- S.** Recommending that regulations governing standing, stopping and parking be adopted and put into effect when duly advertised.

HAVING READ THE CONSENT AGENDA, ON MOTION OF ALDERMAN

PARISEAU, DULY SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WIHBY, IT WAS VOTED THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED.

- A.** Communication from City Clerk advising that Alderman Shea will again chair the Special Committee on Anti-Graffiti and that Aldermen Clancy and Thibault will serve on the Committee with various staff support.

Alderman Shea stated as you can see there is a communication regarding the special Anti-Graffiti Committee and I just wanted to mention to the Board members that I would appreciate any input that any Alderman could make. You are certainly welcome at a future meeting which will be held in the near future. Any input that you have regarding your ward, you are welcome to join the Committee. When we do meet, I think a notice will be sent to you. We would like the input of all Aldermen in order to make this a successful year as far as removing graffiti.

Mayor Wiczorek replied Alderman I also wanted to say that, you know in driving around the City I have been looking at some of the alleys between Elm Street and Pine Street and what I am seeing on these walls is really very disturbing. So there is a job to do and we better get it done. I am certainly not going to have the people writing on all of the walls that we have here take over the City.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to receive and file this item.

- E.** Communication from Alderman Girard reference:
- 1) Code Review Committee
 - 2) Intown Renovation Fee Waiver

Alderman Rivard made a motion to receive and file the two items above. Alderman Wihby duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Girard stated the item that the Alderman from Ward 8 is requesting to receive and file is a proposal that I made in conjunction with downtown Manchester. It is being asked to be sent to Committee. I don't know why we wouldn't send it to Committee so that it could be looked at and have the Committee make recommendations. If the Committee doesn't feel that the proposal is worthwhile then the Committee can come back and make that recommendation.

Alderman Shea replied it is my belief that in terms of the item regarding the Code Review Committee, your Honor, that Leon Lafreniere and I am not sure if he is in the audience tonight, if he would address that. Possibly he could throw some light on the matter.

Alderman Rivard responded that was my concern, that the Building Department, they are reviewing the building code and ordinances and a recommendation is going to be presented to the Board and I think that if we act on these things it will be a little premature so I was hoping that we could wait until we receive the report from the Building Department before we take action on this.

Alderman Shea stated that was also my intention.

Alderman Girard stated everyone here is aware that the Building Department is in the process of reviewing the codes. That having been said, the Intown district, which these proposals are targeted to present special challenges for the City and we have all said time and again that redevelopment of downtown is a priority. There is no reason why a review of either the current code or a code that the Building Commissioner would propose to this Board shouldn't go through some sort of review process to make sure that the code is not inconsistent with this Board's stated desire to redevelop the area. It is sort of, it is unrealistic to expect that the magnitude of the buildings we have in downtown, given their age and given their condition, should be held up to current code standards. It becomes, at some point, cost ineffective to do that and if we really are sincere in our desire to redevelop the buildings, we will take a look at these items.

Mayor Wiczorek called for a vote. The motion carried with Alderman Girard duly recorded in opposition.

- I.** Communication from Alderman Girard reference: "Parking Proposal"

Alderman Hirschmann moved to refer this item to the Amoskeag Industries Corporation and have them include it in their study. Alderman Wihby duly seconded the motion.

Alderman O'Neil asked do you know if National Garages is included in the discussions at all with regards to parking in the Millyard. Maybe they should be.

Mr. Taylor answered Amoskeag Industries is currently in the process of conducting a parking study which really is focused on the Millyard rather than the downtown area. There is going to be a parking seminar held on Friday morning this week and I believe a number of people have been invited to attend that. It is a brainstorming session to try to bring out some ideas as far as coming up with some solutions to the problem of the parking issue in the Millyard. I don't know specifically whether National Garages has been invited to attend, however, I am sure any information that they have to impart on the group would be readily accepted as they are managing the two garages in the downtown area.

Alderman O'Neil stated they are actually managing two right on Canal Street. I would just encourage that, you know we have a good resource there, that they be included in a lot of these discussions. They may have information from other communities that they are providing a service to that may be very helpful to us.

Mayor Wieczorek replied I agree with that. As a matter of fact, if the Clerk would just notify them that there is going to be that meeting on Friday and if they would like to attend we would love to have them there.

Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote. The motion carried with Alderman Girard duly recorded in opposition.

J. Communication from Alderman Hirschmann requesting funding in the FY1999 CIP for signalization at Goffstown Back Road and Montgomery Streets.

Alderman Girard stated Item J is a referral to the CIP Committee requesting funding for a signalization at Goffstown Back Road and Montgomery Street. I believe the item should be referred to the Traffic Committee. As you know, the Traffic Committee makes recommendations to the Board regarding CIP projects that it would like funded and Traffic should go through its process before CIP should consider funding on it.

Alderman Girard moved to refer the item to the Committee on Traffic. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Hirschmann replied I have already been working on this issue with Mr. Lolicata and I already have an accident report for that very intersection from the Traffic Director. This was my way of getting this on the agenda and moving this thing forward without being bogged down. If Mr. Girard wants to answer to my 5,000 constituents why this doesn't get done in 1999, I am going to give all the calls to his house. I see no reason why he should be pulling this off of here tonight, your Honor. This should be moved as a consent item and sent where I want it. It is my ward.

Alderman Girard responded I am not in any way trying to obstruct the Alderman's request, however, the proper process is to have the Traffic Committee do its work and make recommendations. There is an established process to follow and I am sorry if Alderman Hirschmann doesn't want to follow the process.

Alderman Hirschmann replied I sit on the Traffic Committee, your Honor. We discussed this in our last meeting. I have a report on the accidents on that intersection. I made the appropriate request and that is where I want it to go. That's it.

Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote. Aldermen Pariseau, Cashin, Thibault, Hirschmann, Wihby, Klock, Reiniger, Sysyn, Clancy, Pinard, O'Neil and Rivard voted nay. Aldermen Shea and Girard voted yea. The motion failed.

On motion of Alderman Hirschmann, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to refer this item to the Committee on Community Improvement.

Presentation by Regis Lemaire, Youth Services Director, providing an update regarding the Skate Board Committee activities.

Mr. Lemaire stated basically I have placed before you a status report that is current in terms of what we are doing in skateboarding in the City of Manchester. I have also included what was given to me by John Simard, a member of the committee. What I am going to do is go ahead and read some mission statements that we have established and some goals that we have set in terms of skateboarding for the City of Manchester. It is very easy to want a park, but you really have to do some planning before you get there. Indoor and Outdoor Skate Park Mission for Manchester is the Indoor/Outdoor Skate Park is a Manchester venture that provides sites throughout the City of Manchester where youth of all ages can find an outlet for BMX, in-line and skateboarding. Basically, some of our goals are to increase safe places where youth can enjoy recreational activities in the City of Manchester; creating recreational activities for young adults and the work force. Many times we forget that we do have a work force that is rather young and they need another place to go. To provide supervision for youth in a social setting, the key word here is supervision, which also teaches recreational skills. To provide a place where youth can volunteer services with the opportunity of working with adults. We plan to see that whatever is created also makes youth responsible to see that it is done. If you take a look at the statement, skateboarders in Manchester are continuing to use the City streets, the sidewalks, the parks, the alleyways, the malls, garages, business establishments, enclosures, public property and parking lots for their skateboard enjoyment. Police continue to remove youth who skate in these areas. This problem will persist until a facility is created or a skateboard park is installed to meet the increasing demand of those who enjoy the sport. Some of the key participants working towards a solution have been the Making It Happen Coalition, the Manchester Police Prevention Program, the Manchester Office of Youth Services, the YWCA, the Manchester Parks & Recreation Department, Jessica Paquin who represents Child and Family Services, Cindy Howard of Howard Design Services, Jonathan Simard of Manchester Inline Skate Expo, Denise Roberts and Wickham Strub. The Mayor's Office has also been involved in being informed on this process. The biggest question we have come across is the liability issue that is

often raised. Skateboarding is no more dangerous than rock climbing, skiing, football, soccer or hockey. There are a number of surrounding communities that have solved this problem and I believe Manchester will do the same. Maybe an ordinance like the one developed in Huntington Beach, California which is included in the packet. There is a picture of what Huntington did and you might look at that. They basically made it that it was not possible to sue the city for anybody over the age of 14 and we are looking into what that means and what we could do in the City because once we settle the liability issue, I feel we can do a great deal. Some of the ideas that have been under consideration have been a private enterprise to create a facility, with public approval of course; to create an ordinance which would diminish the liability issues; to see that the private sector would establish a facility entirely on their own; and to determine if the City, once cleared of liability, would be able to build a skateboard facility within a center city park. At this time, the Skateboard Committee is looking at foundations and businesses. I did go to Philadelphia on behalf of the City. I talked to a number of people who looked at parks. I believe there might be some major foundations outside of the State of NH that might consider some funding so I am looking in that area as well. Basically, that is what we are doing at this time and I entertain any questions if there are any.

Alderman Wihby asked is this something that would or wouldn't fit in where the skating rink is, you know having that done over in the summer.

Mr. Lemaire answered we talked about that Alderman Wihby and we are still pursuing that. The question there is, we have talked to some lawyers and they said if you establish a facility for skating and you maintain it, there is no reason why a liability issue should come to the City. However, if you do not maintain it then it can. So we are looking at what can be converted. Yes, we have talked about a number of places, Alderman.

Alderman Wihby replied it can't be much more, insurance wise. I mean skating is...

Mr. Lemaire responded we would agree with you Alderman, but that is an issue that is raised very often here in the City.

Mayor Wiczorek stated I don't know about the rest of the Aldermen, but I have seen them certainly around the old City Hall when we were there using the benches there to jump onto and off and I said it must be a thrill if you sit on that bench after they get through hacking it up. Certainly you are going to get a sliver somewhere.

Alderman Thibault stated I think this is very needed for the youth of the community. We need to do something to get these youngsters off the streets. It is a very dangerous situation if you go down Kelley Street or Amory Street on the west side for instance or on Main Street I have seen them skateboarding right in the street. The police can't be everywhere to catch them, so what happens is that you are going to get some major accidents in this City very shortly.

Alderman Rivard stated, your Honor, I think it is a good idea. The only concern I would have is what we would do as far as enforcing the individuals who don't conform to the, I guess the ordinance we would put in place or the rules and regulations. Would they, do they enforce that in California?

Mr. Lemaire answered yes they do. For instance, I used to get a lot of calls and it has diminished a lot but they used to like to skateboard at the library on the granite stones and basically we would go there, the police would come, they informed the parent of what is occurring and they say if you cause any damage to City property you can be liable. So in reality what we do is that is the way we have been handling it. So if they actually cause damage, it is vandalism to the City and there is restitution.

Alderman Rivard responded I guess I didn't word the question correctly. With the establishment of these skateboard parks, has the extracurricular activities been eliminated and if not how do they enforce it?

Mr. Lemaire answered basically if you build a park, there are parks that you build. Right now a youngster gets a head start when he goes on these skateboards. We would build parks that would not allow you to get a head start, does not cause a lot of damage, would be fenced in, is on a pyramid basis that would allow them to do their thing, but not endangering themselves or others.

Alderman Rivard responded okay that is not the question. Let me try to rephrase it. The people who skate on Elm Street now and create problems, okay the people who skate on the west side now and create problems, how do we get them to go to the park? How do we enforce that so that we eliminate them on the streets creating a problem?

Mr. Lemaire answered we would eliminate some. Would we eliminate all? That is a very good question, Alderman Rivard. I am not sure we would eliminate all, but at least we will have provided a place for them to do it. That would also help us when we talk to parents who say my youngster can buy a skateboard, he has no place to go, where are you going to send him. We don't have a ready answer to that. We then could say we have established places in the City for you to do that. Then, obviously we should have less on the street I would hope. Are we going to be perfect? I don't think any City is, but that is the best that we can do.

Alderman Thibault stated the Gossler Park Soapbox Derby track would probably be a good place to have one of these tracks.

Mayor Wieczorek asked, Regis, what are you asking this Board to do.

Mr. Lemaire advised the committee was informing them of where they were, where they were going, what they were doing, so they would have an understanding when they came back to the Board. If they received a grant or something they would need to come back to the Board for approval.

Mayor Wieczorek asked do you have potential locations or are you looking for them.

Mr. Lemaire answered we do have some potential locations.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Klock, it was voted to receive and file the above item.

OTHER BUSINESS

Confirmation of nominations made by Mayor Wieczorek:

Building Board of Appeals

Leo Boisvert to succeed himself term to expire January 1, 2001;

Robert R. Bussier to succeed Jeffrey Trexler, term to expiring January 8, 2002.

Alderman Pariseau moved to approve the nominations of Leo Boisvert and Robert R. Bussiere to the Building Board of Appeals. Alderman Clancy duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Girard stated I did not, I don't know if anyone else did, but I did not receive any resumes for any of the nominees that you put forward for tonight and none of the people that were nominated contacted me so some of the folks that I do not know I am not terribly comfortable supporting them simply because I don't know who they are.

Mayor Wieczorek replied I think the Building Commissioner is here. Would you want to talk to this because I know we had a discussion earlier?

Mr. Lafreniere stated the Building Board of Appeals Technical Board is made up of membership that is defined by the Building Code. Each of these members have to be registered in a technical discipline, either as an architect, professional engineer or as a contractor. This Board does not meet on a regular basis. It meets only to respond to challenges to the Building Commissioner's Administration of the Code and in the case of these two particular nominees, Leo Boisvert is a general contract, contractor superintendent who has been in business for some 30 years and has served on the Board for the past six years I believe. Robert R. Bussier is a professional engineer who practices in the City. He is actually a former member of the Board of Appeals and is proposed by the Mayor to succeed Jeffrey Trexler who is also a professional engineer to address that particular slot as defined in the building code.

Heritage Commission

Albert Cappannelli to succeed himself, term to expire January 1, 2001;

Gregory Goucher to succeed himself as a alternate, term to expire January 1, 2001;

Verna Perry to succeed herself as a alternate, term to expire January 1, 2001.

Planning Board

Joan Bennett to succeed Victor Goulet, term to expire May 1, 1998.

Board of Recount

John A. Durkin to succeed William Gardner, term to expire
October 1, 1999.

Alderman Pariseau revised the motion to include all of the nominations. Alderman Clancy duly seconded the revised motion.

Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote on the revised motion. The motion carried with Alderman Girard being duly recorded in opposition.

Nominations to be presented by Mayor Wieczorek, if available.

Mayor Wieczorek nominated Harriet E. Blanc to succeed Eugene L. Ochocki as a member of the Personnel Appeals Board, term to expire March, 1998.

Mayor Wieczorek advised as per rules of the Board, that this nomination would lay over until the next meeting of the Board.

Mayor Wieczorek stated actually we don't have any more openings or we do have two more. That is to the ZBA and anybody, you know, we have asked people if you know anybody. The only people I ever heard from as Aldermen are Alderman Rivard and Alderman Wihby on names of people to submit for consideration on Commissions. So I want all the Aldermen to feel free to submit any names that you may have of people to serve on various Commissions and we will give them all consideration.

Bond Resolution:

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000) for capital improvements in the water supply and distribution areas.”

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted that the Resolution be read by title only, and it was so done.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted that the Bond Resolution pass and be Enrolled. There were none recorded in opposition.

Ordinances:

“Amending Section 33.024 and 33.025 (Lifeguard, Senior Lifeguard, Head Lifeguard, Pool Supervisor) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester.”

“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 Section 33.041 (Establishing Summer/Seasonal/Temporary Compensation Schedule ID) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester.”

“Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by deleting Section 111.45.1, Electronic Video Poker Machines.”

“Authorizing the Mayor to dispose of certain tax deeded property known as Phillip Street City Map #862, Lot 62.”

“Amending Section 31.32, Disposition When Property Unclaimed, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by deleting the words “60 days” and inserting in place thereof the words “180 days” for consistency with RSA 471-C:13, Property Held in Police Department Property Rooms.”

“Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by rezoning parcels of land currently zoned B-1 (Neighborhood Business) in the area generally including the east side of S. Main Street between West Hancock Street and Goffe Street, to B-2 (General Commercial).”

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Wihby, it was voted to suspend the reading of the Ordinances by title only.

These Ordinances having had their second reading by titles only, Alderman Pariseau moved on passing same to be Enrolled. Alderman Wihby duly seconded the motion. The motion carried.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to recess the meeting to allow the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration to meet.

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting back to order.

A report of the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration was presented advising that Ordinances:

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were properly enrolled.

On motion of Alderman O’Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Cashin, it was voted to accept the report of the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue.

Communication from Airport Director requesting a finding that the Board determine that the Airport’s Wetland Mitigation project is a “Public Need”; and further requesting the Board grant permission to acquire a fee simple interest in 56.652 acres of land described as Parcel “C” and Parcel “G” from its owners for Airport purposes using eminent domain pursuant to RSA 423:1 and RSA 498-A.

Mayor Wieczorek stated my recommendation is that we refer this to the CIP Committee.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Rivard, it was voted to refer the communication to the Committee on Community Improvement.

Communication from the Airport Director regarding extension of runway 6-24, required as a result of planned extension and improvement of runway 17-25; and requesting various actions in relation to the project.

On motion of Alderman Rivard, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to refer the communication to the Committee on Community Improvement.

Communication from Raymond Pinard, Chair of Manchester Development Corporation, requesting the Board’s concurrence with completing a transaction wherein the Small Business Administration would pay \$175,000. to MDC (the City) to assume the original loan initially granted to Omni Footwear Corp.; 75% of said fund recoup to be returned to the Revolving Loan Fund and 25% to be returned to MDC accounts.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to approve the request.

Communication from the Public Works Director requesting approval of the retirement of Leo J. Morrisette as submitted.

On motion of Alderman Rivard, duly seconded by Alderman O’Neil, it was voted to accept and approve the retirement of Leo J. Morrisette as submitted.

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On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to suspend the reading of the Ordinances by title only.

These Ordinances having had their third and final readings by titles only, Alderman Wihby moved on passing same to be Ordained. Alderman Rivard duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with none recorded in opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Thibault informed the Board that a former Commissioner of the MTA, Edward Plid, passed away this morning in Florida. He was my former fiscal agent. I also have a young man from West High School who is here on a school-to-work program. He is here with the Chamber of Commerce representative and I would like to introduce him. His name is Renny Francoeur in the back there.

Alderman Wihby moved to take \$5,300 out of contingency and put it into the Planning Department so they can hire a Program Planner for the rest of this year, starting March 1 until July 1. Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion.

In response to questions, Alderman Wihby advised that it was requested by the Planning Board; it was their busy time and should be considered for funding March 1 rather than July 1.

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

Alderman Wihby stated I don't know if this Board remembers but in the budget process last year we eliminated fees for the commissions but one of the things that we said was that the Board of Adjustment was a little different. They had to do some travel and we wanted the travel to be paid and we put it in the Planning Department, but what is happening is that it is a hard process for them to go ahead and take money out from Planning. They have to do all this paperwork, I understand. The money is in the department but I think maybe if we just made a motion that we should pay them their \$120 stipend per month for the rest of this year and \$20 for the alternates per month it would amount to \$1,980 but the money is already in the budget and we had already said when we did the budget last year that we wanted to fund the travel and all that for them.

Alderman Wihby moved that the \$1,980 out of Planning be used to pay for the Board of Adjustment members. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Wieczorek asked what about their mileage.

Alderman Wihby stated that is the fee for both.

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

Alderman Reiniger stated if the City Clerk is ready, we have a report from the CIP Committee to present to the full Board.

A report of the Committee on Community Improvement was presented recommending that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approve a request that the Manchester Development Corporation loan \$30,000 to Intown Manchester Management, Inc. to allow for the continuance of a downtown facade improvement program.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee on Community Improvement.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I have two communications from my ward pursuant to Item 20 so I am having the Clerk copy them and we will pass them out when we meet on Item 20.

Alderman O'Neil stated I noticed the Airport Director was here this evening and just a question that I brought up at the last meeting and I know that many of us have been talking about and that is that we are all on the same page with regards to the access road. Fred, has the Airport taken a position on whether or not it should be a controlled intersection or an overpass with access or without access?

Mr. Testa answered no, not directly. We have made our druthers known that it should be an overpass with slip ramps over Brown Avenue and I think Alderman Girard and Alderman Rivard also had stated that at the public hearing and also to the OT that that would seem to be the best, it would give those people who come up from Litchfield and Hudson access onto the highway sooner than coming all the way and keeping traffic on Brown Avenue. We would delete that traffic and there is quite a bit of that in the morning and it would also provide the area residents with a way to get right onto the highway and would relieve those area residents between the roadway and Goffs Falls Village of the traffic that would be generated.

Alderman O'Neil asked have you heard anything back from the powers that be about...that wasn't their recommendation, correct.

Mr. Testa answered actually their recommendation included an at grade intersection. I know I talked to the Commissioner and I think there might have been an engineering problem in coming off the river at such a high angle to get over Brown Avenue. I am not sure of that but that would have to come down as the final recommendation.

Alderman O'Neil asked would you keep us informed.

Mr. Testa responded absolutely. I think they are looking harder at Brown Avenue right now.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Wihby, it was voted to appoint Alderman Sysyn to the Planning Board to replace Alderman Pariseau.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Wihby, it was voted to appoint Alderman Clancy as an Alternate to the Planning Board to replace former Alderman Elise.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Wihby, it was voted to suspend the rules regarding lay over of nominations.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Wihby, it was voted to confirm the nomination of Alderman Sysyn to the Planning Board and Alderman Clancy as an Alternate to the Planning Board.

Alderman Shea stated on November 18, 1997, your Honor, I brought to the attention of you personally the fact that at a recent School Board meeting at that time a lengthy discussion focused on issues relating to failures in proper school maintenance and also including the lack of adequate custodial workers and you said that you were going to meet at that time with Dick Houle and I wondered, your Honor, about the results of that meeting. I had suggested a committee at that time possibly to look into the complaints and the concerns of parents, students and a recent incident in the paper indicated that one of the custodians obviously did some, there was a problem at Central High School concerning security. I wondered, because we keep getting these reports week after week in terms of the WFF and so forth, I wondered if it might

be a good idea to think about getting public input in this matter. I am not sure exactly how the results of that meeting did transpire.

Mayor Wieczorek answered we meet continuously with them. You are always going to get a complaint, I am assuming, about something. We do have 22 buildings to take care of. Overall, I think their performance has been pretty good and you do have a committee that is an oversight committee, it is CIP. It includes lands and buildings.

Alderman Shea replied well maybe I could refer this matter to them and get their input. I would like to make a motion to have the Committee on Community Improvement look into the forming of a special committee which would include...

Mayor Wieczorek interjected no, we have a committee, it is called CIP. Do you want to refer it to that committee?

Alderman Shea replied that is correct and then they can discuss the matter and see what they are proposing.

Mayor Wieczorek responded well you just said form another committee.

Alderman Shea replied well no, I am saying that if their committee can look into it and come up with suggestions that is what I would like. In other words, I would like some examination of this particular matter, whether it is done at that level or not.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to have the Committee on Community Improvement look into the custodial problems in the school buildings.

Alderman Wihby stated I just want to note that on Monday, the Economic Taskforce Committee that this Board put together last year is going to be meeting at the Chamber and then Tuesday and Wednesday the sub-committee on the Civic Center is going to be meeting at 5:30 p.m. here so if any Alderman wants to come and participate they are welcome.

Alderman Girard stated at the last meeting of the Board there was some concern raised by Alderman O'Neil regarding Aldermen's ability to get information on bills in Concord. I don't know about Alderman O'Neil but I still haven't received the material that you said your office would contact the Municipal Association for.

Mr. Thomas replied I have contacted the Municipal Association about that. I was promised that you would be receiving it and I am sorry you haven't. I will follow through and make sure that you get it next week.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I was hoping this Board could send a communication to the Police Chief just in light of the news articles of the desecration of graves in town for some security for

the cemeteries. I know a lot of people were distraught over the cemeteries that were destroyed over the past 10 days so if we could, as a Board, just ask the Chief to do some extra effort to look at the cemeteries.

On motion of Alderman Hirschmann, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to send a communication to the Police Department regarding the vandalism at the cemeteries.

Communication from Jay Taylor requesting the Board enter non-public session to discuss a proposed real estate transaction under the provisions of RSA 91-A:3II(d).

Communication from the Chief Negotiator requesting a strategy session regarding union negotiations following regular business of the Board.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Rivard, it was voted to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A:3II(d), followed by a recess for negotiation strategy session.

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting back to order.

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

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk