

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

December 1, 1998

7:30 PM

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order.

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

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

Absent: Alderman Reiniger

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Informational to be Received and Filed

- B.** Minutes of a meeting of the Airport Authority held on October 27, 1998.
- C.** Communication from Grace Hicks-Grogan, Executive Director of MHRA submitting a report setting forth estimated amounts of funds for various project to be requested by MHRA.
- E.** Communications from Lloyd Basinow regarding conformance to State Statutes and a notice to proceed with caution relative to the proposed Civic Center.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION/INFORMATION SYSTEM

- F.** Ordinance amendment to the Towing Ordinance submitted by Deputy City Clerk Bergeron.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS ON SECOND READING

- H.** Ordinance amendment repealing Chapter 116, Alcoholic Beverages, submitted by Deputy City Clerk Bergeron.
- I.** Ordinance amendment to the Business Licensing regulations submitted by Deputy City Clerk Bergeron.

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

- K.** Communication from Jane Beaulieu, Chair of the Manchester Conservation Commission seeking the Board approval to accept an offer of a conservation easement from Greenview Associates for a portion of Map 767, Lots 7-1 and 7-2, corner of Hackett Hill Road and Front Street.

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

- N.** Communication from Heidi Dunn, Executive Director of First Night New Hampshire, requesting the closure of streets, as enclosed herein from 3:00 PM on Thursday, December 31, 1998 until 1:00 AM on Friday, January 1, 1999; access for vendors on Concord Street by 3:00 PM on Thursday, December 31, 1998; and free parking in conjunction with "First Night Concord/Manchester."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

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

An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of additional State funds of \$4,317 for the 1998 CIP 2.20715, Refugee Health Program.

An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of additional Federal funds of \$3,317 for the 1998 CIP 4.10115, Cops Ahead.

An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of PSNH grant funds of \$20,000 for the 1998 CIP 8.30341, City Hall Security/Audio/Visual/Other.

An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of additional funds (contribution from the Town of Bedford) of \$10,000 for the 1998 CIP 8.30354, School Capital Improvement Program.

An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of additional CDBG funds of \$5,000 for the 1999 CIP 221899, NCADD Window Replacement.

An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of additional Federal funds of \$540,000 for the 1999 CIP 310199, School to Work Grant.

An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of Federal funds for 1999 CIP 410304, MHRA Community Policing Services.

An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of additional State of New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council funds of \$623.65 for the 1999 CIP 420599 SWAT Training.

An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of additional CDBG funds in the amount of \$113,000 for the 1999 CIP 610688 MNHS Acquisition.

An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of Other funds in the amount of \$1,500 for the 1999 CIP 710599, LED Replacement Program.

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

and for such purpose amending resolutions and budget authorizations have been submitted.

- P.** Recommending that a request of MDC that the City provide ten percent (10%) of the proceeds of sales of development parcels on Hackett Hill as the lots are sold to MDC and MDC, Inc. be granted and approved.
- R.** Advising that it has granted a ninety day period to the Chamber of Commerce for due diligence relative to 1037-1041 Elm Street and further that it has authorized the Industrial Agent and the Planning Director to proceed with issuing an RFP for engineering and design services for such building.
- S.** Recommending that a petition for discontinuance of a portion of Elton Avenue at Waverly 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.
- T.** Recommending that a petition for discontinuance of James 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.

COMMITTEE ON JOINT SCHOOL BUILDINGS

- U.** Advising that it has accepted the enclosed project summary and contractor's report for November relative to the Henry J. McLaughlin, Jr. Middle School is submitting same to the Board for informational purposes.
- V.** Advising that it has accepted the project summary reports for November relative to the Central/West Heat & Ventilation Improvements; the West High School/Special Ed Room 104 w/toilet rooms; the Memorial High School Science Lab and Other Improvements; the ADA Accessibility/School Elevators; the Junior High School-Tech Ed; and the Parkside Addition 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.

- A.** PSNH pole petitions numbered 11-858; 11-859; 11-860; 11-861; 11-867; and 11-868.

Alderman Wihby asked why are they getting so many of them is it because they don't want to go underground, I don't know can Frank answer that if he's here.

Solicitor Clark stated I don't know if they have any urgency on these.

Alderman Wihby stated I just don't know if they're putting them up where they want but every time I turn a corner now there's this great big metal container and it's sitting on a corner and it's just starting to get ugly.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to refer Item A to the Department of Highways.

- D.** Communication from Louise Gazda, Charlotte Sartell, and employees of the MTA relative to recent incidents and poor relations between management and employees.
- J.** Communication from Alderman Shea requesting the Board look at a reorganization or solution to the severe morale problems at the MTA.

Alderman Shea stated in recent days and weeks, your Honor, I've received several calls from MTA workers and it's evident from the calls that I've received and possibly other Board members have been contacted by MTA workers that there's a series morale problem affecting the workers there and moved to refer Items D & J to the Committee on Community Improvement acting as the Transportation Committee for a thorough review and possible solutions to the problems that they are experiencing. Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

- G.** Communication from Bartlett Leber, Vice President, Corporate Counsel MediaOne, advising of certain programming addition and price increases which will become effective January 1, 1999.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I want to echo the sentiments of State Representative David Boutin, this is with regard to MediaOne in Manchester and their cable contract. The citizens of Manchester, quite frankly, don't have any competition. I know when the federal government looked at cellular phones they made sure that in every marketplace there was an A channel and a B channel provider, so you could have two cell phone companies although the people in Manchester don't have the luxury of two cable companies, so we're being held hostage to MediaOne. This new increase that Representative Boutin spoke of (5 percent) is uncalled for, in my opinion. They just hit us with a five percent increase January, 1998 and in 1999 it's going to be another five percent. Quite frankly, they're charging the citizens of Manchester for their Internet access that they laid over the summer and it's no secret, I think that they are charging us for something that I won't use, I refuse. Every cellular market in American has two providers. Manchester has to come into the free market and have...this is a monopoly that we're granting a contract to serve us with a monopoly and they're just going to keep increasing our rates. If you could fine another provider that wanted to come in and split the contract I'd say you should really do that and have a free market system and it would drive competition and drive the prices. MediaOne is the biggest cable provider in the country and I got the rate card which shows the rates of Hooksett, for Goffstown, and for Manchester. The rate for Manchester is higher than the rate for Goffstown or Hooksett, how can that be we have more population, more TV sets more customers, it doesn't make sense, so they look at our market and they say we'll charge Manchester more...I know this is going to Committee and I don't want to beat a dead horse,

your Honor, I just think that we're being treated unfairly and whoever's doing our negotiating you'd better get the toughest guy in town and put him up to the plate and if you want me to do it, I'll do it, your Honor, because I'm not afraid of the cable company.

Mayor Wiczorek stated we've got a Chairman that probably is going to make you look like a young man just trying to get ahead.

Alderman Pariseau stated I would like to ensure the Alderman from Ward 12 that he is not beating a dead horse and we are in the process of developing RFP's and once that flies they will be distributed and hopefully will get responses from cable providers to come into Manchester.

Alderman Girard stated another point and this is something we went over in Committee...the way the cable company is currently franchised it's not an exclusive franchise, so another cable company could come into the City now, but as the Alderman from Ward 9 noted when we go out to bid we're going to be advertising it, so the current contract we have and the current franchising arrangement we have does not provide for exclusivity. So, the mechanism for competition is there, it doesn't seem that there is any takers at the moment.

Alderman Wihby asked is the mechanism for competition really there though.

Alderman Girard replied according to the Solicitor it is.

Alderman Wihby asked is the wiring and the poles and all that stuff...can somebody come into town and use that wiring or do they have to start putting up their own wires and start from scratch.

Alderman Pariseau replied that is going to be the issue, Alderman, I don't know what company would be willing to come in Manchester to set up new cables...I'm sure MediaOne wouldn't give them theirs.

Mayor Wiczorek stated this is a referral to the Committee and this is going to get an awful lot of attention in your Committee, I'm sure, so I don't think there's any point in getting into a long discussion about this until it comes back from Committee and asked for a motion.

Alderman Hirschmann moved that Item G be referred to the Committee on Administration/Information Systems. Alderman Girard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

L. Bond Resolution:

“Authorizing the Financing of the City’s Share of Development Costs for a Civic Center through the Issuance of Bonds, Notes, Certificates of Participation or Other Forms of Indebtedness, Which Financing May Utilize a Lease/Lease-Back Financing Vehicle, in an Amount Not to Exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000).”

Alderman Rivard stated Item L is a bond resolution which addresses a fifty million dollar commitment to built a civic center and just as a point of information or clarification, actually. It’s going to be referred to the Finance Committee and that’s the time when you’re going to take questions, is that correct, just wanted to make sure and moved that Item L be referred to the Committee on Finance. Alderman Girard duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried with Aldermen Clancy and Cashin duly recorded in opposition.

M. Resolutions:

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Four Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$4,314) for the 1998 Community Improvement Program 2.20715 Refugee Health Program.:

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$3,317) for the 1998 Community Improvement Program 4.10115 Cops Ahead.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the 1998 8.30341 City Hall Security/Audio/Visual/Other.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the 1998 8.30354 School Capital Improvement Program.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the 1999 Community Improvement Program 221899 NCADD Window Replacement.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Five Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$540,000) for the 1999 Community Improvement Program 310199 School to Work Grant.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Sixty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$68,000) for the 1999 Community Improvement Program 410304 MHRA Community Policing Services.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Six Hundred Twenty-three Dollars and Sixty-five Cents (\$623.65) for the 1999 Community Improvement Program 420599 SWAT Training.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$113,000) for the 1999 Community Improvement Program 610799 MNHS Acquisition - 282 Auburn Street.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) for the 1999 Community Improvement Program 650699 Manchester Civic Center.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the 1999 Community Improvement Program 710599 LED replacement Program.”

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

Alderman Hirschmann stated Item M was pulled at the request of the Clerk, your Honor.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated the Clerk requested the Alderman to pull this item because there is a resolution listed on there for the civic center in the amount of fifty million dollars that amends the CIP; that has not been taken up by the CIP Committee and we would request that that particular resolution be referred to the Committee on CIP first to follow proper procedure and there is also on Item O the reference to the same resolution and that should be deleted.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to refer the resolution relative to the civic center to the Committee on Community Improvement.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Girard, it was voted that the remaining resolutions of Item M be referred to the Committee on Finance.

- Q.** Recommending that an encroachment agreement between the City of Manchester and the State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation, be approved, and further that the Mayor be authorized to execute same subject to the review and approval of the City Solicitor. The Committee notes that Executive Councilor Normand should receive a letter of appreciation from the Board for assisting with such agreement.

Alderman Thibault stated I would like the Board to recognize Councilor Normand for having gone to bat for the City in getting the City permission to use the land on the corner of Granite and Second as a temporary parking solution to the West High School problem. The Councilor went into some major discussions with the State in order to get us the right to use this land and I would just like to have the Board send him a letter noting that we appreciate what he did for us and that I'm working with the Highway Department to do something there and that I will be coming back to this Board shortly to try to get approved. Certainly, a major solution to the problems that we have as far as parking is concerned on the west side, thank you.

Alderman Thibault moved to accept, receive, and adopt the report of the Committee on Community Improvement and send a letter of appreciation to Councilor Normand. Alderman Wihby duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Wieczorek made the following nominations:

Water Works Commission:

Raymond W. Provencher to succeed himself, term to expire January, 2002.

Fire Commission:

Michael Lopez to fill the unexpired term of the late James J. St. Jean, term to expire May 1, 1999.

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

Confirmation of nominations to the Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Commission, term to expire July 7, 2001.

Joseph Sullivan
Russell P. Ouellette
John Trisciani

Ballots were cast as follows:

Alderman Wihby voted for Russell Ouellette.
Alderman Klock voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Sysyn voted for Russell Ouellette.
Alderman Clancy voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Pinard voted for John Trisciani.
Alderman Shea voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman O'Neil abstained.
Alderman Girard voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Rivard voted for John Trisciani.
Alderman Pariseau voted for Russell Ouellette.
Alderman Cashin voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Thibault voted for Russell Ouellette.
Alderman Hirschmann voted for Joseph Sullivan.

A second set of ballots were cast as follows:

Alderman Cashin voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Thibault voted for Russell Ouellette.
Alderman Hirschmann voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Wihby voted for Russell Ouellette.
Alderman Klock voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Sysyn voted for Russell Ouellette.
Alderman Clancy voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Pinard voted for John Trisciani.
Alderman Shea voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman O'Neil abstained.
Alderman Girard voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Rivard voted for Russell Ouellette.
Alderman Pariseau voted for Russell Ouellette.

A third set of ballots were cast as follows:

Alderman O'Neil abstained.
Alderman Girard voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Rivard voted for Russell Ouellette.
Alderman Pariseau voted for Joseph Sullivan.

Alderman Cashin voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Thibault voted for Russell Ouellette.
Alderman Hirschmann voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Wihby voted for Russell Ouellette.
Alderman Klock voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Sysyn voted for Russell Ouellette.
Alderman Clancy voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Pinard voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Shea voted for Joseph Sullivan.

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Alderman Klock voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Sysyn voted for Russell Ouellette.
Alderman Clancy voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Pinard voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Shea voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman O'Neil abstained.
Alderman Girard voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Rivard voted for Russell Ouellette.
Alderman Pariseau voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Cashin voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Thibault voted for Russell Ouellette.
Alderman Hirschmann voted for Joseph Sullivan.
Alderman Wihby voted for Russell Ouellette.

Alderman Thibault asked in order to understand that Alderman Reiniger is not here tonight because of a major problem, couldn't we postpone this until the following meeting.

Mayor Wieczorek replied we certainly can and we'll hold on this until the next meeting.

On motion of Alderman Clancy, 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:

“Authorizing the Financing of the City’s Share of Development Costs for a Civic Center through the Issuance of Bonds, Notes, Certificates of Participation or Other Forms of Indebtedness, Which Financing May Utilize a Lease/Lease-Back Financing Vehicle, in an Amount Not to Exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000).”

ought to pass and layover.

Alderman Hirschmann moved to accept, receive, and adopt the report of the Committee on Finance. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Aldermen Clancy, Shea, and Cashin duly report in opposition.

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

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Four Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$4,314) for the 1998 Community Improvement Program 2.20715 Refugee Health Program.”

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“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the 1999 Community Improvement Program 710599 LED replacement Program.”

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

ought to pass and be Enrolled.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to accept, receive, and adopt the second report of the Committee on Finance.

9. Report of the Committee on Traffic, recommending that a communication from the City Clerk on behalf of the Special Building Committee requesting to meet to discuss proposed security guard services for the City Hall complex be referred to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for discussion. Also, the Committee has requested that

Mr. MacKenzie work with the Finance and Police Department to obtain a definitive cost and funding source.

Clerk Bernier asked, Mayor, can I address that issue. The only funds available are from contingency and I think it's pretty early now to ask for some funds from contingency, therefore, I would like that this request be referred to the next fiscal year's budgeting process to be addressed.

On motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to accept, receive, and adopt the report of the Committee on Traffic/Public Safety and referred it to the FY2000 budgeting process.

- 10.** Communication from Mayor Wiczorek appointing a committee to review the present custodial contract and formulate the next contract and requesting the Board's support for the proposal submitted by Richard Houle.

On motion of Alderman Klock, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to support Mr. Houle's proposal relative to the custodial contract.

Alderman Shea asked when that committee is set up, I would recommend that we hire an auditor to check into how the deficiencies in the contract from WFF has been enforced or implemented. I think it's very important that we get an audit to see...there's been a lot of deficiencies that have been noted and I noticed that when we receive a deficiency report that there's very little money that's given back to the School Department, so in addition, I believe you're hiring some sort of a consultant or somebody that is going to study the problem, I recommend that the committee also or I strongly urge the committee that they hire an auditor to check, to make sure that whatever the provisions of the contract between the City and WFF have been fully fulfilled. Thank you, your Honor.

Mayor Wiczorek stated I will take that under consideration.

- 11.** Communication from the Public Building Services Director seeking authorization to issue an RFP for facility maintenance and/or custodial maintenance in order to explore alternatives for the maintenance of schools, City Hall and the Library.

Alderman Pariseau moved to authorize issuance of an RFP. Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion.

Alderman O'Neil asked how does this item affect what your special committee is going to attempt to do.

Mayor Wiczorek replied we are going to try to take a look at all of the alternatives that there are. We are going to have a thorough discussion of every aspect of it to see what the best think would be.

Alderman O'Neil stated I think that is great, your Honor, but shouldn't we wait on RFP's until the committee decides what's the best option...the committee may come back and say well, at the high schools we think we should do this, at the elementary schools we think we should do that...at various municipal buildings we think we should do a third option. Wouldn't it be premature to do an RFP at this time.

Mayor Wieczorek replied I don't think so, Alderman, because it takes time to do these things and you have to find out what's out there. We may find that there's not too much out there, so the quicker we can get something going, the better off we're going to be.

Alderman O'Neil asked again, your Honor, how does it affect what he puts out for an RFP may not be what your committee recommends and then we're going to have to go through the process again.

Mayor Wieczorek replied we need to find out who will do what out there and that's basically what we're going to try to do.

Alderman O'Neil asked isn't there something other than an RFP you can do to determine...I'm trying to think what the other...

Mayor Wieczorek replied an RFQ is probably what you're thing of...a Request for Qualifications.

Alderman O'Neil stated just to find out who's out there and what they can do as opposed to formal RFP's at this time. I just think it's very early, I do commend you for putting the committee together to look at it and I just think it's early to go out for the RFP at this time.

Alderman Shea stated I want to make mention of the fact that several other departments that are being serviced are not receiving an RFP. Namely, the Fire Department, Parks & Rec., the Police Department, Cemeteries...so that this RFP does not cover all of the services that are being rendered. So, to me, I would probably recommend that we table this until such time as we find out what the committee that's going to be assigned comes up with and I don't think that would delay the process that much. I think it would probably be in the best interest for all concerned since this RFP is not covering all the different services that are being rendered.

Mayor Wieczorek stated you're right, we weren't looking at all of those. We were looking at the schools primarily and the Library and City Hall where we have WFF now.

Alderman Shea asked what's going to happen to the ones that aren't being RFP'd.

Mayor Wieczorek replied they currently have their own people doing it.

Alderman Shea asked doesn't WFF service them.

Mayor Wieczorek replied no...that's the reason why I said we need to really take a look...the thing that concerns me the most is that we could get to the point where we did four years ago when we really didn't get authorization until the end of the fiscal year and then before we got the RFP's and everything going out we had a problem, if you remember, because we didn't have the organization to clean the schools in the summer and I don't want to run into that situation again. I'd like to make sure that we're going to have somebody that's going to be there.

Alderman Wihby asked are we intending to look at privatizing the maintenance part of this, is that part of this that they are going to go out and look at.

Mayor Wieczorek replied I think we'll probably be taking a look at everything as far as what happens. I don't know that has got to come back to the Board.

Alderman Wihby stated in reference to item 10 we're only looking at the custodial part and it doesn't say anything about them having...my idea would be that on item 10 you would look at the custodial part and the maintenance part and then some sort of a report be brought to the Aldermen and then the Aldermen will decide what they want to do, so why are we going out for RFP's if we're not even including maintenance in the study that's being done. It doesn't say anything about maintenance in item 10, all they're looking at is the custodial part, but yet item 11 says they want to go out and privatize the maintenance part. So, it seems to me that item 10 should say that the maintenance and the custodial part...form the committee and bring it to the Board and let the Board vote up or down and at that time go out for RFP's.

Alderman Thibault suggested we send it to committee, evaluate it there, and then come back to the Board with their recommendation.

Aldermen Pariseau and Thibault withdrew their motions to authorize an RFP.

Alderman Pariseau moved that item 11 be referred to the special committee appointed by the Mayor. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Wihby asked for clarification that item 11 is going to the committee formed who will take up the whole issue of maintenance/custodial work.

Mayor Wieczorek replied yes and called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

- 12.** Communication from Chief Kane seeking the Board's approval to accept a donation of a heavy duty cordless drill and saw from Home Depot.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to accept a donation of a heavy duty cordless drill and saw from Home Depot.

13. Communication from the Public Works Director requesting the Board accept State hazardous waste clean up funds, enter into a contract with the NH Department of Environmental Services, Waste Management Division for the Spring 1999 Household Hazardous Waste Collection project, and authorize the Public Works Director to execute such documents as may be required.

On motion of Alderman Rivard, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to accept State hazardous waste funds, enter into a contract, and authorize the Public Works Director to execute such documents.

Alderman O'Neil stated at the last Human Resources/Insurance Committee meeting it was brought to our attention that the City is paying quite a bit of money out of our self-insured funds to clean up some of these...there are minor incidences around the City...so, one of the things the Committee recommended was asking Frank to take a look at doing more of these days. We're paying for it, we might as well pay for being proactive...it's costing us one way or the other and Alderman Rivard I may throw this out at you...does this allow what we are doing tonight to expand the number of dates if we choose to do that.

Alderman Rivard replied not from past experience, Alderman. What it is is the State provides us with a grant which comes twice-a-year and it's for one specific activity. So, the City would go out and collect these hazardous waste products and it would be on a given weekend and they would give us an "X" number of dollars...in most cases it didn't cover the whole project.

Alderman O'Neil stated I guess my point is, your Honor, is we had talked about that maybe if we did a number of dates to get a better price...we're paying for...I'm just going to make up a number...we maybe paying \$100,000 now, I may be wrong, Bob, but we're paying to have these sites cleaned...somebody leaves a 55 gallon drum on the side, so what the Committee talked about was having more of these hazardous waste collection days so that people would be proactive in bringing and not leaving them in a City park or something like that, do you follow me.

Alderman Rivard replied I understand what you're saying, but I think that there are limited amount of funds at the State level, I don't think that they have unlimited resources.

Alderman O'Neil stated we could later contract with a similar firm to do more of these days.

Alderman Rivard stated if you wanted to pay for it, you're absolutely right.

Alderman O'Neil stated we're paying for it now anyway. We pay for them to come in and clean up these small sites, various sites around the City.

Alderman Rivard stated I'm not familiar with that.

Alderman O'Neil stated that is what we were told by the Risk Manager at our last meeting.

Alderman Rivard stated what this addresses is that twice-a-year the State of New Hampshire provides funding for us to go out and collect hazardous waste and it's only done for a specific day, usually on a weekend. Now, the cleaning up of these situations that you're talking about, I'm not familiar with it.

Mayor Wieczorek stated I think we ought to get more information from the Risk Manager before we do something with this, but I don't want to hold up going with these due dates.

Alderman Thibault stated I would like to go along with what Alderman O'Neil is saying because I was caught with a situation this year down by the West Side Arena where someone dumped about seven or eight 55 gallon drums of hazardous waste and it took me eight or nine weeks to finally be able to get them out of there and when you talk about the summertime where we have a great number of kids that go down in that area swimming and stuff...they were playing right alongside of this hazardous waste and I had no way of knowing what it was.

Mayor Wieczorek asked did it come from some body shop.

Alderman Thibault replied we don't know, I thought it was an insurance company that threw their old paper over there, your Honor, but I didn't know what it was. In working through the Fire Department as well as the Highway Department it took about eight or nine weeks to get this stuff cleaned up and had it been something that was really hazardous, the City, I would assume would have had to absorb some of the liabilities of this, so I was quite concerned about this, but we finally got it removed.

Alderman Rivard stated I understand the Alderman's concern, but this is a different issue completely. Here's a \$25,000 grant that is available. What it is is to pick up paint, household items, oil, batteries, and things of this nature. So, it's not to address major contaminated sites, it's only a grant for a short period of time for a day or two for the Highway Department to work with these other industries and collects it and the State gives you money for it. So, we should take it.

Mayor Wieczorek stated I think we need to gather more information on that so that we really know what it is we want to do with that.

Mayor Wieczorek asked where did this come from.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied I was just suggesting that perhaps a separate motion to refer it to the Mayor for discussion in the next budget with Mr. Thomas.

Mayor Wieczorek stated I think the Risk Manager is the one who made the suggestion and I think we ought to his input.

Alderman O'Neil interjected I believe that at the Human Resources/Insurance Committee took action and asked Mr. Thomas to look into the situation.

Mayor Wieczorek stated when we get a response from him we'll deal with it.

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

14. Communication from Real
requesting permission to move two homes:
one from 30 Pamela Circle to 4245 Brown Avenue and the other from 193 Brown Avenue to 4259 Brown Avenue.

Alderman Pariseau moved to approve such request subject to the review and approval of the Building, Fire, Highway, and Police Department. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Pariseau stated my concern, your Honor, is that 193 Brown Avenue to 4259 Brown Avenue...you're talking about a home being moved from about Queen City Avenue and Brown Avenue or somewhere and coming up Queen City Avenue down Elm, over to Baker, down Calef, under the overpass. I think we've got to look at that.

Mr. Harris on behalf of Mr. Theroux stated that is an error in the correspondence, it should be 193 Hazelton Court, not Brown Avenue.

Alderman Pariseau stated I have no problem then, your Honor.

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

15. Bond Resolution:

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of the one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) for the further investigation into the purchase of the Amoskeag Hydro Station.”

Alderman Wihby moved that the Bond Resolution be read by title only. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Aldermen Shea and Cashin duly recorded in opposition.

Alderman Wihby moved that the Bond Resolution pass and be enrolled. Alderman Clancy duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Pariseau asked is this in addition to the \$63,000 that we already appropriated or is this part of it.

Mr. Clougherty replied that's part of it, I believe, isn't it, Randy.

Mr. Sherman replied that's part of it...\$63,000 is part of the \$140,000.

Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Shea and Cashin duly recorded in opposition.

16. Resolutions:

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Four Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$4,314) for the 1998 Community Improvement Program 2.20715 Refugee Health Program.:

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$3,317) for the 1998 Community Improvement Program 4.10115 Cops Ahead.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the 1998 8.30341 City Hall Security/Audio/Visual/Other.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the 1998 8.30354 School Capital Improvement Program.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the 1999 Community Improvement Program 221899 NCADD Window Replacement.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Five Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$540,000) for the 1999 Community Improvement Program 310199 School to Work Grant.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Sixty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$68,000) for the 1999 Community Improvement Program 410304 MHRA Community Policing Services.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Six Hundred Twenty-three Dollars and

Sixty-five Cents (\$623.65) for the 1999 Community Improvement Program 420599 SWAT Training.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$113,000) for the 1999 Community Improvement Program 610799 MNHS Acquisition - 282 Auburn Street.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the 1999 Community Improvement Program 710599 LED replacement Program.”

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

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to dispense with the readings by titles only of the resolutions.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted that the resolutions pass and be enrolled.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Wihby stated we just recently sold property at Lake Avenue and Union, there was a blighted area there and some people came forward with Alderman Clancy’s help and think we should send them a letter that they did whatever they had to do there, they tarred the parking lot, put a fence up and it really created a nice atmosphere there and they did it within three or four weeks, and moved to send them a letter, your Honor, in thanking them for doing it so fast. Alderman Clancy duly seconded the motion.

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

Alderman Wihby stated the second thing I have, your Honor, is that we’ve been talking about a civic center, we’ve had the MDC Committee meet, we’re heading into the bonding, we’re heading into the next meeting which okaying the second phase of this and I think we should send a clear message to where the site is going to be. I think we should take the vote tonight, your Honor, and moved that we go along with the MDC Subcommittee and pick the Staples site and that from now on when we consider the civic center that will be the site that we are going to work on and go forward with that. Alderman Girard duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Thibault stated I just have to say that I hope the Board realizes that after the vote in the last election in Ward 11 the people voted by 240 or 50 votes to have a civic center and I’m going to certainly support that. I still have some major questions as to the site, your Honor, and I don’t want anyone to be misunderstanding here...I have major questions with that site, I have major questions with the parking, and I want that to go on record, your Honor, that I have some major reservations about the site. However, I am not going to be standing here and second

guessing the constituents of Ward 11, they said they wanted a civic center and I'll support that. However, I would like this committee to again take the time to relook at this site as I have said here two weeks ago, your Honor, this is something that is going to cost the City, if you will, in one way or another a lot of money. Let's make sure we do it right. Thank you.

Alderman Cashin stated if you take a vote tonight and pick that site as voted on what you're asking for is academic, it isn't going to make any difference.

Alderman Wihby stated when Officer Robidas spoke the Civic Center Subcommittee will be working with the residents, the Police Department, and everybody else concerned making sure the Staples site works and whatever it takes we're going to do it.

Alderman Thibault asked okay what does that mean, now.

Alderman Wihby replied I heard from the Police Department that their main concerns...they have some concerns but there's nothing that can't be worked out.

Alderman Thibault about how about the parking situation.

Alderman Wihby replied that includes that also. All the issues that come up with that site...if we don't decide on the site we are going to talk about this for five years, let's decide on the Staples site and let's make it work.

Alderman Thibault stated I have just one more question and then I'll be all done. Can anyone in this committee as well as on this Board of Mayor and Aldermen tell me where a civic center has been built in any city with not the appropriate parking that worked, that's all I want to know...they don't have parking and it has worked.

Mayor Wiczorek stated there was something I wanted to mention to the Board...some of those folks that have been here for a number of years probably remember Harold Wheeler who was in the construction business. Harold Wheeler is the fellow that built that center and I spoke with him last week and he said he would be very happy to talk to the committee or to the architect in this case Lavalley Brensinger who is going to be working with HOK to tell them what he knows about that whole area and that includes not only the Staples area, but it includes the electronics firm, Ellen Bradley, it includes the other property next to it...he's familiar with all of those areas and I think probably his knowledge is probably going to be valuable to the people that are going to have to do whatever has to be done there, so that will be a pretty big plus for us.

Alderman O'Neil stated I don't disagree with Alderman Wihby that we have to pick a site but we have to lay on the table or at least everybody realize that parking is a problem there, we are going to have to come up with some plan to address parking and there is going to be a cost with that plan. As long as everybody recognizes that then move forward. Secondly, I think we have

an obligation to the people who own property around the Staples site as to what plan does the City have and the parking issue does not necessarily belong to the MDC folks. They were asked to do a job and they've done it, the parking issue is a City problem, not a civic center problem. To go back to a plan around the civic center...I got a call today from a gentleman who is a partner in a group that represents that small block (Auburn, Elm, Depot) they want to know what to do, they have one of the buildings that is kind of blighted, they've been waiting for what's going to happen and they want to put money in it and now they hear that the City wants to take that whole block. I know I talked to Don York who owns Indian Head Athletics...he's willing to invest money in his building, but his concern is what intent does the City have for that block, the block north of Lake Avenue. Is he going to invest money and then two years later the City's taking that block by eminent domain. Again, that's not an issue for Skip and his committee but an issue for us. We have to have some vision for what we would like to see in that area for parking and so that people know is it worth investing money and trying to fix up buildings and make them compatible to the civic center or should they just let the City go and take it by eminent domain. As long as we're willing to talk about those issues, I think we can continue to move forward. Thank you, your Honor.

Alderman Wihby stated Alderman O'Neil is on that subcommittee himself. I agree with you that MDC wasn't told to do any of that stuff, but our Committee can look into that stuff, we can take those issues up right away, but until we pick a site we're just going to keep playing and playing and playing. I do not like the Staples site myself, I had another site that was better but when they came to us and they discussed why it should be and why it shouldn't be the site that I liked, I believe they put their time and effort in that and that's what we should be choosing. The Committee did a great job doing that, I think now we should acknowledge that, go forward and now we can start talking about all of the other issues, but let's take the vote on the site today, get it over with, and work from there.

Alderman Sysyn stated I was at a neighborhood concerns committee meeting tonight that surrounds the Staples area, this is from Manchester Neighborhood Housing and if that goes they would like to work with you and their concerns are traffic, etc. But, they're willing to work, they're not trying to buck you on it. They'd like a say...this is what they're interested in.

Alderman Shea stated just computing some of the concerns that people have site selection is not really finalized here in terms of everyone's mind. The second is parking problems constitute a major concern and should be addressed obviously. Not that I am in favor of a civic center, but those that are have to address this and I know that Mr. O'Kane who is the General Manager of the Holiday Inn wrote a lengthy letter to all of us expressing his concerns. There are other concerns that crop in when we start making the \$50 million appropriation...namely, we don't know how much private funding is going to be available. There's conflicting reports from Ogden that they're reneging on their 20 percent. then we have the bonding issue and I'm concerned that our bonding now is \$380 million...I realize that \$146 million is general revenues, but we're going to push this over whatever \$200 million...already we're paying about \$20

million in debt each year...that will raise that...three prominent business investors here have decided to participate in the hockey program, I wonder why. I don't know we didn't get any answers from Mr. Gatsas or Mr. Schubert or also Mr. Bellemore and then are we really using only Rooms & Meals revenue, your Honor, when we decide to post a \$3 million bond when we only have about \$1.8 million, so are we starting to fleece the taxpayers before we even begin to use Rooms & Meals. I have those concerns, your Honor. So, I've expressed them and I'll continue to express them. Thank you.

Mayor Wieczorek stated, Aldermen, let me just bring to your attention...you mention the letter that Mr. O'Kane sent and you spoke quite eloquently on it. I got a letter from O'Kane today that says:

Dear Mayor Wieczorek:

It has come to my attention that some participants in last Tuesday's Civic Center Committee meeting may have misunderstood and perhaps misrepresented the content of a letter I addressed to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen regarding the Civic Center discussions. I find it amusing that what was an extremely positive and ringing endorsement of this vital economic development initiative was presented by some as a negative statement against the Civic Center development. That is not what my letter addressed and I feel it is terribly unfortunate some attempted to use it in that vain.

In my letter dated November 23, 1998, please see the attached copy, I wrote that the Center of New Hampshire was very much in support of this project moving forward. Encited new avenues for discussions with Ogden Management and area hotels about cooperative marketing efforts to help further promote Manchester. I expressed our excitement that this project would allow Manchester to bring business we have previously been unable to develop and that the timing given the hotel explosion in the Boston area with group occupancy and room rates could not be better for Manchester. I think that the discussion about adding to the depth of our parking in the City is an extremely positive realization of where Manchester has come. It is in reality a positive statement that we have to address additional parking to meet growing demands as the City continues to expand and prosper. I raise the issue only because I didn't believe the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was aware of how much the Center of New Hampshire has grown our business levels in the past year and a half.

The importance of what the Civic Center development can do to further enhance our business and more importantly the revitalization of our Downtown is nothing shy of phenomenal. With that in mind the consideration of the parking challenge is a very reasonable and prudent question to raise to ensure that we can properly accommodate that business.

As we are all aware you don't have to look too far back into the past to remember that we had another problem with Downtown development and business activity that was a far less attractive alternative to where we are now. I sincerely hope that this explanation can clear the air of any misunderstandings or misrepresentations that were created from my November 23rd letter. I will be most happy to make my self available to discuss this matter with you and other interested individuals.

Alderman Shea stated, your Honor, if I may...where are these people going to park when competing for space.

Mayor Wieczorek interjected, Alderman, you've had your say. I gave you the response. You indicated what you had to say about his letter, he's now responded to that to me today.

Alderman Shea stated I'd like to defend my point of why that was raised. Namely, that he did raise these questions.

Mayor Wieczorek stated you've made your points, Alderman. I don't think there's anything additional that you can say.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I'd like to echo what Alderman Wihby said in the fact that I, at one time, had another site in mind and keeping an open mind on the civic center, I did listen to all of the presentations and the Staples site being the preferred site of many people is the site that I believe it belongs on at this time and one thing that I would advocate and I brought this up in Committee is that we would take the property going down to Auburn Street, it's a small parcel there and to extend the lot from 8 acres to probably 9 or 9.5 acres, 10 acres...one opportunity that exists is in Traffic Committee the Manchester Transit Authority is looking for a place on Elm Street to have a busing hub. They had a busing consultant come in and say that other cities like Cambridge and Somerville have hubs in the city where all the buses for all of the routes of the city start and end and if that could be on Elm Street located near the Civic Center you'd have people from every ward in the City getting on an MTA bus going to the bus hub getting out at the Civic Center. So, if you took that Auburn Street corner and made that your bus hub you'd bring people in without parking is what I'm trying to say and that's something the MTA could tell us about.

Alderman Thibault stated I just wondered...Alderman Shea just raised a question that has been brought up several times now since we've had presentations by Mr. Ashooh and seeing as Mr. Ashooh is here right now I wonder if he could enlighten the Board here as to, in fact, Ogden's intentions or have they backed out from their intentions if I may ask him to enlighten the Board on that, your Honor.

Mr. Ashooh stated first let me say absolutely Ogden has not changed their commitment to the City on this, they have not changed their commitment to their funding level. The article that Alderman Shea referred to was an article that was done...actually there were two reporters working on two coasts. There was a reporter in Bakersfield, California and Mike Cousineau of *The Union Leader* here who *The Union Leader* sent to Bakersfield and they were doing a comparison of how Ogden has participating in Bakersfield and how Ogden is participating in Manchester. What was interesting about that is that the people in Bakersfield are all up in arms because Manchester, New Hampshire's getting all this money from Ogden and they feel that Manchester's getting a much better deal. But, at the same time people in Manchester are starting to say Bakersfield is getting a much better deal because they're keeping all of the profits from the building, they're paying for it all, but they're getting all of the profits. But, the question came up on Ogden's participation of the 20 percent...the answer that that related to was the fact that they don't know what their share is of that 20 percent because keep in mind it's Ogden and Enron Services that are putting up the 20 percent capital in this building. Until we enter Phase II and give the architects the money to do the design work which they can't do until

they identify a site then Ogden and Enron cannot negotiate their agreement to decide who's paying what percentage of that 20 percent. One thing that is standard though that regardless of how much Ogden puts up, how much Enron puts up the City's exposure to this building is capped at a maximum 80 percent according to that referendum. So, the City's exposure never changes, it can only go down, it cannot go up.

Alderman Thibault stated thank you for explaining that.

Alderman Rivard stated I just want to ask the Board to support the recommendation of the MDC Committee Chaired by Skip Ashooh, they've put in a lot of time and a lot of effort and a lot of experts out there and if we can't agree on their recommendation, we'll never build this Civic Center, we'll never get a consensus here, so I really believe that it's up to us to support their recommendation and in closing I'm going to say that if we don't have a parking problem and obviously this thing isn't going to work and no matter where you put it, it's going to be parking concerns. So, if it goes east side, west side, north end, south end and the amount of people show up that we're expecting there's going to be some concerns that we're going to have to address and I think we're all prepared to do that and I think we have the resources to do that. So, I think we need to move on this.

Mayor Wieczorek stated I agree with you, we've had a lot of discussion on this and I do have a motion on the floor and called for a vote. The motion carried with Aldermen Clancy, Shea, O'Neil, and Cashin being duly recorded in opposition.

Alderman Pariseau stated in light of the fact that our next meeting will be held at the new City Hall Chambers, oh, it won't be. The next meeting is December 15th, I ask my colleagues and those in the audience and sing Happy Birthday to our Mayor who will be 70 years old on the 9th of December.

Mayor Wieczorek stated we just had something that came up yesterday and I think I have to show everybody this. This is a presentation from Lehman Brothers, it's just like Christmas. Everybody's going to get a shirt.

Alderman Rivard stated several weeks ago the YMCA made a proposal to develop Pine Island Park and at the time we thought it was a good idea and as things moved forward more people became aware of the facility as Linda Garrish said being brought up down there, she wasn't even aware that the facility was there and what happened was the people in the neighborhood got together and they formed a committee who wanted to keep it in its present state, so I had a discussion with the YMCA and I received a letter from the YMCA saying that:

“After careful consideration we respectfully withdraw our proposal to develop a family day camp at Pine Island Park.”

Alderman Rivard stated there's a lot more that goes with it, but I think that's the important part and I'd like to submit that for the record and I'd also like to submit for the record a letter that I

would like to present to the Board this evening and I will just read a couple of paragraphs (the important part) which says that:

“Recently, there has been an overwhelming support expressed by many residents of the south end of the City to preserve this passive park and have a playground open to all residents like other park areas throughout the community. It is my belief at this time that the people of the south end would best be served by keeping the Pine Island Park site in its present state as a passive park and develop a playground area for all to use. The insurance funds could be used to this end rather than pursuing any further discussion with the YMCA or other outside interests.

I am requesting that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen find that it is in the best interest of the City to decline any outside proposals for Pine Island Park and to request Parks & Recreation to work with the Planning Department and representatives of the Committee on Preservation of Pine Island Park to develop a plan with estimated costs for a passive park and a playground area at this site and present it to the CIP Committee.

I would suggest that a BlueCross representative, a member from the Highway Department, City Solicitor should also be asked to participate and review the plans prior to submission to the Committee, so that everyone’s concerns can be addressed before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen commits to expending the funds.

Your favorable consideration on this request would be appreciated.

On motion of Alderman Rivard, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to find as requested and to refer the communication to the Committee on CIP.

Alderman Rivard stated I just wanted to congratulate...I think that she’s here tonight Albertine Morrissette is here this evening and she’s the Chairperson of that Committee and she did an outstanding and it just goes to show that when you organize, you get things done, congratulations.

Alderman Girard stated I have a couple of quick items. First, I gave the Clerk and I believe she is going to distribute it to the Board a copy of a press release that I received from *The PR Newswire* in Boston and there’s an article written in *Interface Monthly* magazine about the City of Manchester and if I could hit some highlights, your Honor. It was released on November 24th and it says:

Manchester, New Hampshire, Northern New England’s largest metropolis, may also be the region’s most dynamic, concludes *Interface Monthly* magazine in its January Community Profile. The city has 110,000 citizens...a clear signal that the city is committed to remaking itself was the voters’ go-ahead for \$50 million in bonding to build a 10,000-seat civic center. Rich Davis, Director of Intown Manchester, says “that attitudes of people have changed”. “There have been a great number of recent successes”, agrees Jay Taylor Manchester Economic Development Office, “a new spirit and confidence.”

an it goes on and on, but basically it’s coming out very shortly the *Interface Monthly* which is a very widely read magazine in the technology community, your Honor, has the largest circulation of any such magazine in northern New England and it’s just kudos for the City.

Alderman Girard stated one other thing. Since, Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Ouellette are both here I wonder if you or the Board would entertain one more round to see if we can’t have a successor tonight. Mayor Wieczorek replied no, Alderman, not tonight.

Alderman Girard stated First Night kicked off its events today, so anyone interested, I guess they're selling the buttons at Rite Aid and at the Bank of New Hampshire as well as many outlets Downtown, they kicked off their button sales today.

Alderman Shea moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A:3 Paragraph II(d) regarding the University Center Associates and Hackett Hill acquisition.

Alderman Cashin duly seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wihby, Klock, Clancy, Pinard, Shea, O'Neil, Girard, Rivard, Pariseau, Cashin, Thibault, and Hirschmann voted yes. Alderman Sysyn abstained and Alderman Reiniger was absent.

Discussion ensued relative to potential acquisition of the Hackett Hill property presently under ownership of the University of New Hampshire, and related acquisition of the University Center Associates property in the millyard.

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting back to order.

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

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk