

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

April 7, 1998

7:30 PM

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order.

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

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

Presentation by Geannina Guzman and Linda Garrish of the Manchester
Listening Project on Jobs Report to the Community.

Ms. Garrish stated on behalf of the coalition members and volunteers who participated in the Manchester Listening Project on Jobs I would like to thank you, your Honor and Members of the Board, for inviting us here tonight to you a little bit about our project. The report, I hope you have all received, is a gift to you and the City of Manchester from people who live and work here - your constituents: the small business owners, the low-income workers, the youth, the single parents, the immigrants, the homeless workers, the retail clerks, the human service workers, and the many other worker areas included among the people we interviewed. The report includes profiles of several of these groups of works and some who are the most vulnerable in our community. Their voices tell the stories and realities of why they came to Manchester, why they stay here, and how the quality of their jobs effects their lives, the lives of their families, and ultimately the community. The project began as a conversation about common concerns amongst members of a developing coalition and moved on to an intense process of listening to workers. Their experiences and creative ideas about what would improve life and work here in Manchester led to this report and the recommendations included in it. As one very insightful person said, "if we're going to talk about jobs - we've got to talk about what it takes to get a worker there" (i.e., training and education, transportation, child care, health care and all the family and life sustaining needs that must be provided for by a worker's salary). It is clear from what workers told us that when we in Manchester and New Hampshire talk about the economy we must broaden the conversation to include the most important stakeholders - the workers themselves. Workers told us again and again that they first and foremost desired respect and value in the workplace; secondly, that they were willing to work hard but couldn't meet all their families needs on the predominantly lower wage jobs and trend towards temporary jobs that they find here, and that they needed to have a voice in decision making and policy making that ultimately effect their lives. Workers told us what was good and bad about Manchester, sometimes difficult to hear. They told of discrimination in the workplace and community and of worries over whether our youth stay. "We have to work as a community, share, listen, and talk to one another; bottom line is "we're all in this together." As community leaders you are essential members of that on-going conversation...this report is all about taking the conversations we've already had and starting new ones that listen, talk, and look at the many ways we as a community can take what is good about living here and develop a renewed vision

and community spirit. One that is reflected for example in initiatives that foster the creation of more living wage jobs, more affordable and accessible education, health, and child care, and stronger incentives for small business start ups and places where workers can seek job advice and support of their rights. When you read through the report you will find an indepth commentary about what workers said and the ideas that they had. Geannina Guzman will now tell you about the report's recommendations.

Ms. Guzman stated what I want to tell you is eight basic recommendations that workers indicated that was important for them. The first one, the most important recommendation is they want to talk to their politicians, to their policy-makers, they want to make a difference in their community and they want to be involved in the decision-making. So, this is a good opportunity for us to tell you that and to take advantage to the opportunity given to us. The second major concern is improvement training and education, providing it at affordable costs, providing it at work sites, providing working hours for people, and the most important one is if we want a quality workforce that is an educated workforce it has to be reflected in the bottom line of those incomes that it's worth their efforts in having higher wages. Address the needs of youth, number three. When you talk to 83 people and they all say that youth need to get out of here because there are no opportunities, it is like going home and thinking what is our future here, what are we going to do about young people in the City and we don't mean supporting sports, we don't meant supporting arts which they actually want, but basically what is their financial possibility of raising families here and how do we get them there...with education...how do we get to finance their education, how do we provide adequate mentorships, youth told us that there is nothing that Manchester has to offer for work or play and we want to have a conversation to help provide our youth with something for work and play. Number four, improving the business climate. We talked to many small business owners and basically what we are saying and worker's told us is support the smaller business owner, don't tax us to death which you've all heard in New Hampshire and basically provide more support for the entrepreneurial spirit. To the people that we talked to the entrepreneurial spirit in Manchester is alive and well, so we need to find ways of nurturing that. Number five, increase the real wages of workers. Basically, we have a lot of jobs out there, but they're not living wages. So, whenever we think about initiatives we have to think about how do we help people pay for child care, transportation, and health care. Basically, if we want to move people, if we want to transition people from welfare rolls or from lower incomes and become stronger participants in this community. We really need to look at their living wages, that's a recommendation. But, you know people not only talked about real wages, they talked about respect and when we talk about the bottom line in the City, we need to talk about respecting the contributions of our workers, not only of the dollar sign but people said we need to feel respected and valued. So, the tendency of temporary work or feeling that you are going to lose your job was on the minds of the people we talked to. Child care, health care, transportation, all of these are areas in which there are a lot of individuals working but they were cited over and over again and I think we need to look at working families from a broader perspective and how to support them. Basically, that is what they told us, those are the recommendations. You have here not only our

recommendations that came out of the conversations of the people that we talked to, but also model programs of successful models of addressing some of these issues that are being used in other parts of the country. So, we present this to you as a gift and like I said it's a conversation, we're looking for opportunities to share with your constituencies, but the report said of getting some support from them to some of the initiatives we've been discussing and see where we go from here. Basically, we're moving into action with this, but we need more and more conversation and more and more support and we'll be glad to answer any questions, if you have any and accept this in the spirit of dialogue at a contribution of caring and responsible citizens. Thank you.

Alderman Shea asked how many people were in the survey that you conducted.

Ms. Guzman replied we interviewed 82 workers noting the interviews lasted about an hour and they were done by two other volunteers. One was a note taker and one was the interviewer. Basically, we really wanted to listen.

Alderman Shea asked what percentage of community does this represent, these 82 workers...like ten percent, twenty.

Ms. Garrish replied I think this was a qualitative interactive participatory research study. So, it wasn't based on a number of people, it was based on an effort to get a real cross section of workers in Manchester from all income stratas, from various income jobs. But, to give them an opportunity to talk about how their life worked based on their jobs and what their experiences had been. This was an opportunity for an hour to two hours sometimes to go in wherever they wanted to talk and ask some questions, not specifically about their home life, but more about their jobs. But, also, how it affected their family, how it affected their community. So, those 82 surveys...the surveys were twenty something pages long. It was a lot of note taking, it was a lot of listening and then it was a lot of sitting down and looking at what people said and putting it into a framework that we could continue to have dialogue about. So, it was very much a qualitative participatory interactive research study.

Alderman Shea asked do we have any research as to the average income in the Manchester area.

Ms. Garrish replied there probably is statistics, I'm not a statistics person and there are statistics out there. One of the reasons why we did this survey is that unemployment statistics, average incomes do not talk about disparity, they do not talk about people that are unemployed beyond a certain period of time. They don't talk about people that have part-time jobs and they don't talk about temporary jobs or multiple jobs. So, the main reason why we went out there and did what we did is to get the real story, to hear what is really affecting people and we really did take a broad cross section and we also included in the report profiles of 18...there are particular stories of individual workers about 18 or so of those and then there are profiles on particular groups of individuals which I think you will find really dispels some myths you have about those

particular areas. But, all in all they have some very common concerns. They didn't agree about everything, there was good and bad about our public education system, there was good and bad about our public government, there was good and bad about living in Manchester. But, they're saying here that they are living here and they're trying, but they've got concerns and they've got ideas how they can make it better and they need to reach you and we need to talk more in the community.

Alderman Girard stated, ms. Garrish, in the invitation you sent to the Aldermen you had a team quoted as complaining about there being nothing for teenagers to do in the City of Manchester and you've mentioned here tonight the need to give youth something to do. I wonder whether or not in your probing there was any question about the possibility of a civic center providing entertainment or athletics events or things for kids to do or places to work.

Ms. Garrish replied we tried not to be suggestive about what we were offering. We tried to elicit their opinions and their experiences. One of the things and I think Geannina can probably address it better but youth...in talking about things to do they weren't talking about a place to go to play video games or a place to go to play some kind of game. They were talking about meaningful opportunities, for meaningful experiences with each other, but also with adults more as a mentoring kind of relationship and I think Geannina who did a lot of work with the youth can talk about that.

Ms. Guzman stated actually we have started to address some of these issues with our youth. The youth that we talked to like Linda said we're not very suggestive of what we want them to say, of course, but they basically said sports are okay, but some of them said we need to look at the arts also, we need to look at all of us that really want to be involved in the arts and the only option we have is because of school cuts that we have being involved in sports. So, the civic center would be kind of entertainment, something to do. But, they really want economic vision of how they're going to get from point A to point B when they're adults. The youths that we talked to want mentors, they want people there available with the information, they want support and they want educational opportunities. So, we have a whole holistic view of what you actually asking us to do with them and for them.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Wieczorek stated 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.

Approve under Supervision of Department of Highways

- A. Bell Atlantic Petition #697837

Informational to be Received and Filed

- B.** Communication from Mayor Wieczorek regarding the drafting of ordinances governing the functions and duties of each department.
- C.** Communication from the City Clerk relative to scheduling of FY1999 departmental budget review by the Committee on Finance.
- D.** Communication from Arthur Dion relative to a Zoning Board of Adjustment decision made with respect to a request by Richard Belisle for property located at 180 Revere Avenue.
- E.** Communication from W. Frain, PSNH, urging the Board's support of the Riverwalk project.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION/INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- F.** Communication from Thomas O'Rourke, MediaOne, informing the Board of certain rate changes to certain monthly equipment and installation prices and announcing a decrease in hourly rates with service-related home visits and all one-time charges for installation.
- G.** Communication from Thomas O'Rourke, MediaOne, submitting a copy of an annual notice to cable television subscribers regarding quality of service.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

- H.** Communication from Alderman Thibault requesting the Highway Department be allowed to construct a parking area at the northwest corner of Granite and Second Streets to alleviate the parking problem around West High School; and further that the estimated cost of \$10,000 in material costs be utilized out of the FY98 Highway Department operating budget.
- I.** Communication from Chief Kane proposing an auction of surplus city equipment at 33 Harvey Road be conducted as opposed to transporting equipment to the State auction at the White Farm in Concord.
- J.** Communication from the Public Works Director seeking authorization to an even swap with Southworth-Milton, Inc. for a used D6H II dozer for a new D5M-LGP dozer.
- K.** Communication from the Water Works Director seeking approval of a lease agreement between the Manchester Water Works and Cellco Partnership (Bell Atlantic Mobile) for the placement of an 88 foot free-standing antenna tower on Water Works' property located off Hermit Road.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

- M.** Bond Resolutions:

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$3,801,250 for the 1998 CIP 7.30279 Relocate Airport Drive.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$2,264,000 for the 1998 CIP 7.30280 Construct Bridge for Taxiway 'E'.”

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES/INSURANCE

- O. Draft of procedures for hiring a department head submitted by Mayor Wieczorek.

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

- P. Communication from George Copadis, St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, requesting closure of Kenney Street at Hanover Street and Hilton Street at Amherst Street from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM from September 18-20, 1998, in conjunction with its annual Glendi celebration.
- Q. Communication from Linda Garriott, Intown Manchester, on behalf of the *Downtown Farmer's Market*, requesting consideration of the following in preparation of the 2nd season:
 - 1) that the Downtown Farmer's Market management be given permission to "bag" all parking meters on Concord Street, between Pine and Chestnut Streets and the southern row of parking spaces in the Hartnett Parking Lot that run parallel with Concord Street on each Wednesday evening that precedes a Thursday market;
 - 2) that the Downtown Farmer's Market management be given permission to coordinate the placement of barriers on Concord Street, perpendicular to Pine Street, and to close the street to motor traffic at noon for the Thursday markets; and
 - 3) that no violations be made after 2:45 PM in the Hartnett Parking Lot on each "market" Thursday.
- R. Communication from Linda Gagne, St. Anthony School, seeking the closure of Silver Street between Belmont and Hall Streets on Friday, June 5, 1998, in conjunction with their annual Student Appreciation Day.
- S. Communication from Jim Stanton, Pepsi-Cola Company, requesting the placement of a sign on East Industrial Drive at the top of Pepsi Road.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON BILLS ON SECOND READING

- T. Recommending that Ordinance:

"Amending Sections 33.025 (Information Support Specialist - Police) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

ought to pass.
- U. Recommending that Ordinances:

"Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by deleting Section 30.03, Appointment of Officers, providing for appointment of certain city officers."

"Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester, Section 150.999, Penalty, to delete reference to state law and insert in place thereof reference to Section 38.06, Citation Penalties."

"Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester, Section 151.04, Issuance of Building Permits; State Provisions Adopted, to reference current section of NH Revised Statutes Annotated.

“Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester, 1971 ed. as amended, by deleting Section 6-51 through 6-71 Family Protective Shelters, providing exceptions to the building code for certain shelters.”

“Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by incorporating certain sections from the Code of Ordinances, 1971 ed. As amended, into the Code of Ordinances, 1996 ed. as amended, relating to previous Sec. 2-105 through 2-110, Compensation of Officers, and relating to Central Purchasing Division.”

ought to pass.

W. Recommending that Ordinance:

“Amending Chapter 52, Section 52.161, Septage Service Charge, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester.”

ought to pass.

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

- X.** Recommending that the Board authorize \$3,801,250 in bond funds and authorize expenditure of same for the Airport’s 1998 CIP 7.30279 Relocate Airport Drive Project; and for such purpose a resolution and budget authorization has been submitted.
- Y.** Recommending that a bond issue in the amount of \$2,264,000 be approved for the Airport’s 7.30280 Construct Bridge for Taxiway “E” Project; and further that the Airport be authorized to expend funds totaling \$4,375,000 in federal, state and bond funds for such project; and for such purpose a resolution and budget authorization has been submitted.
- Z.** Recommending that the ADA Compliance project be revised to provide funding for a consultant to complete the ADA mandated transition plan, and for such purpose a budget authorization has been submitted.

COMMITTEE ON JOINT SCHOOL BUILDINGS

- AA.** Advising that it has accepted the enclosed project summary and contractor’s report relative to the Henry J. McLaughlin Middle School and is submitting same to the Board for informational purposes.
- AB.** Advising that it has accepted the project summary reports relative to the Central/West Heat & Ventilation Improvements; the Central High School/Locker Room Improvements; the West High School/Special Ed Room 104 w/toilet rooms; the Memorial High School Science Lab and Other Improvements; and the ADA Accessibility/School Elevators and are submitting same to the Board for informational purposes.

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

L. Appropriating Resolutions:

“Appropriating to the Manchester Aggregation Program the sum of \$748,445.00 from Aggregation Fees for the Fiscal Year 1999.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester Airport Authority the sum of \$16,645,500.00 from Special Airport Revenue Funds for Fiscal Year 1999.”

“Appropriating to the Central Business Service District the sum of \$230,000.00 from Central Business Service District Funds for Fiscal Year 1999.”

“A Resolution appropriating the sum of \$3,056,609.00 from Recreation User Charges to the Recreation Division for Fiscal Year 1999.”

“A Resolution appropriating the sum of \$9,288,448.00 from Sewer User Rental Charges to the Environmental Protection Division for Fiscal Year 1999.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester Transit Authority the sum of \$900,000.00 for the Fiscal Year 1999.”

“Raising Monies and Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 1999.”

Alderman Shea in reference to the last resolution moved to remove the \$5.00 surcharge on all vehicles being registered as a revenue projection of approximately \$500,000 in the 1999 Highway Department budget for road improvements.

Mayor Wieczorek asked can we do this on the Consent Agenda.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied he was not amending the resolution as she understood it but rather he was asking to remove the \$5.00 surcharge as a revenue projection which would not affect the bottom line of the resolution.

Mayor Wieczorek asked if there was a second to Alderman Shea's motion.

Alderman Cashin duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Wihby stated not that he was in favor of it, but thought it was to be sent to public hearing and have the Revenue Committee look at it to see if it was something that people wanted or not.

Mayor Wieczorek stated it was a good idea to let it go to public hearing as they were talking about a \$5.00 surcharge for something which would be used specifically for roads and if it was to be put into the operating budget they were talking about \$500,000...you know you're talking about \$15.00 and asked would you rather spend \$15.00 rather than \$5.00.

Alderman Shea stated he would like his motion as presented to be voted on now.

A roll call vote was taken at the request of Alderman Wihby. Aldermen Wihby stated at this time he had not made up his mind whether or not he wanted it or not, but did want to send it to public hearing or the Revenue Committee and voted nay. Aldermen Klock, Reiniger, Sysyn, Pinard, Girard, Rivard, Pariseau, and Hirschmann voted nay. Aldermen Clancy, Shea, O'Neil, Cashin, and Thibault voted yea. The motion failed.

Alderman Wihby moved to refer Item L to the Committee on Finance. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

N. Resolutions:

“Amending the 1997 and 1998 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$275,000 for two Community Improvement Program Projects.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars from Contingency to the Anti-Graffiti Committee.”

Deputy Clerk Johnson noted there was a substitute resolution which was distributed to members of the Board which was provided through the Finance Department today as follows:

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars from Contingency the Office of Youth Services Special Projects, (Anti-Graffiti Committee).”

Alderman Reiniger moved that the substitute resolution and the \$275,000 resolution be referred to the Committee on Finance. Alderman Wihby duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

V. Recommending that Ordinance:

“Amending Chapter 118, Vehicles for Hire, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester, by increasing taxicab driver licensing fees, adding new provisions establishing a Substance Abuse Testing Account, providing for the payments of costs associated with drug and alcohol testing of taxicab drivers from said account, and establishing a Drug and Alcohol Policy”

ought to pass.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated Item V was the report of the Committee on Bills on Second Reading with regard to the amendment to the Traffic Ordinance and requested that the Board accept the report of the Committee and upon conclusion of that asked for separate motions to adopt the ordinance.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Klock, it was voted to accept, receive, and adopt the report of the Committee on Bills on Second Reading.

On motion of Alderman Girard, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third and final reading, without a second reading and without referral to the Committee on Enrollment. None were recorded in opposition.

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

Alderman Girard moved that the ordinance pass and be ordained. Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Confirmation of nominations made by Mayor Wieczorek:

Manchester Development Corporation Board of Directors:
Raymond Pinard to succeed himself, term to expire March 11, 2001;
Alderman Timothy Reiniger to succeed himself, term to expire
March 11, 2000; and
Alderman Mary Sysyn to succeed herself, term to expire
March 11, 2000.

Alderman Clancy moved to confirm the nominations to the Manchester Development Corporation Board of Directors as presented. Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Aldermen Reiniger and Sysyn duly recorded as abstaining.

Planning Board:
William R. Trombly to succeed Joan Bennett as an alternate, term to expire May 1, 2000.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to confirm the nomination of William R. Trombly to succeed Joan Bennett as an alternate, term to expire May 1, 2000.

Mayor Wieczorek presented the following nominations:

Airport Authority:
Bernard J. Perry to succeed Bradford Cook, term to expire
March 1, 2000.

Zoning Board of Adjustment:
Armand R. Lemire to succeed Calvin Cramer as an alternate,
term to expire March 1, 2001.

Mayor Wieczorek stated as per the rules of the Board, these nominations would layover until the next meeting of the Board.

Mayor Wieczorek stated he had received a letter dated April 1st to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen as follows:

Dear Mayor Wieczorek and Board of Aldermen:
As you know my appointment as Commissioner of the Manchester Transit Authority expires May 1998. It is with regrets to inform you and the board that due to health reasons I will not be seeking reappointment.

At this time, I would like to thank the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for their support over the years in my appointment as Commissioner of the MTA since 1988.

My last Board meeting will be May 26, 1998.

Sincerely,

s/Edward J. Mendoza

Mayor Wieczorek stated perhaps they had read in the paper that Mr. Mendoza had passed away on April 2nd which was the day after the letter had been written to the Board noting that Mr. Boisvert was present and that it was an appointment that was up to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and indicated he would be thinking about a successor and suggested a letter be written to Mr. Mendoza's family indicating how they appreciated his service over the years.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Rivard, it was voted to forward a letter to Mr. Mendoza's family as suggested by Mayor Wieczorek.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, 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 Appropriating Resolutions:

“Appropriating to the Manchester Aggregation Program the sum of \$748,445.00 from Aggregation Fees for the Fiscal Year 1999.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester Airport Authority the sum of \$16,645,500.00 from Special Airport Revenue Funds for Fiscal Year 1999.”

“Appropriating to the Central Business Service District the sum of \$230,000.00 from Central Business Service District Funds for Fiscal Year 1999.”

“A Resolution appropriating the sum of \$3,056,609.00 from Recreation User Charges to the Recreation Division for Fiscal Year 1999.”

“Appropriating the sum of \$9,288,448.00 from Sewer User Rental Charges to the Environmental Protection Division for Fiscal Year 1999” with amendments increasing the proposed total to \$9,575,834.00.

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester Transit Authority the sum of \$900,000.00 for the Fiscal Year 1999.”

“Raising Monies and Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 1999.”

be referred to public hearing on Monday, May 4, 1998 at 7:00 PM at the Memorial High Auditorium, One Crusader Way.

Alderman Clancy moved to accept the report of the Committee on Finance. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

A second report of the Committee was presented recommending that Bond Resolutions:

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$3,801,250 for the 1998 CIP 7.30279 Relocate Airport Drive.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$2,264,000 for the 1998 CIP 7.30280 Construct Bridge for Taxiway ‘E’.”

ought to pass and layover, and further that Resolutions:

“Amending the 1997 and 1998 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$275,000 for two Community Improvement Program Projects.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars from Contingency the Office of Youth Services Special Projects (the Anti-Graffiti Committee).”

ought to pass and be enrolled.

Alderman Wihby moved to accept the second report of the Committee on Finance. Alderman Klock duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Appropriating Resolution:

“Amending an Amended Resolution ‘Approving the Community Improvement Program for 1999, Raising and Appropriating Monies Therefor, and Authorizing Implementation of Said Program.’”

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

Alderman O’Neil stated this includes the twenty million dollars for the Amoskeag Hydro.

Mayor Wiczorek replied yes it does.

Alderman O’Neil moved that that item be removed from the CIP budget. Alderman Hirschmann duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Wiczorek asked if there was any discussion to be held on this item.

Alderman Wihby suggested Mr. Sherman address this item.

Alderman Hirschmann commented that there had not been any presentation to date regarding this matter.

Mr. Sherman stated there had been a presentation made at a CIP Committee meeting.

Alderman Shea stated he had brought up several questions at a meeting here and thought that during the course of that conversation it became so long that it bored some of the members and one of the Aldermen suggested that maybe we have a presentation before anything was done, but nothing had been forthcoming since that time, your Honor.

Mayor Wieczorek stated this was merely to send it to public hearing anyway.

Mr. Sherman replied no it wasn't, this was the final adoption

Alderman Cashin stated Alderman Shea was right. There had been a discussion two meetings ago where they had been discussing CIP at which time I had recommended that we have a meeting to go over this in a sort of work session and it was never held.

Mayor Wieczorek stated as he recalled there was someone at that meeting who had volunteered to be the engineer or something, Doug Gherlone if I remember.

Mr. Sherman stated Doug Gherlone had offered us considerable amount of his time on the project.

Mayor Wieczorek stated it probably was a good idea to have a special meeting on it.

Alderman Rivard stated we do not want volunteers on a \$20 million project.

Alderman Pariseau asked, Randy, how do you suppose it would look if we went ahead and purchased that hydro plant for \$20 million and we're charging these other communities for this Aggregation fee, Manchester won't be paying into that.

Mr. Sherman replied yes they will. We did make a presentation to the CIP Committee, we haven't spent dime one on this project, so we don't have engineers or anything else in place to look at this project. This project was brought forward at the request of Rich Davis from Intown Management. Now, under deregulation Public Service will have to sell their generation assets and Rich's concern was that the Amoskeag Hydro is a very important asset to the Millyard area and the Intown area. What we have seen happen in other states and specifically in Maine where the utilities are selling their assets...Central Maine Power sold their hydros and what happened is that Florida Light and Power came up and bought their hydros, now the town of Lewiston, Maine said that's not going to happen up here and Lewiston did the same thing that Rich is suggesting we do here...go out, take over that asset, find somebody to come in and operate that asset for you, so there is absolutely no cost to the community and what that does is it allows you to control a very key component to the Millyard noting it doesn't cost any money net and it generates power at around half-a-cent, sixth-tenths of a cent that maybe you can use as an economic development tool. What we have at this point...this project will be, in our estimation not a \$20 million project. What we didn't want to have happen is to put it in for \$15 million and then having to come back to the Board, we don't know what that number is, we haven't been able to spend dime one on figuring out what that amount is. We've done some cash flow analysis...

Alderman Pariseau asked what did Lewiston, Maine pay for theirs.

Mr. Sherman replied we have a meeting with Lewiston, Maine next week to find out exactly what they did with theirs. But, they had the same issue. It was right smack down in the middle of town and they wanted to make sure that they could control that asset and not have somebody else come in and control it.

Alderman Pariseau stated that is my concern. If I was a Councilor in Derry and you're romancing me to come into this Aggregation Program and you turn around and you buy a generating plant, so you get your electricity cheaper and yet you still want the Town of Derry to pay more and contribute to this Aggregation Program, I wouldn't sign anything.

Mr. Sherman stated we are not looking for it to join those two programs together, they are two separate issues. What that cheap power will do is either get sold off at market rates to help pay for the project itself, so again the City can control that asset or it will be used for an economic development rate. It all depends on what somebody is willing to come in and operate it for. If they think they can come in and are willing to pay to operate that facility at a cost equal to your debt service then the generation of that can be used for economic development. If they don't think they can operate it for a lesser fee then we may have to sell that power off for economic development rates. Now, you are also going to have a certain contingent within the cities that are going to want green power, they are going to want their energy coming from non-nuclear, non-coal, non-fossil fuels, they are going to want it to be some type of renewable energy source. So, possibly that is what that can be used for and that actually sells for above your average market rates because people are willing to pay an extra component for that. All this does at this point is allows us to investigate the opportunities. What CIP told us at that point is that that is fine, we'll put this in there but you certainly have to come back, you have to prove the economic, you have to prove the liability issues, you have to deal with all those things and bring it back to the Board and get final approval for it which certainly is no problem doing. We don't have engineers in, we have talked to Doug Gherlone has been in and talked to us, but your right, Alderman Rivard, we certainly aren't going to take a volunteer to go down and look at those turbines or look at the dam. You need to have somebody that is familiar with that, we haven't been able to do that yet. Until this Board, at least, gives an indication that this can move forward we can't take any of those steps. Now, we have had preliminary discussions within NU (Northeast Utilities). Obviously, they read *The Union Leader* like everyone else did...NU is willing to sell it to the City, they see the benefits of keeping it local control, as well. If Manchester is interested, they'd just as soon sell it to Manchester as they would to Florida Light and Power or to US Gen or anybody else that's out there that may be willing to come in and take it. So, all this does at this point is it puts it on, we would need to come back for bond resolutions, we would need to come back for engineering contracts, we would need to come back to the Board for a final lease agreement with whoever is going to operate it for us.

Alderman Shea asked if these companies see it as a profit making kind of endeavor wouldn't they be apt to offer more than what the City would offer. Are we in a bidding war, for instance, a company says we'll give you \$25 million or \$30 million.

Mr. Sherman stated they are going to pay market rates with a profit. What the City will pay is market rates without a profit. We obviously have some other advantages, so we should be able to get it for a lower price, but also under the State statutes, no, if the City goes in and tells Public Service that they would like to purchase that the only issue...it doesn't get into a bidding war. It actually goes up to...if there is a dispute over the price, it actually goes to the PUC and what I will say is you really have one opportunity to buy this. Once it goes by the board, your right, Alderman. Once it goes out to auction you've lost your opportunity because now you are in a bidding war, but right now you have the opportunity...NU is willing to discuss it with us and all this does at this point is it keeps your option open.

Alderman Shea stated if we approve \$20 million, we do have to take a bond out for that \$20 million out of the CIP budget. In other words, we have to pay interest on that bond issue, right.

Mr. Sherman stated we would look at bonding that over the actual remaining useful life of the facility which right now is only seven years and we figure that based on the actual price that we have that we had NU actually present as confidential data at some of the hearings we figured that that means we can actually get it for about three cents a kilowatt hour where the current market rate is about three, two, three, three. So, there is that benefit there. Now, if somebody can come in and actually operate it cheaper than NU has been operating it then we can even reduce that price more.

Alderman Shea stated we're not then going to operate it at a profit, right. We're going to operate it for the benefit of people in the community who would be able to get lower electric rates, is that correct.

Mr. Sherman replied unless again as I stated earlier that someone cannot operate it for that price and you need that profit to cover your cost, but that is what we have to investigate.

Alderman Shea stated I noticed when you gave us a sheet it said - Revenues \$450,000 and Expenditures \$450,000. I thought that there was some kind of a paper that I was privy to, does that sound correct when the original proposal was made by Rich Davis.

Mr. Sherman stated he did not remember that, but knew there were operating costs in the \$450,000 range, but the revenues far exceeded that; that they were generating it at about half-a-cent or six-tenths of a cent per kilowatt hour and were selling it for well over three.

Alderman Hirschmann stated both Alderman Thibault and I have the same question, how much would go off the tax rolls, it's been a tax property for centuries.

Mr. Sherman replied none. The actual statutes would require a payment in lieu of taxes which is already included in the \$450,000, what they pay now. So, actually property taxes would go up because what they are paying taxes on are book value and when it actually transfers it would actually go to market value.

Alderman Wihby stated, your Honor, when we passed this we had some terminology in there that also said, do you remember the exact wording that we used as far as someone...

Mr. Sherman replied it was something about an economically viable proposal...

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated you had to have an operating agency in place before expenditure.

Alderman Wihby stated so it wouldn't cost the taxpayer any money to do this we said they'd have to have somebody come forward before we were going to do anything to let us know who was going to run it and everything else, so this wasn't meant and I don't think it does by passing this today, I don't think it costs us any money, at all. We're going to have to have this come back to us as far as the bonding and everything else later on to decide what we want to do with it.

Alderman Hirschmann stated that is what happened with Aggregation and we've already spent three hundred thousand plus.

Alderman Wihby stated I'm sure we voted on it to spend it.

Alderman Rivard stated the problem is that they come back under the gun, they come back on Tuesday night and if we don't vote for this tonight we're going to lose it tomorrow and nobody has an idea of what we're voting on. Is anybody here an expert on power plants, I know that I'm certainly not an expert and in all due respect I don't think you are either and I'm noting going to take your word for this project. I don't care what you guys recommend, okay, I'm not going to do it and so if we're going to do this we're going to get a consultant that's outside of your realm who is going to make a recommendation to this Board, that is what I would support. I would not support you folks making a recommendation to this Board.

Mr. Sherman stated I certainly would recommend that we work with the Highway Department which is fine by me, I agree.

Alderman Girard asked, Mr. Sherman, the State law that allows the City to notify PSNH that we want to buy the asset, does that only kick in if they're looking to sell or can we go at any time and say we're interested in buying the dam.

Mr. Sherman replied you could have gone anytime, how those statutes will be changed after deregulation kicks in I'm really not sure because you get into the actual question of is the owner a utility or not a utility. You have generators out there that are technically not utilities and I believe the statute is utility.

Alderman Girard stated there is a deregulation pressure because of the definition of utility that's driving this or do we have an idea that PSNH is looking to sell off that asset and we want to use the State law now to try and keep our options open.

Mr. Sherman stated PSNH initially balked at selling their assets, they didn't want to do that. Through the negotiation process they have finally come around and said that's fine, we will do what Massachusetts and Maine have required of their utilities, we will divest of generation, we are going to separate out our transmission and distribution from generation, so they are actually two separate companies. In order to do that they have agreed to sell off the generation equipment. They are currently in the process of taking bids on all of their Massachusetts facilities and what they have offered up to the commission is possibly rolling in their New Hampshire facilities in with their Massachusetts ones. Now, those are geared for a September bid date, I believe, unless that date has changed and whether they have actually talked to their financial advisors of rolling in their New Hampshire facilities, I don't know that at this point.

Alderman Girard stated if we notified PSNH of our interest in our buying that effectively takes that generation facility out of the auction area.

Mr. Sherman stated they should carve that out of what they would auction off.

Alderman Girard stated if we don't go ahead with this at this point, if we don't move on this now what is the City's opportunity to ensure that it has a voice in grabbing that asset should a feasibility study prove it worthwhile and also avoiding a public auction.

Mr. Sherman replied if you don't approve it now, I'm not sure you'd get a feasibility study. But, I guess your only other opportunity would be if it comes to a statutory change because I think that the way the statutes are written it is based on utilities, you can go for the utility generating asset versus a non-utility generator which again there will be those in the State. So, again, if Florida Light and Power decides to come up and buy that I think at that point you're only option would be some type of eminent domain.

Alderman Girard stated I think this is a unique opportunity for the City and I would be willing to support this project going forward so long as prior to any dollars being spent on the engineering or any other feasibility that whoever, apparently it's the Finance Department in the case, whoever is responsible for oversight here comes back to the Board, gives the presentation that Alderman Cashin was speaking about so that we can all come up to speed fully on this, but prior to any dollars being spent that this Board be required to authorize the expenditure; that way we

don't have any surprises and find out that money has been spent or whatnot, but I would think that given this opportunity the city would really want to make sure that it kept all of its options open.

Mayor Wieczorek stated there are a few technical points here that the Clerk wants to discuss.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated the Clerk is not taking a position obviously in this issue; that there is a motion on the floor at this point to amend the resolution by removing the Hydro Plant funding; that there has been referenced to the Aggregation Program, it didn't come back for approval for expenditure; that this particular project is set up in your CIP, it does require additional authorizations both by the CIP Committee and by the full Board of Mayor and Aldermen and that's not to say whether you should go forward or not. I did confer with the Assistant City Solicitor in terms of holding a special meeting prior to adoption of the CIP; that is what would be recommended is to table your CIP, if you wanted to hold your Hydro Plant discussion before adopting your CIP. It is part of your CIP, it is a \$20 million program and without further legal research at this point the Clerk recommendation and the Solicitor's recommendation would be to table your CIP, if you want to further consider the \$20 million and not adopt it this evening. It is up to the Board what it decides to do, I'm just trying to clarify technical points.

Alderman Cashin stated, your Honor, this is a perfect example why it's necessary for us to have working sessions. This never would have happened had we had a working session and discussed this, I'm not just talking about this, this whole CIP budget. I don't like meetings anymore than anyone else, I've been in meetings since nine o'clock this morning, so I've been at meetings 12 hours today alone and I don't want any more than we have to have, but there are certain times that you have to have working sessions. None of this would have happened here this evening if we would have had working sessions, your Honor, you've got to have them. Not because I'm asking you to, but if you want to get anything through this Board...there shouldn't be an Alderman on this Board that would have voted \$20 million tonight on a Hydro Plant they didn't know anything about and I wouldn't blame them and I don't think you could either and that's what's happened here. You've got a total breakdown, you've got to have working sessions.

Mayor Wieczorek stated you've got to remember that the first step in a process is the Mayor presents the CIP budget and then you go to work on it.

Alderman Cashin stated when you bought it in, your Honor, I said we ought to have a working session and Alderman Shea agreed with me, it just never happened and I don't know why, but this would never have happened this evening if we would have met.

Alderman Rivard stated I have a question for the Clerk. Are you telling us that we have to accept the whole CIP Program as it is presented this evening, we can't separate this out, is that what you're telling us.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied what we are saying is that if you want to further consider that \$20 million, you can remove it and amend it and adopt your CIP, however, we're not sure or clear that you could add \$20 million in at a later date and we need to do further legal research at this point to determine that.

Alderman Cashin asked would it make any sense to table CIP, have a working session as soon as we can and discuss whatever...there may be other projects we might want to talk about, I don't know.

Alderman O'Neil stated so what we do now is the intent of this CIP Program was to go out especially on our construction projects early, but this one item is going to hold that all up.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied the expedited projects have already been removed this and placed in separate resolutions which you will act on in your next item.

Alderman Pariseau moved to amend Table 1-1 (Federal, State and private funds) of the Resolution and paragraph 3, page 2 of the Resolution to include School projects listed totaling \$6,154,318. for a new total of \$14,566,020. in Federal, State and private funds. Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

Alderman Cashin moved to table the Appropriating Resolution. Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

Alderman Wihby asked can we have the CIP work session the same evening as the first budget meeting, April 29th.

Alderman Cashin stated you get into one working session, you may find out that you have more problems than you think, so you may need another day or two to talk about some of the projects noting you'd probably want to start the first working session as soon as possible because I'm pretty confident there will be other things coming up.

Alderman Girard stated if the CIP budget is no longer time sensitive for FY99, I would agree with Alderman Cashin that we should probably take this as a separate item because as some know I've had my own problems with how this process has gone and I think the Board should take a better look at this and I don't think it would be productive at all to lump it in with a regular department session, but rather do it on its own, whenever that may be.

Mayor Wieczorek asked, Mr. MacKenzie, is there anything that is an emergency that is in the CIP that this will create problems on.

Mr. MacKenzie replied there are certain departments that are waiting to start their planning for certain programs...Somerville Fire Station although even that there may be a little bit of lead time. We have tried to separate those projects that are very time sensitive such as the Memorial High School Improvements and that's critical that we get a vote as we will actually be getting bids in the next couple of weeks noting they are already separate under Item 11 as expedited projects, so at this point I am not aware of any others in the CIP Program that are as time sensitive, I would only ask that if you are scheduling a meeting I will not be available for certain days during that period and I would like to be here if that is discussed by the Board.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated the Clerk will schedule something for the Board separate from the operating budget.

Alderman Shea stated I would like to bring up something as an amendment to the CIP.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated it could be addressed at the next meeting.

A brief discussion ensued relative to the scheduling of a CIP work session with the Board agreeing that a meeting be held on Wednesday, May 6th and another meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th to discuss the Aggregation Plan and the Hydro Plant.

Alderman O'Neil stated there seemed to be a practice of the Aldermen receiving information on the night of meetings and requested that such information be forwarded to the Board ahead of time in the future.

Resolutions:

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of (\$1,410,000.00) One Million Four Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars for various Park Projects.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of (\$200,000.00) Two Hundred Thousand Dollars for the 1998 Community Improvement Program 5.10155 School/Park Improvement Project.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000.00) for the 1998 CIP 5.10252 Downtown Parks Rehabilitation Program.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of (\$2,100,000.00) Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the 1998 Community Improvement Program 5.10291 Riverwalk Planning and Development Project.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of (\$21,790,000.00) Twenty One Million Seven Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars for various Airport Authority Projects.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of (\$250,000.00) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars for the 1998 Community Improvement Program 7.50101A&B Sidewalk Construction Program.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of (\$190,000.00) One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars for the 1998 Community Improvement Program 8.20411 Telephone System Upgrade.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of (\$600,000.00) Six Hundred Thousand Dollars for the 1998 Community Improvement Program 8.30341 City Hall Security/Audio/Visual/Other Projects.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of (\$2,350,000.00) Two Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars for the 1998 Community Improvement Program 8.30354 School Capital Improvement Program.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$200,000 for the 1998 CIP 5.10155 School/Park Improvement Program.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$350,000 for the 1998 CIP 5.10176 West Memorial Field Improvements.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$560,000 for the 1998 CIP 5.10258 Livingston Park Capital Improvements.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$500,000 for the 1998 CIP 5.10263 Livingston Park Athletic Facility.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$2,100,000 for the 1998 CIP 5.10291 Riverwalk Planning & Development.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$540,000 for the 1998 CIP 7.30279 Ammon Center Parking.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$12,500,000 for the 1998 CIP 7.30281 Terminal Expansion Project.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$750,000 for the 1998 CIP 7.30282 Construct Interim Parking Lot.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$8,000,000 for the 1998 CIP 7.30286 Runway 6/24 Extension.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$200,000 for the 1998 CIP 7.50101 Sidewalk Construction Program.”

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“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$600,000 for the 1998 CIP 8.30341 City Hall Security/Audio/Visual/ Other.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$2,350,000 for the 1998 CIP 8.30354 School Capital Improvement Program.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$1,782,500.00 for the 1998 CIP 7.30285 Relocate Harvey Road at Rte. 28.”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$1,782,500 for the 1998 CIP 7.30285 Relocate Harvey Road at Rte. 28.”

Alderman Pariseau moved to dispense with the reading of resolutions by titles only. Alderman Clancy duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Pariseau moved that the resolutions pass and be enrolled. Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Resolutions:

“Amending the 1997 and 1998 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$275,000 for two Community Improvement Program Projects.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars from Contingency to the Office of Youth Services Special Projects (Anti-Graffiti Committee).”

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted that the Resolutions be read by titles only, and it was so done.

Alderman Wihby moved that the resolutions pass and be enrolled. Alderman Klock duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Girard duly recorded in opposition to the first resolution item 2(b).

New Business

Mayor Wieczorek stated he went to the Robotics competition of FIRST in Florida for four days noting it was a fantastic exhibition. From what he remembered when this was still an idea before anything really happened it had grown to over 200 teams with over 9,000 students and 12,500 people and was the largest single event that Epcot had costing \$1.9 million to put it on with three stages having been built. Having seen it from its embryonic stage to where it is today is absolutely incredible with what has happened with a lot of companies now investing millions of dollars into the teams. General Motors being a big investor. With Manchester schools having done quite well in New Hampshire. Memorial High was the one that got to the last round before the quarter finals and eliminated, but West and Central and Memorial all did well and even Trinity High School and The Derryfield School. So, the five high schools were represented at the event and it was really terrific and growing very, very fast.

Alderman Pinard stated you've all heard of Ryan Smith the youngster at Weston School, a 10 year old with a cancerous brain tumor noted the school and the staff organized a committee on his behalf noting he had talked with the Mayor's Office and thought there would be a proclamation issued on May 30th as "Ryan Smith Day", but wanted to ask the Board if each one

could try to get something going in their respective wards to raise funds to help this family as it seemed that the community has always come across when there is a citizen who needs help and this family definitely needs help to the tune of \$100,000 as the boy is currently in Houston with his mother. With the committee now forming various activities, more information would be forthcoming noting that "Ryan Smith Day" would be held at Memorial High School starting at nine in the morning and going till about eleven at night with dances, etc., but anything that could be done would be greatly appreciated and he would be the contact person for now.

Alderman Sysyn stated it had been brought to her attention the other day by someone from the Governor's Office that in order for the city to get the \$18 million under the ABC Plan a letter would have to be written to the Governor from the Board requesting that money.

Mayor Wieczorek stated they were a long way from that matter being settled as it was still in the Legislature and things were not quite clear at this time noting it would not be \$18 million because the City was already receiving four million plus, but thought that might be a special session the board might have some time so that there would be a thorough understanding of what the program was, how it worked, what would happen, how it would be funded and everything else along with it.

Alderman O'Neil moved that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meet with the Governor to discuss the proposed ABC Plan noting that was an awful lot of money for the City of Manchester and had seen on TV last week that the Mayor of Nashua had come out in support of the Governor's ABC Plan and thought perhaps this Board could request the Governor to meet with us and discuss it as it was an awful lot of money for the City of Manchester. Alderman Cashin duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman O'Neil stated he had noticed in the paper last week that the City of Lebanon had voted to inquire about possibly taxing the non-profit (i.e., Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital) and was mentioning it now as a point of interest.

Alderman Pariseau in reference to the appointment to the Millyard Design Committee stated he had not been attending hoping that Alderman Sysyn would be appointed to that position.

Mayor Wieczorek stated a notice had been sent to the Aldermen that of a vacancy which existed on the Planning Board, term to expire May 1, 2001 noting that any citizen in the City interested in serving on the Planning Board should send a letter of interest to the Mayor's Office with a copy of their resume and qualifications and if there were any Aldermen who knew of anybody they would like to recommend he would accept whatever recommendations presented by the Aldermen with the deadline for submission being Friday, April 24th at 12:00 PM.

Alderman Pariseau asked whose term was being filled.

Mayor Wieczorek replied Pauline Guay had indicated she no longer wished to be reappointed.

Alderman Hirschmann stated that the Charter stated that even though there were now non-partisan elections those seats were still partisan noting that the Mayor never told the Board what party affiliation was due next.

Mayor Wieczorek replied that he thought this member would need be a democrat on the Planning Board.

Alderman Girard stated at the last meeting of the Board he had submitted a resolution regarding Optima Health for the Board's consideration noting that several Aldermen had questioned the legitimacy of the resolution put forward and for the public record wished to state that the City Clerk's Office on March 19th issued a memo to the Board indicating that the materials brought forward at that meeting were, in fact, the materials that were adopted by the Board back in 1993 and I just wanted the public record to be clear on that, your Honor.

Alderman Shea stated he was going to bring up something about Chandler School tonight to amend the CIP budget, but wanted to let everyone know he would bring it up on May 6th but before that he wished to read a statement into the record as follows:

A hundred years from now it will not matter what our bank accounts were, the sort of houses we lived in or the kind of cars we drove, but the world may be different because we were important in the life of a child, particularly the child with special needs.

Alderman Shea stated so I hope we will consider that when we amend the budget or at least try to amend the budget on the 6th. Thank you, your Honor.

On motion of Alderman Klock, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to recess the regular meeting for a negotiation strategy session with the Chief Negotiator.

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting back to order.

Tentative Agreement - Manchester Association of Police Supervisors (MAPS)

On motion of Alderman Klock, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to approve layover of agreement with the Manchester Association of Police Supervisors (MAPS) in accordance with memorandum of agreement and cost calculations presented for ratification at next meeting.

Teacher Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP)

Mayor Wieczorek stated taking it out of their own budget doesn't mean anything because all they do is add it to their budget requests.

Alderman Wihby asked if this Board says okay tonight can they still say no tomorrow; that if the motion would go through to take it out of their money and they then decided they didn't want to take it out of their own money, could they do that or would the Aldermen be making them do it.

Mr. Hodgen replied I think they could.

Mayor Wieczorek stated you did not want to get too deep into their business.

Alderman Wihby asked if the Board didn't do anything today, then it was dead, right.

Alderman O'Neil moved to adopt the Teacher Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP).
Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Pariseau asked for this year only.

Alderman O'Neil replied it had to be for the commitment for three years.

Mayor Wieczorek noted he would veto any action.

A roll call vote was taken at the request of Alderman Shea. Aldermen Shea, O'Neil, Rivard, Cashin, Thibault, Sysyn, and Clancy voted yea. Alderman Pariseau, Hirschmann, Klock, Reiniger, and Pinard voted nay.
Aldermen Girard and Wihby abstained.

Mayor Wieczorek vetoed the action.

Alderman O'Neil moved to override the Mayor's veto. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. Alderman Shea, O'Neil, Cashin, Thibault, Sysyn, and Clancy voted yea. Aldermen Rivard, Pariseau, Hirschmann, Wihby, Klock, Reiniger, and Pinard voted nay.
Alderman Girard abstained. The motion failed.

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

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk