

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

September 1, 1998

7:30 PM

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Presentation to the September recipient(s) of the "Spirit of Manchester"
Award.

The "Spirit of Manchester" Award Committee recently convened and selected an individual to be honored in the month of September for outstanding service to the City of Manchester. 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 Dr. Chris Kehas, the Chair of the Central High School Sesquicentennial Celebration. The celebration was a year long community and school program which involved media presentations, recognition evenings, hall of fame inductees, and a celebration banquet with over 300 guests. Since its inception, the Central High Hall of Fame Banquet has become an annual event, raising several thousands of dollars for Central student scholarships while recognizing graduates who have distinguished themselves in various fields, including athletics. The award and commemorative pin will be presented by Alderman Wihby. Congratulations to you, Chris.

Mr. Kehas stated thank you, thank you one and all. I was surprised when I got the call from Francois. Surprised because this is really an effort of a lot of people. I was simply, I think I represent a number of people who have been involved in the whole celebration and what has followed since then. I would like to acknowledge one, the presence of Roland Blanchard who was principal at the school and who had the original idea for celebrating the Sesquicentennial. Next to him is Bob Schiavone who is the current principal and is helping us to continue that work and I may not be alive to go home after I say this but my wife is here and without my wife nothing would be possible. The Sesquicentennial itself was a lot of fun. Two things, Mr. Mayor, one we had 1,000 people at the banquet. In addition to the events that you mentioned, we were also able to solicit funds to put up two war memorials at Central to compliment the existing war memorial for World War II veterans. We now have three memorials. One of the Korean and one for the Vietnam which flank the original war memorial and for those of you who are interested, whether in the audience or on the Board, the next reunion banquet is September 25 at the Center of New Hampshire and we still have some tickets available and would love to see as many of you as possible. Thank you.

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.

Minutes Accepted

- A. Minutes of meetings held May 28, 1998 (two meetings); June 2, 1998 (two meetings); June 9, 1998; June 16, 1998; June 17, 1998; and July 7, 1998 (two meetings).

Approve Under the Supervision of the Department of Highways

- B. Bell Atlantic Pole Petition # 922013.
- C. Communication from Stephen Tierney, Utility Coordinator, requesting approval of sidewalk and curb petitions under the 50/50 Program subject to the availability of funds.

Informational to be Received and Filed

- D. Copies of Airport Authority minutes of a meeting held on July 23, 1998.
- E. Copies of MTA minutes of a meeting held on June 30, 1998, and the Financial and Ridership reports for the months of June and July 1998.
- F. Copies of Planning Board minutes of meetings held on April 9, 1998, April 23, 1998, May 14, 1998, May 28, 1998, and June 11 & 25, 1998.
- G. Copies of Police Commission minutes of a meeting held on August 5, 1998.
- H. Copies of the Task Force on the Future of Health Care in Manchester minutes of a meeting held on July 1, 1998.
- I. Copy of communication from Muriel Gable advising of her donation to street improvements.
- J. Communication from Executive Councilor Normand submitting copies of minutes of the July 15th Executive Council meeting and the agenda for the August 26, 1998 Executive Council meeting.
- M. Communications from Messrs. Buselli and Shuck regarding the expansion of the Manchester Airport.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION/INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- N. Ordinance amendment submitted by the City Clerk:
 - “Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by amending Sections 111.45(C)(1), Amusement Device License and Fees, providing for an increase in license fees.”

- O.** Communication from Thomas O'Rourke, MediaOne, advising that beginning in September, MediaOne will offer new premium programming packages.
- P.** Communications expressing support of Manchester Community Television (MCTV).
- Q.** Communication from Mrs. Robert Caron and Miss Lucille Caron supporting full-time EWTN programming.

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

- S.** Communication from Rev. David Robinson, Grace Episcopal Church, requesting to purchase a small land-locked parcel located behind and to the west of 1384 Chestnut Street (Map 222, Lot 52) in the amount \$2,000.00.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

- W.** Bond Resolution:

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$45,000 for the Lease Purchase of a new Card Access Security System for the Manchester Police Department.”

- Y.** Resolutions relative to the acquisition of Hackett Hill property:

“A Resolution authorizing the establishment of the Hackett Hill Property Acquisition and Development Account.”

“Authorizing Additional Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$1,210,000) for the 1999 CIP 650599 UNH Land Acquisition.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Four Million One Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$4,163,399) for the 1999 CIP 650599 UNH Land Acquisition.”

“A Resolution authorizing the Finance Officer to make certain advances of funds in support of the Acquisition of the Hackett Hill Property in the amount of One Million Four Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Six Dollars (\$1,432,666).”

“A Resolution Directing the Manchester Development Corporation (“MDC”) to (i) Assign or cause the Assignment to the City of All Right, Title and Interest in Any Mortgages Granted by University Center Associates (“UCA”) to MDC on Property Located in the Millyard, so-called, and (ii) Cause the assignment by MDC, Inc., of all Right, Title and Interest in a Certain Demand Note Issued to MDC, Inc. by UCA, in Connection With UCA’s Development of Property Located in the Millyard, Each of Which Acts is Necessary in Connection with the Acquisition and Development of the Hackett Hill Property, so-called, by the City.”

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

- Z.** Ordinance submitted by Alderman Girard:

“Forbidding the Possession of a Dangerous Weapon on School Property.”

- AA.** Communication from the Chief of Police submitting recommendations regarding signage with respect to the recently enacted ordinance prohibiting repeated travel along Elm Street while it is congested with traffic.
- AB.** Communication from Harold Levine requesting “No Parking” signs be installed along his property on Merrill Street.
- AC.** Communication from Rosa McNally, Director of the Manchester Community Resource Center, requesting closure of Lake Avenue between Pine and Union Streets on Saturday, October 3, 1998 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in conjunction with a neighborhood block party.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

- AD.** Recommending that requests for acceptance and transfers of funds for various projects be approved as follows:

An amending resolution and budget authorizations transferring funds to increasing funding for improvements to City Hall; transferring funds from existing school and other projects, and appropriate new funds from Development Impact Fee contributions for schools to increase funding for improvements to Parkside Middle School.

An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for acceptance of insurance proceeds in the amount of \$4,864.48 to be utilized to construct the 3.10301 Enterprise Comm. Neighborhood Resource Center.

An amending resolution and budget authorizations allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of State funds for various Health Department projects.

An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of grants funds from the State of NH in the amount of \$484.39 by increasing the 1998 4.10117 Domestic Violence Program.

An amending resolution allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of State funds for various School Department grants.

An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of a grant from MHRA in the amount of \$16,500 increasing the 1999 4.10119 Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority Summer Foot Patrol Program - \$16,500 - 1996 MHRA through a federal drug elimination grants.

An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of developer impact fees in the amount of \$25,000 increasing the 1999 CIP 510599 Parks Improvements Program Project.

An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of an 80% State reimbursement grant for design and construction costs associated with the 1999 CIP 710199 Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

- AE.** Recommending that in accordance with RSA 80:80 the Mayor be authorized to dispose of certain property situated adjacent to 1371 River Road and known as Map 222, Lot 79, by executing deeds releasing all rights, title, interest, or claims in said property. Said property formerly owned by Beverly Van Cor was acquired by the City of Manchester by virtue of Tax Collector's deed dated November 21, 1994 and recorded in the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds on November 23, 1994, in Volume 5593, Page 1664.

The Committee recommends that said property be disposed of through sale to the owner of abutting property, Randall C. Gustafson, at a total price of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), determined to be a fair compensation for same by the Board of Assessors. The Committee further recommends that sale be contingent upon the property be combined with an existing abutting lot currently owned by Randall Gustafson unless otherwise ordered by the City Solicitor.

The Committee advises that it has found such property to be surplus to City needs and finds just cause in the sale to abutter as the sale of the property would only benefit an abutter, such property being a land locked parcel with no developable frontage to roadway.

The Committee further recommends that the Tax Collector and City Solicitor be authorized to proceed with disposition and prepare such documents as may be required, and that the Finance Officer be authorized to credit tax deed accounts as deemed necessary, following adoption of an ordinance which has been submitted.

- AF.** Recommending that a sublease agreement between Cargex Ammon Limited Partnership and the City of Manchester for use of 6,600 square feet of the Ammon Center for a Custom's Facility; and a General Aviation Terminal Facilities Ground Lease Agreement between the City of Manchester Department of Aviation and Wiggins Airways be approved subject to the review and approval of the City Solicitor; and further that the Mayor be authorized to execute same for and on behalf of the City of Manchester.
- AG.** Recommending that a request of the Manchester Water Works to purchase a parcel of land located in Auburn, New Hampshire from Charlotte MacDonald for the price of \$8,400.00 be granted and approved.
- AH.** Recommending that a petition for discontinuance of a portion of Arms Street be referred to a Road Hearing to be held on September 29, 1998 at 4:00 PM.
- AI.** Recommending that a petition for discontinuance of an alley behind 205-213 Pine Street be denied. The Committee notes that a basis for the denial was the recommendation of the Highway Department who advised that while statute provided for release of same area 20 years after shown on a plan, the area petitioned may be subject to public status by virtue of use by adjacent owners; that such area provides access to abutters and could provide access for safety vehicles in the case of fire or other emergency; and that same may be a portion of park land.
- AJ.** Recommending that a petition for discontinuance of a paper street between Wheelock Street and a formerly discontinued portion of Frederick Street be denied and that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen find that same has been released from public servitude under the provisions of RSA 231:51.
- AK.** Recommending that a request of Hugh O'Neil Real Estate on behalf of St. Anselm's Rowing Club to purchase Tax Map 105, Lot 8A on Riverfront Drive be denied. The Committee notes that staff recommends that any riverfront parcels not be deemed surplus for disposition by the City at this time.
- AL.** Recommending that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen authorize disposition of a portion of a right of way land to the abutter, Michael Sylvester, for the price of \$1,500. plus the cost of subdivision, survey and any other related costs to the transaction and subject to approval of read discontinuance, subdivision or any other actions required for the purpose of such disposition. The Committee further recommends that the City Solicitor, Planning Department and Highway Department be authorized and directed to proceed with preparing such documents and performing such services as may be required to consummate the recommended disposition.

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES/INSURANCE

- AN.** Recommending that proposed changes to the Deferred Compensation Plan, as outlined herein, be approved and further that the Human Resources Director be authorized to execute documents as required under the review and approval of the City Solicitor.

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

- AO.** Recommending that a request to close Arms Street from 8:00 AM September 11 through 9:00 PM September 13, 1998 for the Riverfest celebration be granted and approved, under supervision of Police, Traffic and Highway Departments.
- AP.** Recommending that a request to close a portion of Market Street from Franklin Street to the area known as City Hall Plaza on November 21 & 22, 1998 be granted and approved under the supervision of Police, Traffic and Highway Departments.
- AQ.** Advising that a request to close the Hartnett Parking Lot; Lowell Street from Chestnut to Union; Seneca Lane; Pine Street from Amherst to Lowell; and Concord Street from Union to Chestnut, on September 22, 1998 for the Installation of Bishop McCormick be granted and approved, under direct supervision of the Police, Traffic and Highway Departments.
- AR.** Recommending that a request for closure of Lowell Street, from the corner of Elm to Kosciuszko Streets (including the alley behind Duffy's Tavern) on Saturday, October 10, 1998 from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM in conjunction with "Ocktoberfest" activities be granted and approved, pending approval of Fire, Police, and Traffic.
- AS.** Advising that a request from Costello, Lomasney & deNapoli, Inc. for providing evaluation, planning and layout of modified parking facilities on Commercial Street be referred to the Finance Committee for funding.
- AT.** Recommending that certain regulations governing standing, stopping and parking be adopted and put into effect when duly advertised.

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

- K.** Copies of communications from the MTA and Louise Gazda relative to log books and complaints received.
- L.** Communication from Charlotte Sartell relative to recent incidents which have occurred at the MTA.

Alderman O'Neil stated I think we can group K & L together and I just ask that maybe you look into this. There seems to be some real animosity down there now and it is not healthy for our transit system and maybe you can try to get the two parties together and resolve some of these differences. I don't know if a motion would be in order, just to receive and file.

Mayor Wieczorek replied refer it to my office.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to refer Items K and L to the Mayor's Office.

- R.** Communication from Lloyd Basinow requesting that the following non-binding referendum question be placed on the November 1998 General Election ballot:

“Should public money be used to build a local civic center and thereafter, as needed, such funds be used to maintain, repair and operate the facility?”

On motion of Alderman Hirschmann, duly seconded by Alderman Wihby, it was voted to move Item R to Item 14 of the agenda.

- T.** Petition from residents of West Shore Avenue, Grove Lane, and other adjoining lanes located on the west side of Crystal Lake for an access road on Grove Lane connecting to Glen Forest Drive.

Alderman Rivard stated what I would like this Board to do is to send a directive to the Highway Department asking them to prepare an estimate for this project so that when the CIP Committee discusses this they will have the information. This is a very important safety concern for the Crystal Lake area and as the Cohas Brook project moves towards Crystal Lake and the Crystal Lake sewer project becomes a reality, it is going to be a real serious public concern. They are not going to be able to get in and out of their homes as the present roadway exists so if we could expedite this and get an estimate from the Highway Department so that we can move this forward as quickly as possible, I would appreciate it.

Alderman Rivard moved refer the item to the Community Improvement Committee and to direct Highway Department to provide an estimate for the access road. Alderman Girard seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

- U.** Communication from the Human Resources Director requesting that the entrance fee for the Police Officer Entrance Test be changed from \$25.00 to \$50.00.
- V.** Communication from the Chief of Police requesting that the Department be allowed to pay Special Reaction Team members a Tactical Operations Supplement in the amount of \$25.00 per week.

Alderman O’Neil stated I think it would be more appropriate that they be referred to the Human Resource Committee first before being sent on to Finance, especially Item V. This could be involved with the Yarger Decker report and the Human Resource Committee is still working on that.

Alderman O’Neil moved to refer Items U and V to the Human Resource Committee. Alderman Clancy duly seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Hirschmann asked aren’t fees supposed to go to my Committee. Upgrading fees and revenues? I am just asking the question.

Alderman O'Neil moved to refer Item U also to the Accounts, Enrollment & Revenue Administration Committee. Alderman Hirschmann duly seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

X. Resolutions:

“Amending the 1994, 1995, 1998 and 1999 Community Improvement Programs, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000) for the 1998 8.30341 City Hall Security/Audio/Visual/ Other and in the amount of Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$280,000) for the 1999 831399 Parkside Middle School Improvements.”

“Amending the 1997 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the 1997 CIP 3.10301 Enterprise Community Neighborhood Resource Center.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for various Health Department Projects.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the 1998 CIP 4.10117 Domestic Violence Program.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for various School Department Grants.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the 1999 CIP 4.10119 Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority (MHRA) Summer Foot Patrol Program.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the 1999 CIP 510599 Park Improvement Program Project.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Ninety-Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Forty Cents (\$96,618.40) for the 1999 CIP 710199 Bridge Rehabilitation Project.”

Alderman Clancy stated on #5 for the CIP authorizations, we do have a Wilson School Community Center close out and they are going to use that money to put new ceilings in the addition there to these monies left over. This has been going on for two years. I talked to Bob MacKenzie and Dick Houle and they are going to go along with this as far as I know. They are going to take the monies from the Wilson Street School close-out which was in the amount of \$13,000 and the Clerk knows more about it.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated there are three separate things actually that the Alderman is trying to do and I found out about it just before the meeting. The first would be that with regards to the first resolution listed under Item X, he is asking that that resolution be amended. The alderman wants to delete the reference to the Wilson School Community Center. There was \$13,000 that was going to be transferred in bond funds from that project.

Mayor Wiczorek asked where do you see that.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered it is listed on the resolution itself, in the body. He wants to delete that and where they have “by appropriating from the developer impact fees”, they want to increase that amount by placing that to \$159,199.73.

Alderman Wihby asked do we have that.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered I believe Mr. MacKenzie is here to address that.

Mr. MacKenzie stated I know there is some concern by the west side Aldermen. As you know, we have been working to find the funds to properly execute the addition at Parkside Junior High Middle School. We believe, and all of us feel, that we have a good plan now. We did need some additional monies. That was approximately \$280,000. Everybody is happy with the program and they think it is the right thing to do. What we had to do so we didn't increase the tax rate was to go back through all the old bond contracts and find proceeds or balances from a number of projects and some developer impact fees to help pay for the \$280,000. I did hear today that one of those projects, the Wilson School Project, which has been inactive now for about two and a half years, there was some concern about using the bond proceeds. There is \$13,000 left in that. It has not been active for two and a half years, but there is still concern about the sound insulation in the ceilings. We talked about and we spoke with the Joint School Building Committee about it, or the Chairman, and we generally agreed that perhaps we should keep that money in there for now. So I did go back and review all the funding sources. It does appear that we could make up that shortfall with developer impact fee money though the amount directed to Parkside Middle School will not change. That will stay at \$280,000.

Alderman Wihby stated basically the \$13,111 is going to stay at Wilson to fix the roof. So is that another amendment that you have to put on there to?

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated the first action would be to amend the resolution by deleting the reference to Wilson Street and by adding that amount to the developer impact fees. That would be the first motion we would need to do.

Alderman Wihby moved to amend the resolution by deleting reference to Wilson Street and by adding that amount to the developer impact fees increasing the developer impact fees to the amount of \$159,199.73. Alderman Clancy duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Shea asked, Bob, just to go back a little bit, when the Chandler School was going to be...the money, \$2.5 million I think, was going to be used for Chandler School I believe that money was applied to the Parkside Middle School.

Mr. MacKenzie answered the majority of it was, yes.

Alderman Shea asked out of that \$2.5 million, \$100,000, I believe, was taken out and used to renovate the area around where the Hartnett Park is located. Is that correct?

Mr. MacKenzie answered I think it was something less than that, about \$94,000.

Alderman Shea stated my concern is that sometimes when a project, when money is earmarked for a project, I think that before we begin to take funds out of that project, we should, as a Board of Mayor and Aldermen, we should keep that money in until we know how much that project is going to cost because now what is happening if I am understanding it properly, we need more money for Parkside Middle School. Is that correct?

Mr. MacKenzie replied in order to do the program properly, yes.

Alderman Shea responded so my point is if we had that \$94,000, we wouldn't need as much money for the renovations.

Mr. MacKenzie stated it was this Board that ultimately changed that resolution. There was also \$200,000 taken out to make improvements, lease hold improvements, at the Easter Seal facility for the Chandler Program. That was a total for Parkside, Chandler, and this amount for the Hartnett Parking Lot.

Alderman Shea asked so originally, if I understand it correctly, there was \$2,200,000 allocated for Parkside.

Mr. MacKenzie answered that is correct.

Alderman Shea stated and you are saying that some money was used to renovate the Easter Seal and \$94,000 was taking out for the Hartnett Parking which I really, and I mentioned that at that meeting, had really nothing to do with schools. I think I made that point clear when it was proposed. Thank you, your Honor.

Alderman O'Neil stated we regularly have fund balances and then try to go back and use them for something else but, Bob, why are these projects, if I understand Alderman Clancy correct, the roof and the soundproofing, why weren't they done in this two and a half year period.

Mr. MacKenzie replied that is under the jurisdiction of the Joint School Building Committee. It is my understanding, and actually I believe I was there two and a half years ago when they took up the issue of sound in that building. It was a brand new building and there were certain issues that had to be resolved and we resolved most of those. The issue of the sound insulation was not a clear cut issue and ultimately the Joint School Building Committee, as I remember, took no action to resolve the problem. They basically left it look at in a while. That was about two and a half years ago and it was not resolved.

Alderman O'Neil stated it is a tough way to do business and I am not pointing at the current members because I know most of you weren't there then, but a project sitting two and a half years, a roof and soundproofing, I mean that has got to get done. I don't know what is going on with the buildings in this City.

Alderman Wihby stated to back up what Alderman Shea had to say, this is something that we don't ordinarily do and this is something that we always have done. Wasn't the money that we took out last year, for instance, the \$94,000. wasn't that in last year's budget?

Mr. MacKenzie replied it was proposed for the FY99 budget. Half a million was proposed at the time for the Chandler School program.

Alderman Wihby responded right but at the time we weren't going to use all that and the \$94,000 was done already in last year's budget wasn't it.

Mr. MacKenzie replied yes.

Alderman Wihby stated so even if we had that money there last year, we weren't going to use it until now anyway.

Mr. MacKenzie replied and I would add that frankly that would not have been enough money. We have to look at all sources and look at the priorities. In fact, the monies that we are using for the Parkside Middle School are not all school bond balances. Some of those are bond balances from other City projects. We certainly have to prioritize. We have to make sure that the job gets done. I know that was a very high priority of the Board.

Alderman Wihby stated I know it is hard to say that we should keep the money there, or why are we keeping it there or whatever but there are so many Aldermen and projects that have to be done that we try to...I don't know how many times we have sent you back to the well to say come back and tell us where we can fund this from so I think the switching of programs has to go on in order to keep some of the things going. I think it is a planned event. If we knew we needed extra money for a project at the time, we wouldn't do it because Bob would come back and say to us well there is no money there, but when he comes back and says well you are not going to need this for six months or this isn't going to happen until next year, that is the type of money that everybody tries to get their hands on and tries to use to get their project done knowing that the following year or at another time money would come available from the other projects.

Alderman Shea stated as I mentioned at the time that that appropriation was, I couldn't see the relevancy between taking money out of a school fund and putting it to repair a park and I objected at the time because I felt at that time that if there were extra monies that would be

carried over they should be applied to the schools and not a park. That is why I objected at that time even though putting trees and renovating the Hartnett Park may have been something that the For Manchester group was working on at the time and probably seemed to be important, I thought that the money could have been better spent in terms of the needs that the schools have.

Alderman O'Neil stated I think it may be appropriate at this time...at several meetings I hammered Bob pretty heavily with regards to the Parkside project and I think he needs to be commended. He sat back down with Ed Wade, the Principal, the School Administration, and I think for the first time in a long time we are going to get a school building that is really looking at the future of Manchester and he deserves credit for that because I have hammered him a number of times and I want to thank him for his efforts.

Mayor Wiczorek stated I always think he deserves credit. He is a hard working guy.

Alderman Hirschmann stated on the resolution, Item B talks about one of the close-outs is high school locker rooms. I was in some of the locker rooms at West High today and PBS was taking notes with paint that is falling off all the ceilings. I know those locker rooms were just done within 24 months but you may need that \$9,900 to do all those ceilings. West High girls and boys locker rooms, the paint is all coming down and I just wanted to point that out if you are going to take that out and close it out they are going to have to find the money somewhere else.

Mr. MacKenzie replied unless there was an actual material defect there and I can't tell by looking at it, that probably could not be bonded if it is a regular maintenance issue. It is a maintenance and repair issue. If there was some type of defect in painting, that is another issue but did you have Mr. Houle check that?

Alderman Hirschmann stated well there is 48" square chunks falling down. That is a defect. That is not bad paint. It is probably a leaky roof that caused the ceiling to fall in. I am just making a point. If you are taking \$9,900 away, you are going to need it or someone is going to need it.

Alderman Girard stated along that line that Alderman Hirschmann has raised, why would a virtually brand-new paint job start coming off in large chunks. You brought up the point about material defect. Did they use the right kind of paint for a locker room? Is it a result of the heating and ventilation work that is being done over at West High School? I can't imagine that a two year old paint job is going to come off in sheets if there is not something either wrong with its application or if it is not the wrong material.

Mr. MacKenzie replied since I was not involved with that construction project, I can't answer any of those questions.

Alderman Girard asked that wasn't done under the SC�PE Committee.

Mr. MacKenzie answered no, that was under the Joint School Building Committee.

Alderman Thibault stated, your Honor, the little bit that I know about construction, that definitely was sheet rock tape that was not properly applied so I am glad you brought up that question, Bob, is it a defect. I would say that it would have to be a defect of the contractor that did that job because the tape was pulling off. It is not just the paint that was falling down, but the sheet rock tape and this is all waterproof sheet rock as I see it, was coming off so that undoubtedly that tape was not properly adhered to the sheet rock.

Alderman Girard stated I don't know if it would be appropriate to take that one particular line item and hold it until such time as it can be determined whether or not it is a material defect in the work. I would tend to agree with Alderman Hirschmann that if the workmanship is defective we ought to have the funds available to remedy the problem.

Mayor Wieczorek asked what does that do to the rest of what you (Mr. MacKenzie) have out there, anything.

Mr. MacKenzie answered well as you chip away at the Parkside Middle School...

Alderman Cashin stated don't even think about it. Don't go there.

Mr. MacKenzie stated I am concerned that it is important for the Board to act swiftly. We have an extremely tight schedule for the Parkside Middle School if you want it open by the Fall of 1999 it is going to have to be bonded almost immediately. The project is under design. We had money for the design process. We hope to go out to bid fairly shortly and get in the ground before snow flies this year.

Alderman Girard stated it is not my intent at all to hold up or take anything away from Parkside. If we ask Mr. MacKenzie to come back and tell us whether or not there is a material defect perhaps we could find other funds to remedy that defect.

Alderman Wihby stated obviously if the locker rooms need to be fixed, Bob MacKenzie is going to come back with some more money letter, a transfer of some other account and we are going to fix it.

Alderman Hirschmann asked where are you going to get the money.

Alderman Cashin stated it is my understanding that Parkside is not being affected by this, right.

Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote on the motion to amend the resolution. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated when the CIP Committee met, there was another resolution that actually went with this Parkside Middle School Improvements resolution. It was a bond transfer and it was not submitted to the Board but since the Board has now changed those amounts, I have a revised one that I would like to submit to the Board with Item X to be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to refer resolution:

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of \$120,800.27 from various bond projects to the 1999 8.31399 Parkside Middle School Improvements, and a transfer of \$220,000 from the bond project to the 1998 3.0341 City Hall Security Audio/Visual/Other.”

to the Committee on Finance.

Deputy Clerk Johnson presented a communication from the Director of Planning regarding emergency sidewalk repairs on Hanover Street which had been distributed to the Board.

Enclosed with the communication was a resolution and budget authorization as follows:

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the 1998 Community Improvement Program 7.51010A Sidewalk Construction Program.”

1998 CIP Budget Authorization
7.50101A Sidewalk Construction Program - Revision #2

Deputy Clerk Johnson requested a motion to refer all items including those presented to the Committee on Finance.

Alderman Pariseau questioned if there was a possibility of receiving the 75 percent federal funds on the emergency.

Mr. MacKenzie responded it was a slim possibility, he understood Highway was going to check it out it depended on the resolution of emergency declarations that were made, as to whether public facilities can be reimbursed. He noted that Highway was going to check on it but the emergency repairs were needed at this time, they would look to reimbursement.

In response to question from Alderman Shea it was noted the damage occurred on Hanover between Wilson and Hall Streets.

On motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to refer all items presented and one resolution as amended to the Committee on Finance.

Report of Committee on Human Resources

AM. Recommending that proposed changes to the Blue Choice and Delta Dental benefit plans as outlined herein be approved for implementation with non-affiliated employees effective October 1, 1998. The Committee advises that such proposed changes could be considered for unionized employees as the various renewal contracts are negotiated.

Alderman Sysyn moved to amend the report to be effective November 1, 1998 and accept the report as amended, noting the insurance carrier would not be ready until that date. Alderman Wihby duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

5. Confirmation of the nomination of David R. Letellier to succeed Mark M. Bodi as a member of the Fire Commission, term to expire May 1, 2001.

Alderman Cashin moved to confirm the nomination of David R. Letellier to succeed Mark M. Bodi as a member of the Fire Commission, term to expire May 1, 2001. Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

6. Confirmation of the nomination of Stephen J. Root to succeed William R. Trombly as an alternate member of the Planning Board, term to expire May 1, 2000.

Alderman Hirshmann moved to confirm the nomination of Stephen J. Root to succeed William R. Trombly as an alternate member of the Planning Board, term to expire May 1, 2000. Alderman Girard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried. Mr. Root was congratulated.

Mayor Wieczorek presented nominations as follows.

Conservation Commission

Eric Skoglund to succeed Brett Gifford, term expiring August 1, 1999.

Joanne McLaughlin to succeed Thomas Donaovan, term expiring August 1, 1999.

Board of Health

Sophia Antoniou, RN, to succeed herself, term expiring July 1, 2001.

Robert Duval to succeed himself, term expiring July 1, 2001.

Manchester Development Corporation

Pamela Diamantis to succeed John I Snow, term expiring March 11, 2000.

Personnel Appeals Board

Jenny Stephen to fill a vacant position, term expiring March 1999.

Police Commission

Ralph Garst to succeed himself, term expiring September 15, 2001.

Mayor Wieczorek advised that under the rules, the nominations would lay over to the next meeting.

8. Introduction by Alderman Girard of two individuals who will be interning during the 1998/99 school year.

Alderman Girard stated he had tried to find a junior or senior high school student from each of the three high schools. He had found one from Central and one from West High and would work on Memorial when school returns. He introduced Miss Helen Donington, who was entering her senior year at "Central, was active in the political lives at school. She has been a class officer, home room representative and served on a number of different committees. She has been part of the Central Vision News. She is also a varsity field hockey athlete, and has volunteered in a number of different ways.

Alderman Girard then introduced Renie Francouer who was entering his junior year at West High School, is fluent in French, an avid hockey player, and has been politically active in a number of campaigns including the Mayor's. He remains active. He has done intern work for the Chamber of Commerce and has been active in the Civic Political Lives of West High School.

Alderman Girard noted the object of the internship is to introduce a student from each school to city government and the community so they get idea of what we as elected officials have to deal with.

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, 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 Resolution:

“Amending the 1994, 1995, 1998 and 1999 Community Improvement Programs, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000) for the 1998 8.30341 City Hall Security/Audio/Visual/ Other and in the amount of Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$280,000) for the 1999 831399 Parkside Middle School Improvements.”

as amended; and Resolutions:

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“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of \$120,800.27 from various bond projects to the 1999 8.31399 Parkside Middle School Improvements, and a transfer of \$220,000 from the bond project to the 1998 3.0341 City Hall Security Audio/Visual/Other.”

“Amending the 1997 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the 1997 CIP 3.10301 Enterprise Community Neighborhood Resource Center.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for various Health Department Projects.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the 1998 CIP 4.10117 Domestic Violence Program.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for various School Department Grants.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the 1999 CIP 4.10119 Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority (MHRA) Summer Foot Patrol Program.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the 1999 CIP 510599 Park Improvement Program Project.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Ninety-Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Forty Cents (\$96,618.40) for the 1999 CIP 710199 Bridge Rehabilitation Project.”

ought to pass and be Enrolled.

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee.

A second report of the Committee on Finance was presented recommending

that resolutions and a budget authorization relating to the acquisition of the Hackett Hill property as follows:

“A Resolution authorizing the establishment of the Hackett Hill Property Acquisition and Development Account.”

“Authorizing Additional Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$1,210,000) for the 1999 CIP 650599 UNH Land Acquisition.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Four Million One Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$4,163,399) for the 1999 CIP 650599 UNH Land Acquisition.”

“A Resolution authorizing the Finance Officer to make certain advances of funds in support of the Acquisition of the Hackett Hill Property in the amount of One Million Four Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Six Dollars (\$1,432,666).”

“A Resolution Directing the Manchester Development Corporation (“MDC”) to (i) Assign or cause the Assignment to the City of All Right, Title and Interest in Any Mortgages Granted by University Center Associates (“UCA”) to MDC on Property Located in the Millyard, so-called, and (ii) Cause the assignment by MDC, Inc., of all Right, Title and Interest in a Certain Demand Note Issued to MDC, Inc. by UCA, in Connection With UCA’s Development of Property Located in the Millyard, Each of Which Acts is Necessary in Connection with the Acquisition and Development of the Hackett Hill Property, so-called, by the City.”

1999 CIP Budget Authorization:
650599 UNH Land Acquisition - Revision #1

ought to pass and layover and further that same be referred to public hearing on September 30, 1998 at 6:30 PM.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Rivard, it was voted to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee. Aldermen Reiniger and Sysyn were duly recorded as abstaining.

Mayor Wieczorek advised that there was no report of the Committee on Administration.

Mayor Wieczorek advised they would take item 14, the report of the Civic Center Committee next.

Deputy Clerk Johnson advised that item R of the Consent Agenda had been referred for discussion with the Special Civic Center Committee report.

Communication from Lloyd Basinow requesting that the following non-binding referendum question be placed on the November 1998 General Election ballot:

“Should public money be used to build a local civic center and thereafter, as needed, such funds be used to maintain, repair and operate the facility?”

A report of the Special Committee on the Civic Center was presented recommending that referendum question:

“Should the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approve the issuance of up to \$50,000,000 fully insured bonds for the construction of a civic center in Downtown Manchester. Total project to be paid with private funds and a portion of the City’s share of the State Meals and Rooms revenue?

be placed on the November 3, 1998 General Election ballot.

Alderman Wihby moved to approve the report. Alderman Hirschmann seconded the motion.

Alderman Hirschmann stated that the question was worded so well, he wished to dispose of item R at this time, and moved to receive and file item R. Alderman Wihby seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated before the Board acts on the report of the Special Committee, the Clerk would note that there should be an amendment made to this report, it should read “be placed on a Special Election ballot on November 3, 1998” it cannot be placed on the state ballot, it has to be a special election ordered by the Board.

Alderman Wihby questioned how that would work.

City Clerk Bernier responded that the State would not allow the question on their ballot, so you would have to have your own ballot.

Alderman Wihby if the person would go into the booth with both ballots and do all the voting at the same time.

City Clerk Bernier replied yes, the ballot would be issued at the same time as the state ballot.

Alderman Wihby stated a separate paper ballot. Clerk Bernier replied affirmatively. Alderman Wihby asked why that was.

Clerk Bernier advised that the state’s ballot right now was full of other questions pertaining to state issues; that we were hoping to get the retirement question on the ballot; that we need approval from the state and right now, I spoke with the person who prints the ballots, and there is no room to put the retirement question on.

Alderman Thibault asked how they would be counted.

Clerk Bernier replied that he would have to speak with LHS, we need to program the acuvote to accept the second ballot, it was a programming issue. He did not anticipate counting them by hand, but there would be two ballots. In response to questions from Alderman Pariseau, Clerk Bernier advised that they would program the machines to accept more than one ballot.

Discussion ensued as to whether it was firm that they could not get the question on the same ballot. Alderman Shea stated if they have a state ballot and there are so many questions on it that it is filled up and this is such an important issue I don’t see why we can’t have a separate ballot. If there are 20 items on a state ballot it would confuse the elderly more , if it was such an important issue they should make it as simple as possible for the people of Manchester to express their opinion and he saw nothing wrong with having a special ballot. He noted that the question was grammatically incorrect, a simple question of do you want to use rooms and meals revenues to support a civic center yes or no should be asked. Mayor Wieczorek noted that they could correct the grammer but bond counsel had reviewed the wording and they would have to

be very careful on that issue. Alderman Thibault echoed the sentiments of Alderman Shea, and noted concerns that people would be so fed up with the questions on the state ballot they would not even look at the city ballot. Some discussion of holding discussion at a special meeting was held. Alderman Wihby indicated that they should give the clerk some direction and the information can be brought out to the public now. Discussion followed where several members advised they would have a problem if the question was placed on the back of the ballot. Clerk Bernier noted that there would be a cost to the City for a separate ballot, printing, etc of about \$8,000. Following further discussion the Board members indicated they wished to have the question on the front of the state ballot if it was approved or, if that could not be done, on a special election ballot whichever the clerk could arrange.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to amend the report to reflect that the question be placed on the front of the November 3, 1998 State General Election ballot or order a special election on November 3, 1998 concurrent with the state election with such question to be placed on the special election ballot at the discretion of the City Clerk, to make grammatical change for a single question, and to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee as amended. Alderman Girard was duly recorded in opposition.

Alderman Girard noted his opposition stating that he was opposed to having this question go to ballot. It has been said by some on this Board that I have no desire to have public input on this and that is certainly not true. In July I wrote an editorial in the Union Leader in which I proposed a series of public hearings at the high schools and on Channel 16, which the Board just went through. Asside from that there have been many projects of similar magnitude in the city, none of which were federally mandated projects, without going to referendum. I believe there have been other projects in the city such as the original decision to expand the airport, subsequent decisions to continue to expand the airport, and everything from changing the fiscal year which was a \$42 million project to bonding \$35 million for the Cohas Brook Interceptor. I don't think it sets a good precedent. I don't think that I was elected to send things to referendum.

Alderman Hirschmann moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the City.

Alderman Girard indicated he would not change his vote.

A report of the Committee on Bills on Second Reading was presented recommending that referendum question:

“Are you in favor of amending the City of Manchester Employees’ Contributory Retirement System, effective January 1, 1999, as follows:

Amending the contributory retirement system established by Laws 1973, Chapter 218 and Laws 1976, Chapter 24 by deleting the phrase “two and one half percent” of section 5 (I), Chapter 218 and replacing it with “three and seventy-five hundredths percent (3.75%).

Amending the contributory retirement system established by Laws 1973, Chapter 218 and Laws 1976, Chapter 24 by deleting section 7 (I), Chapter 218 and inserting a new section 7 (I) as follows:

Any member of the retirement system who either (a) has attained the age of sixty-two years or (b) having been in the service of the city on January 1, 1974, has completed at least twenty years of service shall be eligible for retirement for superannuation under the provisions of this act. Any such member may retire from service by filing with the retirement board a written statement duly attested setting forth at what time subsequent to the date of filing thereof, but not later than sixty calendar days subsequent to such date, he desires to be retired, or the retirement board may, at its option, retire any eligible member, furnishing him written notice thereof at least sixty calendar days in advance of the specified date of such retirement.

Amending the contributory retirement system established by Laws 1973, Chapter 218 and Laws 1976, Chapter 24 by deleting section 8 (I), Chapter 218 and inserting a new section 8 (I) as follows:

Superannuation. The retirement board shall pay to each member who has been retired for superannuation under this act, an annual pension payable during his lifetime in an amount equal to the sum of:

- (a) one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the member's final average earnings multiplied by the number of years, including the fractions of years represented by full months, of his service completed prior to January 1, 1999, plus
- (b) two percent (2%) of the member's final average earnings multiplied by the number of years, including the fractions of years represented by full months, of his service completed after December 31, 1998.

However, in the case of a member who both was in the employ of the city on January 1, 1974 and has completed not less than twenty years of service at the time of retirement, the annual pension payable during his lifetime shall be equal to the greater of: (i) the sum of the amounts determined in accordance with (a) and (b) of this section 8 or (ii) fifty percent (50%) of his final average earnings.

Amending the contributory retirement system established by Laws 1973, Chapter 218 and Laws 1976, Chapter 24 by deleting section 12, Chapter 218 and inserting a new section 12 as follows:

Each member whose age plus years of service equal eighty may have the option, to be exercised by a written notice to the board, to retire at any time thereafter, prior to his normal retirement date. The amount of retirement benefits payable to such retired member shall be computed as provided in section 8 of this act, except that the date of such early retirement shall be used in determining his service, and the amount thus obtained will be reduced, such reduction to be determined by the actuary in accordance with accepted actuarial practice, if such retirement benefit is to commence prior to such members normal retirement date.

Each member, regardless of age, who as of January 1, 1974 was either enrolled in the System or a permanent employee of the City of Manchester shall be eligible for early retirement if credited with no less than twenty (20) years of service. Such member shall be entitled to receive an unreduced early retirement benefit equal to the greater of:

- (i) Fifty percent (50%) of the member's final average earnings, or
- (ii) The sum of:
 - (1) one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the member's final average earnings multiplied by the number of years, including

fractions of years represented by full months, of his service completed prior to January 1, 1999, plus

(2) two percent (2%) of the member's final average earnings multiplied by the number of years, including fractions of years represented by full months, of his service completed after December 31, 1998.

The contingent annuitant and ten-year certain options provided for in sections 10 and 11 of this act may be elected by a member who elects to retire early under this section, in which case the term "retirement date" shall be deemed to mean early retirement date wherever applicable in sections 10 and 11 of this act.

_____ YES

_____ NO

be placed on the November 3, 1998 State General Election ballot

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to amend the report to reflect that the question be placed on the November 3, 1998 State General Election ballot or order a special election on November 3, 1998 concurrent with the state election with such question to be placed on the special election ballot at the discretion of the City Clerk and to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee as amended.

Alderman Wihby requested that the retirement question be the second question on the ballot as that was how it was voted upon. The clerk so noted the request as other members concurred.

Communication from the Building Commissioner requesting an order for demolition of 47 Nashua Street.

On motion of Alderman Thibault duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to approve the request and order demolition of 47 Nashua Street as requested.

16. Proposed lease or memorandum of agreement for the community center located at 177 Lake Avenue, if available.

Deputy Clerk Johnson noted the lease agreement was distributed to the Board earlier this evening, as suggested a motion to approve the agreement as presented for execution subject to the review and approval of the City Solicitor and the Planning Director.

Alderman Reiniger so moved to approve the lease agreement as presented and authorize execution subject to the review and approval of the City Solicitor and the Planning Director.

Alderman Clancy seconded the motion.

Alderman O'Neil questioned why it was being presented tonight and they were being asked to approve it tonight.

City Solicitor Clark responded that it had just come into his office today, it's been negotiated back and forth, it was to allow the police department to get into the new community center.

Assistant Solicitor Arnold stated unfortunately the time had worked out that way, he would have preferred it differently, he had been working with the attorney for Southern New Hampshire Services. As they could see from the fax, it was faxed to him from Southern New Hampshire Services at 5:17 tonight, the reason they wanted to get it on the Board meeting for tonight was that they wanted to open in early October at the facility and given that they wanted to get at least preliminary approval of the lease for tonight to enable them to do that.

Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote on the motion to approve and authorize execution. The motion carried with none recorded in opposition.

Bond Resolutions:

“Authorizing Additional Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Fifteen Million Three Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$15,392,250) for the 1998 CIP Manchester Airport Authority Development Projects.”

“Authorizing Additional Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$570,000) for capital improvements in the water supply and distribution areas.”

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to read by titles only.

Alderman Wihby moved that the Bond Resolutions pass and be Enrolled. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

18. Resolutions:

“Amending the 1994, 1995, 1998 and 1999 Community Improvement Programs, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000) for the 1998 8.30341 City Hall Security/Audio/Visual/ Other and in the amount of Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$280,000) for the 1999 831399 Parkside Middle School Improvements.”

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“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Ninety-Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Forty Cents (\$96,618.40) for the 1999 CIP 710199 Bridge Rehabilitation Project.”

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to read by titles only.

Deputy Clerk Johnson noted that following some clarification of what was being presented, a motion could be made to dispense with the readings.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to dispense with the readings but to receive clarification from the clerk.

Deputy Clerk Johnson noted that the first resolution was presented as amended earlier this evening and that two additional resolutions were being presented as follows:

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the 1998 Community Improvement Program 7.51010A Sidewalk Construction Program.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of \$120,800.27 from various bond projects to the 1999 8.31399 Parkside Middle School Improvements, and a transfer of \$220,000 from the bond project to the 1998 3.0341 City Hall Security Audio/Visual/Other.”

Alderman Wihby moved that all resolutions as presented pass and be Enrolled. Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wieczorek advised that he was forming a Mayor's Business Friendly Committee, at the recommendation of the Manchester Development Corporation, to review and improve the way in which city government interacts with local businesses. It was his opinion that this committee would serve a valuable role in the community that would work to encourage both new and established businesses to expand into our city. He looked forward to working with the committee in bringing a report to this Board. Mayor Wieczorek advised he was appointing the following individuals:

Charles Hungler (Chair),
Alderman Mary Sysyn (Co-Chair)
Rick Fradette
Gary Long
Jack Messer (Chamber of Commerce representative)
George Legos (Amoskeag Industries representative)
Bob MacKenzie
Jay Taylor
Richard Davis
Leon LaFrenniere

Alderman Shea noted he had made reference to this at last evenings meeting and commended the mayor for doing this, because he thought it was sorely needed in the city and if they had funds available to help businesses come into the city they should do that.

Mayor Wieczorek noted there was a communication seeking approval to hire outside legal counsel for police department issues. Alderman Wihby moved to approve the request. Alderman Hirschmann duly seconded the motion. Alderman O'Neil question if the solicitor concurred with it. Solcitiior Clark replied he did and that his office would be working with them. Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote. The motion carried.

Alderman O'Neil commented that aldermen had received communications from the Chamber of Commerce with regards to a fact finding trip to Pioria, IL, and he understood the mayor would be going. He felt it wise that the board of aldermen have some representation. Alderman O'Neil moved to approve up to \$5,000. from contingency for up to five aldermen to attend, such aldermen to be chosen by Alderman Wihby, the Chairman of the Board. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Alderman O'Neil stated he had received a letter attached to his door he did not know the addressing or the source it was blacked out and he did not even know the school, but with regards to a number of items that students are apparently suppose to supply and asked if it could be referred someplace. He noted he had tried to get through to the Superintendent that day and had been unsuccessful but some of the items were costly and some parents could afford it but there were a lot that could not afford some of the items.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to refer the letter to the Board of School Committee and request a response to come back to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Alderman Hirschmann stated they had met at the West High Auditorium, and Mr. Houle stated he had \$25,000 to help paint the auditorium. They had a public meeting in the auditorium they saw the cracking paint. Alderman Hirschmann questioned if they could ask that the item go out to bid as soon as possible. Mayor Wiczorek advised that he would speak with Mr. Houle tomorrow.

20. Communication from the Chief Negotiator requesting to meet with the Board for a negotiation strategy session.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to recess the meeting for a negotiation strategy session with the Chief Negotiator.

Mayor Wiczorek called the meeting back to order.

Alderman Thibault moved to approve the contract for the Health Department employees as presented by the negotiator such to be effective September 1, 1998. Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion. Mayor Wiczorek noted that such motion would be subject to Rule 26 of the Board and called for a vote. The motion carried with none recorded in opposition.

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