

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

PRESENTATION OF WALTER A. STILES CONFERENCE ROOM

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order at approximately 6:50 PM for the purpose of recognizing Mr. Walter A. Stiles for his hard work and dedication in the restoration of City Hall.

Mayor Wieczorek stated Walter Stiles is a man who just does not quit. When he decided that he was going to take on the responsibility to raise some money so that we would have some decent furniture in City Hall, he took it seriously and this project of this will never end until he is through with it. I want to caution everybody to make your contributions so that we can retire Walter and just let him relax a little bit as the Director of this building because he is really responsible in great measure to what you see here today. We are all very, very proud of the new chambers that we have here and we are very proud of the offices and the Annex and the wonderful job that was done by the contractors and the architects. They did just a marvelous job. I know that I speak for all the Aldermanic Board when I say that we are all very, very proud of these facilities and we don't have to be a bit embarrassed about inviting anybody from anywhere in the world to come here to the City of Manchester. We are very proud of the facilities we have. I said since we only do this every hundred years, we better make sure we do it right because the next time they do it it will 2100 and a lot of us that are here are probably not going to worry, but Walter will be here you know and he will probably still be doing his thing. So Walter, we thought it would be very appropriate since you are at your station, if you would just come up here please, while you are at your station, Walter of course has a map that directs people on where to go and anyplace you want to go Walter has got his map and he has got one of these big ones that is on a board. Then he

has another one that he gives out. So Walter we thought that we would give you a bunch of these that you could hand out in case anyone gets lost from where you are to the Annex. Here they are. That is your first supply.

Mr. Stiles stated that is nice. Do you want me to say a couple of words?

Mayor Wiczorek replied not yet. Only because I know that when I give him the microphone I am done. Walter, we have a surprise for you. You have really worked so hard and so diligently to do this wonderful thing for our City and we are very, very proud of you for what you have done. The decision was made to take the conference room that is located downstairs and to name that the Walter A. Stiles Conference Room, Room 203 on the second floor.

Mr. Stiles stated it has happened. This is it. The place is really something. As Mayor Wiczorek said, hey, there were so many people involved in this job you wouldn't believe it. Everybody. City employees and everybody worked so hard and the Aldermen were so cooperative in voting the funds that were needed and everything just worked out great. Incidentally, before I forget you know I am half as old as the City Hall and while we are on the subject of restoration, in the process of this City Hall job, I had a new restoration. My right hip was restored and without that restoration in my right hip I would be sitting down in your chair right now but I can stand up instead. Anyway, I just want to say that I appreciate all the people that are here and your wonderful response to City Hall. We have had thousands of citizens here who have given from buying a \$1 pin to \$5,000, individual gifts. We have had a couple of \$5,000 individual gifts and of course the foundations. The Norwin and Elizabeth Bean Foundation. In fact, I used to deliver mail when I was office boy for the Public Service Company I used to deliver mail at the bank down here to Mr. Norwin S. Bean. I remember him when I was a boy, an office boy. I went to work at Public Service where the Black Brimmer is now at \$12 a

week in 1940 and I used to cover the street. I would go to the Post Office and do this and do that, but I had to deliver stuff to Norwin S. Bean. Of course, he was a banker and then he properly invested his money and it came back to the City of Manchester. Not only that, but Sam Hunt used to ride his bike downtown here and keep it in the building. He would lift it up and take it up on the second floor. I can see him now with this things around his pants so that he wouldn't get them caught in the sprocket. Sam Hunt gave \$30,000 to, the foundation did, to redo the tower and the tower looks beautiful. One of the clocks isn't working right, but it will be before you know it. There are so many other people and I would like to also say that all of my children are here, all of my grandchildren are here and my good friend, Dr. Paul Harkinson. He and I grew up together when we were boys on Sagamore Street and Paul is right over there. He is working for the VA right now as a doctor and he was my doctor for a good many years. Up in the balcony is Lillian Coolidge, one of my granddaughters. Ellen Stiles is right over here. This young lady right here is sweet sixteen. My son, Tom, is sitting on her left. There is Patrick O'Malley Stiles. This kid right here, what a fantastic basketball player he is. He is not only a basketball player, he plays football, he lives up in Warner and he is quite a boy. Right behind Patrick is Lydia Coolidge and she is my daughter's, Dan and Carolyn Coolidge's child and one of my granddaughters. My nephew Kenny Stiles is here. I never thought I would live to see the day when Kenny was 50 years old, but he turned 50. Way back in the days before Janet and I were married, I used to go up and visit Kenny. They lived in a house on the side of the hill on Salmon Street because right after the war there was no housing so they built this house right into the side of Salmon Street. They paid \$600 for the lot and they lived there for a good many years. My brother, Howie, did a lot of the carpentry work there and then eventually when they got enough money they added the second floor on and it is a beautiful house now but Howie lives in Florida and out at Northwood Lake in the summer time. Then I have my young kid brother, Herbie Stiles, Herb Stiles. We grew up and when we were young kids my mother had to go to the State Hospital when I was five years old and my older brother

was seven years old and my young kid brother Herb was three and a half. I would just like to say something about my own dad. My father was something else. He was the most fantastic man. He had blinders on both sides and his one desire was to keep his family together, keep his family together because he insisted on doing that and that is what he did so he brought in live-in housekeepers to take care of us and we had a series of wonderful women that came in, lived in our house, and took care of us when we were young kids. Then you get older and grow up and on November 6, 1942, Clem Lemire knows this, I left for the Marine Corps down at the old railroad station that John Mongan tried to save but the mall had run into the railroad station and that was the end of it but I left right here and went to Nick Bentas' fathers lunch and had lunch. I had to sleep in the Cadillac Hotel believe it or not. You know where that is and, in fact, I had to sleep with another guy believe it or not. That is a fact. They were saving money so everything was okay. Anyway, what we did at 7 PM we went down to the railroad station and took off. We went to Yamosee, SC, we went to Union Station in Washington. Jeez I had never been out of the State before. We went to Union Station and of course from Union Station you could walk over to the Capitol building. Of course the war was on and the guards were there patrolling because they didn't want anybody to bother the Capitol building. Then from there on in we sat in Union Station and waited to go south from Union Station. When we got on the train and went south, I said where are all the Negroes as we called them in those days. Well that was when there was segregation in those days. There were no blacks in the cars at all. They were all whites and the blacks were in their separate cars which was an insult, but anyway that is the way it went. That was part of the times. Anyway, we got to Paris Island, SC and I will tell you just one little story. We got into Paris Island and when we got there they swore at us so Lord knows I stood there and pinched myself. Of course everyone had to stand at attention. I pinched myself and I said, Stiles, what have you got yourself into. This guy just, he pointed down and said see that stuff down there, you are lower than that, you are no good. That is what they did. Anyway, we went into the Mess Hall, they ran us through the Mess Hall and after you

had a fast meal, when you came around the corner one of the Marines there was waiting for you and I came around the corner and he threw seven ponchos right at me, right at my face. He hit me right in the face. I said gee what the heck and he said give them to the other six guys behind you so that is what I did. Then we went out and we formed the platoon, 939. That was platoon 939 and everytime the clock goes to 9:39 I say there is 939 fallout for chow. Anyway, we are standing there like that and they were calling the roll. I was standing next to Roland Boisvert and Rolad, the DI said Boisvert and I said I think he means Boisvert so everything was sir. He said, Sir, that is Boisvert and the DI came over and looked at him and said lad as long as you are in platoon 939, when I call Boisvert you better answer and that was it. That is exactly what happened. Anyway, I appreciate this.

Mayor Wieczorek asked did anyone watch C-SPAN Sunday night and see the Walter Stiles show. C-SPAN was here on Thursday and they had a gentleman here who was talking for Elizabeth Dole who hasn't announced as a candidate so they don't talk to each other but when they came in with their cameras, there was Walter and I am going to tell you he gave them the history of Manchester. It is a capsulized view and I happened to catch that at 1 AM. You were on a 7 PM, 10 PM and 1 AM and you didn't see it? You were marvelous. As a matter of fact, we had a call today from Hollywood. They are looking for you. It is a wonderful thing and like I said Walter is one of a kind. He is a very, very special guy and I cherish his friendship with me. Now, ladies and gentlemen we have got a birthday cake that you see over there and the birthday cake...oh, Leo before the birthday cake you had a statement that you wanted to make?

Clerk Bernier stated I would like to take one minute of your time. I would like to recognize three people who really made this happen. First of all, there is Carol Ann, please stand up so that everyone knows you are my wife. Carol Ann is the one who supported us in selling Sesquicentennial plates about two years ago. Another person we

need to recognize, or two others, are Paula. Paula why don't you raise your hand so everyone can see you. This project started in 1993. It was right after the election and we were sitting around the table saying well how old is the City and somebody said well it is going to be 150 years old in 1996 and we said we need to do something. This is the end result. Tricia, why don't you raise your hand. Everybody knows who Tricia is. Tricia has been excellent in keeping the books in line. We did get fined \$2,000 for not filling out the forms correctly with the IRS, but I do have to say that Senator Gregg took care of that for us. I just want to thank you all. I think this is great and it is a tribute for everybody and we hope to have fun. Thank you very much.

Mayor Wieczorek replied thank you, Leo. I know they wheeled a cake in here. It is Alderman Wihby's birthday and we are going to sing Happy Birthday and you notice, David, that we only put one candle on there. We want to make it easy on you so why don't we give David a little chorus of Happy Birthday.

Alderman Pariseau stated, your Honor, I think that you should recognize Mr. Bernier for his efforts in the City Hall restoration and for this evenings activities.

Mayor Wieczorek stated I would like to recognize a few people that we have here in the audience. We have two former Mayors here, Sylvio Dupuis and former Mayor John Mongan. I know that we have some former Aldermen here, J.B. Batalis was here. I don't know if anyone saw him. J.B. was the Aldermen from Ward 3 for eight years. Joe Acorace who was an Aldermen. We have 14 now but when Joe was an Aldermen, he was the Alderman from Ward 13 because at that time there were 14 wards by number. Dan Goonan, former Alderman from Ward 7 is here. Ray Buckley, the former Alderman from Ward 8. Ray Provencher, the former Alderman from Ward 12. John Lydon, the former Alderman from Ward 11 and Leona Dykstra, the former Alderman from Ward 6. Donna Soucy, the former Alderman from Ward 6 and I know Executive Councilor Tom

Colantuono is here. Did I miss any Aldermen? C. Arthur Soucy, former Alderman from Ward 12. Any other former Aldermen here that we didn't recognize? This is really strange because what goes around comes around. You hear that old saying and these were the Aldermanic Chambers at one time. As a matter of fact, Bill Cashin was sitting in virtually the same seat in 1896. He has moved three times now and we had to teach him how to get up here because he forgot how to get up to the third floor. He was downstairs for 29 years and now here he is on the third floor. You are getting closer and closer Bill, going up and up. Now he is not working. That is dangerous. He is going to be a full-time Alderman. It is really very nice to recognize everybody that is here to see a City Hall complex that we are really very proud of and I know that with the Presidential primary that is going to be coming here and candidates are already coming in or people are investigating to find out if they going to have a candidate that is going to be here, I can assure you that through the year you will have a lot of pictures taken of this City Hall complex that are going to be pictures that are going to go around the world. We are very proud. When we started on this project, Manchester was not ranked as the Number One City, but in the interim, on the way to getting this project completed, Manchester was voted the Number #1 City and now we have a City Hall complex that befits the ranking and status of being the Number #1 City. We are very, very proud and very pleased. So thank you all very much. We now have about five minutes before we post the colors so relax and we will be back.

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

January 19, 1999

7:30 PM

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order.

This being the initial meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in the newly renovated City Hall Complex, Mayor Wieczorek called for the posting of the colors; such function served by members of the Police Department.

Mayor Wieczorek called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Cashin.

A moment of silent prayer was observed. Mayor Wieczorek requested that people keep in their prayers Lucille Boisvert whose funeral will be tomorrow. Lucille was a very hard worker in Ward 12 and has done an awful lot of volunteer work for the City so I hope you will keep her in your prayers also.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Presentation to the January recipient of the "Spirit of Manchester" Award.

Mayor Wiczorek stated the Spirit of Manchester Award Committee recently convened and selected an individual to be honored in the month of January 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 Walter Stiles. Walter A. Stiles is the Campaign Coordinator for the City Hall Restoration Committee, Inc. In his capacity as Campaign Coordinator, Mr. Stiles has exhibited an overwhelming sense of community pride that is evident to anyone he comes in contact with. His exuberance, unselfishness, and overall enthusiasm has given the words “spirit of volunteerism” a new meaning. No matter how many hours or days of the week the task required, Walter focused on insuring that the restored City Hall would retain its historic significance and be a source of pride to the citizens of Manchester for generations to come. To insure that the completed project was first class, Walter led the effort to secure funds in addition to the budget allocated for the project. This was accomplished by an organization comprised of community and business leaders, including three former Mayors (John Mongan, Emile Beaulieu and Sylvio Dupuis, as well as Jane Stanton, wife of Charles Stanton). Mr. Stiles has single-handedly reached over 3,000 citizens in Manchester whose contributions plus local foundation support has raised \$232,000 for this project.

Mr. Stiles has resided at his Sagamore Street residence for 76 years. In addition to his City Hall restoration efforts, Walter has served as a Member of the General Court from Manchester, President of the Toastmasters Club, various committees of the First Baptist Church, Manchester Historic Association and the Currier Gallery of Art. The award and commemorative pins will be presented by Aldermanic Board member Cheryl Klock. I would ask his wife Janet and members of his family to come forward as Walter accepts his recognition from the grateful citizens of the City of Manchester.

Mayor Wieczorek stated in the interim while we were going through some of our festivities, I see another Alderman came in, former Alderman Tom Robert from Ward 11. Tom, it is good to have you here again. Walter, I am glad you recognized Leo because Alderman Pariseau tried to tell me that we should recognize Leo and I would be very remiss if I didn't for all of the hard work that he has put in too. I don't know if he kept Walter straight or Walter kept him straight, but between them they kept it straight so that is the important thing.

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.** Communication from the City Clerk submitting a copy of an article that appeared in the *New Hampshire* section of the *Boston Sunday Globe* on January 10th pertaining to the City's on-going efforts to organize its record holdings.
- C.** Communication from Jennifer Farrell, Manager of Government Affairs for MediaOne announcing the annual COOL (Community Outreach and Online Learning) Award Program for Outstanding Educators enclosing a copy of an application should anyone be interested in participating in the program.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION/INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- E.** Advising that it has reviewed and approved proposed Ordinance:

“Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by amending 70.40(B), Traffic Code, and 38.06, Code Enforcement Procedures, providing for changes in towing regulations and penalties.”

and recommends same be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading for technical review.

COMMITTEE ON BILLS ON SECOND READING

F. Recommending that Ordinance:

“An Ordinance amending Chapter 35, Finance, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester, by increasing limits on Sec. 35.097, Small Purchases, under the provisions of the City Procurement Code.”

ought to pass.

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

I. Advising that it has conceptually accepted the Amoskeag Industries Parking Study;

and further that the study has been referred to the Planning Department for review during the CIP budgeting process and to the Mayor’s Office for possible budget consideration.

J. Recommending that the lease agreement between the City and McQuade’s, along with

18 other participating merchants, for 34 parking spots in the Middle Street Lot at a cost of \$2 per space per month, be extended through January 5, 2000.

Warrant to be committed to the Tax Collector for collection under the Hand and Seal of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

L. Warrant for Collection of Sewer Charges in the amount of \$130,140.09.

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

- A. Communication from the City Clerk to the Board of School Committee on behalf of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen expressing appreciation for their assistance and hospitality over the last year-and-one-half at the School Administration building.

Alderman Shea stated as the old saying goes, one good turn deserves another and this is communication expressing appreciation to the Board of School Committee for their assistance and hospitality over the last year and a half. I am proposing, your Honor, that we invite the Board of School Committee to conduct one of their future meetings at the Aldermanic Chambers. I am making that a proposal.

Mayor Wieczorek asked do you mean a joint meeting.

Alderman Shea answered no, just a meeting of the School Board, not a joint meeting. Just allowing them to use our chambers to conduct one of their monthly meetings.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to allow the School Board to conduct one of their monthly meetings at the Aldermanic Chambers.

- D.** Report from the State of NH, Department of Transportation relative to the Candia Road Reconstruction Project's recent public information meeting held on December 14, 1998.

Alderman Wihby stated on the report from the State Department of Transportation, I just want to note that Goldenrod's and the Crystal Orchid Florist and Candle Shop I have been in contact with and they are in opposition to what is being planned with the curb cut. I just want to make sure that the Highway Department works with them and tries to make them happy with the curb cut. I guess they are trying to cut their curb cut down to a normal size where right now they have a big one and that is not going to work out for their business.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Rivard, it was voted to refer the report to the Highway Department.

- G. Report of Committee on Bills on Second Reading** recommending that Ordinance:

“Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by extending the R-SM (Residential Suburban Multifamily) zone to include property currently zoned I-2 (Industrial Park) and R-1B (Residential) located on Holt Avenue (Tax Map 478, Lot 3).”

ought to pass.

Alderman Shea stated this is amending the zoning ordinance of the City of Manchester by extending the R-SM Residential Suburban Multi-Family Zone to include property currently zoned I-2 Industrial Park and R-1B Residential located on Holt Avenue. When we had a meeting of the Committee on Bills on Second Reading, I opposed that, your Honor, simply because I felt that the impact that a 20 family multi-housing unit will have on educating additional students in nearby schools which already are experiencing

expanded school enrollments and projected expanded enrollments because of concentrated buildings in this area. Also the impact on existing residential residences relative to the increase of traffic, cars, buses for school children and the additional municipal services that will be required for repair of the roads, police, fire and highway services and the return that the City will return for providing such services is nonsacrature. In other words, we are allowing different multi-family units to come into our City and we are not in a sense getting back, property tax wise, but we are allowing these buildings to give a property tax impact so therefore I oppose that and I want that to be stated.

Alderman Wihby moved to accept, receive and adopt the report. Alderman Cashin duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Shea being duly recorded in opposition.

H. Report of Special Committee on Civic Center recommending that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen authorize the Manchester Development Corporation (MDC) to proceed with Phase II of the Manchester Civic Center Project.

Alderman Shea stated I want to be on record as opposing that, your Honor. I have opposed it in the past.

Alderman Girard moved to accept, receive and adopt the report authorizing the MDC to proceed with Phase II of the Manchester Civic Center Project. Alderman Hirschmann duly seconded the motion. Mayor Wiczorek called for a vote. The motion carried with Aldermen Clancy, Shea and Cashin being duly recorded in opposition.

K. Report of Traffic Committee recommending that certain regulations governing standing, stopping and parking, be adopted and put into effect when duly advertised.

Alderman Girard stated this is a report of the Committee on Traffic regarding the rescinding of two-hour parking meters on Stark Street and from the report I am uncertain as to whether or not the parking meters are being removed or added. My question is whether or not the parking meters are being removed or added to Stark Street.

Mayor Wiczorek asked Tom Lolicata to respond.

Mr. Lolicata asked what was the question.

Alderman Girard asked are we removing the parking meters on Stark Street with this action.

Mr. Lolicata answered no, I am rescinding the old law so I can bring it back in. What we did was take the three Aldermen spots out and we are putting three meters in its place. I had to rescind because of measurements so it will be exact. That is all it is. As a matter of fact, they gave me three.

Alderman Girard stated but I didn't see anywhere in the Committee report where we were going to be putting the meters in there place or adding the spots.

Mr. Lolicata replied at the last meeting of the Traffic Committee they took the Aldermen spots out and they were going to put the meters back in.

Alderman Girard asked so all this is doing then is taking the parking for Aldermen out, going to diagonal where we now have parallel and you are putting meters.

Mr. Lolicata answered it is not diagonal yet.

Alderman Girard asked but you are going to be.

Mr. Lolicata answered in the future when they do Stark Street all over again you are going to see diagonal parking.

Alderman Girard asked and there will be meters.

Mr. Lolicata answered right. Right now we are just staying with the parallel and the old ordinance.

Alderman Girard asked and the meters that are there are staying there.

Mr. Lolicata answered that is correct.

Alderman Girard asked and you are putting three in for the Aldermanic spots.

Mr. Lolicata answered that is correct.

Alderman Girard moved to accept the Traffic Report. Alderman Hirschmann duly seconded the motion. Mayor Wiczorek called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Wiczorek made the following nominations:

Conservation Commission:

Joanne McLaughlin to succeed Thomas Donovan, term to expire August 1, 1999.

Elderly Services Commission:

Victor Goulet to succeed Norma Champagne, term to expire January, 2002.

Heritage Commission

Maria Skaperdas to succeed herself, term to expire January 1, 2002.

Linda Seabury to succeed Albert Cappannelli, term to expire January 1, 2001.

David Boutin to succeed himself as an alternate, term to expire January 1, 2002.

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

Update by Finance Department officials relative to the Manchester Area Aggregation Program.

Ms. Parsons stated at the direction of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, as part of the 1999 budget for this program, we were directed to give periodic updates before the

Committee on Accounts, Enrollment & Revenue Administration so last Tuesday I did a presentation before that Committee and what you have before you is the agenda items as I went through each one as it relates to my program. I would be happy to do the presentation as I did before the Committee. It will take about 45 minutes and Alderman Hirschmann is shaking his head no so I will be happy to entertain any questions you may have on any of the items on the list.

Alderman Shea asked how much money have we spent so far for the Aggregate Program.

Ms. Parsons answered to date, that program has \$739,000 spent on it.

Alderman Shea asked we have spent \$739,000. Is that correct?

Ms. Parsons answered correct.

Alderman Shea asked and what have we gotten in return.

Ms. Parsons answered the MAP program has issued an RFP to date for the procurement of gas and also for energy efficiency measures and those proposals have come back to the City and are currently being analyzed by our consultants. We have also gone before the Board in Nashua and to date the City of Nashua has also voted to do aggregation in their community and have elected to have Manchester administer that program so as soon as deregulation occurs in the State of New Hampshire, we will have fees to cover the program.

Alderman Shea stated but you mentioned that we have spent \$739,000 and so far we have realized nothing in return. Is that correct? I mean we are anticipating that we will save so much money in the future but we haven't realized anything. Is that correct?

Ms. Parsons replied no. What I would say is that the budget items being covered in 99 are my salary. Right now, there are no employees of this program except me and if you look at the list, these items have saved the City money.

Alderman Shea asked what list are you talking about. The list that is where?

Ms. Parsons answered the agenda items for the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment & Revenue Administration. For instance, under the school lighting program, myself and consultants and Dick Houle worked on getting a contract with Noresco that is going to have annual savings of close to half a million dollars in school lighting. Those issues, as we looked through different items, what I do is I look at things broadly. For instance, when we look at electricity savings, it isn't just the price of electricity but also the consumption component of that so what we have looked at, where PSNH and the State have been held up in federal litigation, we have looked at the City's energy use and what we can do, perhaps, to save on those measures. For instance, under the gas deregulation in the State, natural gas is not open to residents. It is, however, open to commercial and industrial consumption, including the City of Manchester. So what we did was we put together a Request for Proposals so that we couldn't do anything on the energy component side for electricity, what we said was well lets see what we can do towards the consumption side of other energy measures. To date, you are right, \$739,000 has been spent in terms of our participation in the State side. That is also the NH public utilities pilot program which has saved the City considerable sums of money. The 31 accounts that were in that program in the first two years saved over \$100,000 and those accounts, along with the constituents in Manchester that are still in that program, are saving money below the tariff rate so it is a program where what we did was get involved on a small measure so that we could learn about aggregation so that we would be ready for the big picture.

Alderman Shea asked how much money has Nashua spent.

Ms. Parsons answered in what regard, Alderman.

Alderman Shea stated we spent \$739,000. How much money has Nashua spent to your knowledge?

Ms. Parsons replied, Randy, help me.

Mr. Sherman stated they initially gave us \$150,000 and I believe they have actually gone up closer to a quarter of a million.

Ms. Parsons replied towards the deregulation docket.

Alderman Shea asked is that recorded here. How would we know that?

Ms. Parsons answered my \$739,000 is from conception, correct, so the \$250,000 has offset some of that.

Alderman Shea asked if we didn't enter into all of these expenses, would we be at the same level as we are now. In other words, would we be comparable to other communities in NH who have not spent this amount of money?

Ms. Parsons answered no, Alderman. We have a program that when deregulation, when the State goes forward with deregulation of electricity, this City is poised to move forward on a procurement. What we have said to the 16 qualified suppliers that we have is that within 30 days notice we want you to come back with a proposal to the City for

electricity so that we are ready to go when the State is ready to go. I know that I have fielded a number of questions from all kinds of people in the State, from those that are managing public housing to those, in fact the procurement officer for the State of NH has contacted the City because she is unsure of how to go about what she is going to need to do when the State has to procure energy for the State and County buildings so we are out front. We are the first ones out doing this and we have a request for proposals on the street.

Alderman Thibault stated, your Honor, in reading the report of the engineers that looked over the dam, I noticed that they identified...

Mayor Wieczorek interjected this is not about the dam.

Alderman Clancy asked when would this program start up.

Ms. Parsons answered this program will start-up on the same day as competition in the State of NH for electricity consumption.

Alderman Clancy asked now is that going to be all of the residents of the City of Manchester.

Ms. Parsons answered I hope so. We will have to be poised to do a couple of public hearings. There will be a huge public education effort made towards this. One of the things that we looked at and why it is so iffy is the timing of deregulation in NH as it has been set in the federal courts in that what we will have to do is a mass mailing and one of the ways that we look to reaching as many people as we could is through what we already have in place which is the water bills that go out, the EPD bills that go out, and our tax bills. Had deregulation occurred on January 1 as it was intended to last year, we

were poised to put public notice of this program and basically notice of a public hearing in with the property tax bills, but again timing is going to be everything with this and we will try to use what we have in place to get that message out.

Alderman Clancy asked it says here that most homeowners would save about 6%, is that true.

Ms. Parsons answered the majority of the savings will come from what has been termed the stranded cost issue. Where the City has played a pivotal role in trying to determine that, along with the NHPUC staff and right now the company PSNH has made a settlement proposal and that currently is being analyzed by our consultants and the staff in the Governor's Office.

Alderman Cashin asked, Ms. Parsons, can we have a breakdown of where this \$739,000 went. I don't mean this evening, but could you give us a breakdown and see if the Board has it for the next meeting.

Ms. Parsons answered sure.

Alderman Girard asked, Ms. Parsons, the \$739,000 that has been spent is from the Aggregation Enterprise, correct.

Ms. Parsons answered correct.

Alderman Girard stated so at this point there is no liability to the general fund or the property tax payer. In other words, this money is not affecting the tax rate at all.

Ms. Parsons replied correct and under NH statute, in order for a community to do an Aggregation Program that program has to be covered by the fees of the users of that program.

Alderman Girard asked this program has been in effect for how long now.

Ms. Parsons answered my active involvement has been since 1996, but I believe our first budget was 97-98.

Alderman Girard stated so the monies that have been spent have been spent to develop the groundwork necessary for the City to take advantage of deregulation when it comes.

Ms. Parsons replied correct.

Alderman Girard asked and the City's efforts thus far have been so remarkable that other cities and towns have contacted Manchester, the State of NH has contacted Manchester to investigate participating in our plan and project if and when deregulation comes.

Ms. Parsons answered as far as I know, we are the only ones with an active Aggregation Program. The NH Municipal Association had followed the City's lead in thinking of doing that for the smaller communities in NH and they have set aside their program right now.

Alderman Girard asked and they have done that because Manchester's program has reached the point that it is at or they have not been able to develop it as we have been.

Ms. Parsons answered I believe it is kind of two-fold. I don't believe that they were able to develop it the way they wanted to. Not enough communities, I believe, are poised in

the understanding and the learning curve, if you will, to be able to make those kinds of decisions.

Alderman Girard asked in addition to the City of Nashua which has expressed an interest in joining Manchester as part of this plan, which other cities and towns have expressed and interest and what would their participation mean to the program and ultimately to the rate payers of the City.

Ms. Parsons answered we have spoken to the members of the councils from Londonderry and Keene. At one point, Bedford was looking at our program as well. I can tell you that by having the State's two largest communities in this program that in terms of the suppliers who want the easiest way to deal with having to do the same public education...our concern is that the residents may not be marketed to at all, that when it comes down to deregulation, whether it is in the State of NH or in the State of California, the issue for commercial and industrial customers is an easy one. It is a business decision. But if we follow the example that has been set by California, the suppliers have left that residential market. They are not marketing to residential customers and the primary marketing that they did do was for the issue called "green power" where they could go out and market it under the "green power" label for more money.

Alderman Girard stated so the point of the Aggregation Program then is to create enough of a demand for the suppliers among residential properties that the residential properties can get savings similar to what commercial and industrial properties would get without an Aggregation Program.

Ms. Parsons replied what we believe is that there will still be different rates for different classes of customer, but by taking the community's aggregated power load, that those residential customers will not be left out of the buying market.

Alderman Girard asked and commercial and industrial users also have the ability to participate in the Aggregation Program.

Ms. Parsons answered yes they do.

Alderman Wihby stated I am in favor of this program and I backed it 100%, but I don't want to mislead anybody on this Board. If the Aggregation Program doesn't go forward and it dies, that money, \$740,000, would come from the general fund wouldn't it.

Ms. Parsons replied I believe so.

Alderman Wihby stated so lets not say it doesn't cost anything. If the program doesn't go forward it does cost a hell of a lot of money.

Ms. Parsons replied yes. That is due from the general fund.

Alderman Wihby stated right now it is being held in Finance and you are doing it in Finance. My understanding is it is going to go to the Highway Department. Can you give me some explanation on why? Is it planned to go into the Highway Department?

Ms. Parsons replied I don't believe that that decision has been made.

Mr. Sherman stated if I can address that. If you recall, last year during the budget process several of the Aldermen questioned why it was in Finance and to refresh the Board's memory, the reason it started in Finance is because Tina was a member of the Finance Department and had 13 or 14 years of utility experience and it just naturally evolved there. At that point, some of the Aldermen expressed an interest for us to look at finding

maybe a more appropriate home for the program and a couple of the departments that were mentioned at that point were the Water Works Department and the Highway Department. There are documents in place that specify that it is under the Finance Department. If we were going to move the program, we would actually have to go back and readdress those documents through public hearings to make those changes but none of that will actually take place until the Board makes those decisions. We are looking at alternatives.

Alderman Wihby asked the Aldermen would have to decide that.

Mr. Sherman answered the Aldermen are going to have to approve the Aggregation Plan and right now the approved plan says the Finance Department. If you want to alter that plan, we would have to take it back to a public hearing as required by the statutes.

Alderman Wihby stated my understanding was that we thought Water Works was the perfect candidate for that. Not so much the Highway Department, but the Water Works. That is what I thought we had come to an agreement on.

Mr. Sherman replied I seem to remember that both of the departments were mentioned.

Alderman Shea asked, Tina, my colleague here mentioned that this was an enterprise type of endeavor. Where did the money come from to pay for the enterprise? Did it come from taxpayers? CIP funds? Where did it come from?

Ms. Parsons answered right now, Alderman, it is on the balance sheet of the Manchester Area Aggregation Program as monies due to the general fund.

Alderman Shea asked from the general fund.

Ms. Parsons answered correct.

Alderman Shea asked and who pays money into the general fund.

Ms. Parsons answered when this program takes off, those people who elect into this program will see a fee on their electric bill every month to pay for the administrative costs of the program.

Alderman Shea asked so the taxpayers, in essence, are paying for this enterprise fund one way or the other.

Ms. Parsons answered no, electricity users are going to pay.

Alderman Shea replied that is right and everyone uses electricity that I know, right.

Ms. Parsons responded, Alderman, it is hoped that with the program and the size that it is that those savings will more than make up for the difference in the electricity cost that you would pay now under your rates. That change in rate, when it is an aggregated program would more than compensate for the fee.

Alderman Shea replied that is right but in essence the taxpayers or the commercial owners or the industrial people that run industries will pay for this enterprise fund. Is that correct?

Ms. Parsons answered yes and so will those residents, commercial and industrial users of the City of Nashua, as well.

Alderman Shea stated so the old expression there is no such thing as a free lunch comes back to the forefront here. Thank you.

Alderman Girard asked, Ms. Parsons, is this enterprise operated in any manner or set-up in any manner that is any different from any other enterprise the City currently operates.

Ms. Parsons answered, no, it is not.

Alderman Rivard stated I had a question, but Alderman Girard got my attention. An enterprise set-up, they get money from the taxpayers. Like the Treatment Plant charges a service charge. You are not charging anybody anything so you are really not getting anything from anybody yet. Is that correct?

Ms. Parsons replied because deregulation has not occurred in NH yet, correct.

Alderman Rivard asked but there is no enterprise fund. People aren't sending you money because we don't have any customers out there. My question is you spent \$739,000, correct? The Aggregation Program expended \$739,000 to date?

Ms. Parsons answered correct.

Alderman Rivard stated you had to get that somewhere. Can you tell me where you got that? It wasn't taxpayers dollars. I understand that Highway contributed some, EPD, Water Works, can you tell me how that works?

Ms. Parsons replied those billings that I did to the different departments actually covered the cost of the contract for the participation in the NH Public Utilities Commission Pilot Program so what we saved in the pilot program, those fees, our consultant fees were

covered by those savings at a net of zero. As for the monies that have been spent to date on equipment and stationery and my salary and other items necessary to get this program up and running, those have been paid for by the general fund and when this program gets going, those fees of those participants as they come in on the electric bills will then be returned to the general fund.

Alderman Rivard asked so basically it is a loan. It is a loan to you from the general fund. Could you separate it, and you don't have to do it tonight, could you separate it and tell me how much general fund money you have received and how much money you received from the different departments in the City? Could you do that for me?

Ms. Parsons answered sure.

Alderman Girard asked, Ms. Parsons, the only way that the taxpayers would be held liable for the money spent to date from the Aggregation Program is, in fact, if the program were to fold and the general fund had to bail it out.

Ms. Parsons answered that is right, Alderman Girard, and I would also add that because the City of Manchester has an Aggregation Agreement, or an administrative agreement with the City of Nashua that has been approved by the Attorney General's Office, that it also requires a notice provision. There is a notice provision in there so if the City of Manchester decides not to move forward with Aggregation, we have to give the City of Nashua notice.

Alderman Girard stated just to reinforce the point, if the enterprise does not fold, if the Aggregation Program does not shut down, and the taxpayers who currently are not liable for the money spent to date, will never be liable for the money spent.

Ms. Parsons replied correct.

Alderman O'Neil stated in support of what Alderman Wihby was getting to, we had talked about Water Works and Highway through the EPD, I believe, because they already had utility billing in place and instead of creating a third utility billing system we had talked about possible expanding either EPD or Water Works to do that billing.

Facility Evaluation of Amoskeag Hydro Plant Report

Mr. Sherman stated just to refresh the Board's memory, back in December the Board authorized the Amoskeag Evaluation Committee to go out and perform a Phase I evaluation of the Amoskeag Hydro Facility. We are prepared tonight to bring that report in and make a brief presentation on it. We made a similar presentation to the CIP Committee earlier tonight, but before I introduce the engineer that performed the study for us I would just like to bring to your attention who sits on that Committee. It is Tina Parsons, myself, Frank Thomas, Bob Beaurivage, Tom Arnold, Rich Davis from Intown Manchester and Doug Gherlone, a private citizen and businessman. As part of the CIP meeting tonight, the CIP Committee will be making a report. I believe it is going into the Finance Committee tonight to actually accept this report and move into Phase II which will take a look at the economics of the facility now that we have looked at the structure and safetiness of the facility. I guess I will keep it at that and introduce to you Paul Williams who was the project manager from Kleinschmidt Associates. Hopefully you all got your reports last week. Mr. Williams will be addressing that report.

Mr. Williams stated I am a Principal with Kleinschmidt Associates and I am also a Senior Engineer. Kleinschmidt Associates specializes in consulting engineering related to hydroelectric facilities. We were retained to do a facility evaluation of the Amoskeag hydroelectric plant. That facility evaluation consisted of a visual inspection of the assets

that comprise the project. In addition to the visual inspection, we reviewed the design drawings, we reviewed the Federal Energy Regulatory License and related correspondence. We reviewed the previous five years of maintenance and inspection records. In addition to that, we also hired an independent sub-contractor to perform an underwater inspection. The results of the underwater inspection and our visual inspection indicated that the facility, overall, is in good condition. It is well-designed. It has been well-maintained. We did not identify anything that would be considered a fatal flaw or that would require significant expenditures to continue with the life expectancy of the project. The assets that we looked at comprised the dam, the other water retaining structures which involve portions of the fishway, the canal gatehouse. We also looked at the powerhouse and other buildings and structures. We looked at all the mechanical equipment, the electrical equipment, ancillary equipment that is related to the operation of the facility. We did not include, in our evaluation, any of the transmission assets. Generally there is a distinction drawn between generation and transmission that stops at the high voltage side of the step up transformers and that was the limit of the inspection that we had conducted. I believe everybody has a copy of our inspection report. Included in that copy I have appended the results of the underwater inspection. I have included some photographs and a series of figures to help define the composition of the project and to help those readers understand what it is that we have evaluated. I guess at this time I would entertain any questions that anybody has about the report.

Alderman Hirschmann stated, good evening Mr. Williams and welcome to City Hall. You were the project leader on this evaluation.

Mr. Williams replied that is correct.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I would like all of my colleagues to think of the packet that was delivered to their homes. Picture #7 that you supplied shows the spillway. I don't

know if anyone remembers looking at that picture. It shows the spillway built in 1923 or whenever it was built with what looks to me like a pretty cracked up surface the whole length of the spillway and your comments underneath that picture say “spillway in need of resurfacing.” Actually, it looks like there is grass growing up through the cracks. You are giving me an engineer’s report. How much money does it cost to resurface a spillway? How serious is that defect?

Mr. Williams replied my analogy for the surface condition of the spillway would be paint peeling on a house. It is a surface condition. It does not, at this present time, affect the structural integrity of the dam. It doesn’t affect the function of the dam. It is something that needs to be addressed. It needs to be addressed probably sometime in the next five to eight years. The FERC has asked PSNH to respond to the most recent safety inspection report. There was an observation of the condition of the spillway.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I am very uncomfortable with that picture and what it depicts and I would recommend that when we do due diligence on this project that the spillway, part of the purchase, is that that is resurfaced by PSNH before we acquire this asset. It looks to me, I don’t know the cost of this, and Mr. Williams isn’t telling me the cost of this, but if you look at that picture, it looks serious to me.

Mr. William’s replied there have been some estimates. PSNH has made some capital estimates for the repair of the spillway. We have come up with our own estimates and we are estimating that it is going to cost in the neighborhood of \$450,000 to \$500,000 over the next five to eight years to repair that.

Alderman Hirschmann stated you equate this to a house. If I was going to buy a house and the septic system was bad, I would make sure before I close that it was fixed.

Mr. Williams replied it is an issue that is going to be included in the cost opinion.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I would like that addressed, your Honor, with the team that is going the due diligence.

Alderman Thibault stated in the report there were seven or eight items that you had some questions on that within the next five or six years should be addressed. Now we are talking about \$450,000 to \$500,000 for the spillway. Could you give us an approximate on what it would cost to bring this thing up to snuff, up to par? Just a guesstimate, if you will, of some of the other things that I have seen in here like the steel trashback support structure is in fair condition and will require replacement in the short-term. At what cost? Then there are several, based on the degree of spaulding progression from 1995 to 1998, if no repairs are made within 10 years, one may see 50% of the service spauled. What are we looking at for a total reconditioning, if you will, of this facility before the City gets into it?

Mr. Williams replied that is exactly what the scope of the second phase of this project is. The first phase was to identify the condition of the structures as they exist today. The second phase of this engineering assignment is to estimate the costs that you have identified.

Alderman Thibault asked of all of these things you have identified.

Mr. Williams answered everything that we have identified in here, we are going to determine whether or not they are short-term or long-term expenditures and we are going to come up with a cost opinion to address these issues. At the present time, we have been provided with some information by PSNH. We have been asked that we consider that

information confidential at this time. Our company is going to provide an independent opinion of those costs in this second phase.

Alderman Shea stated I have a few questions. The first is, what is the anticipated attrition rate of headgates in a normal river as I would classify the Merrimack River as being considered because it does not have industrial waste and so forth? What would be your judgment on that?

Mr. Williams replied I am not sure I understand what you mean by the attrition rate. Do you mean the life expectancy?

Alderman Shea responded that is correct.

Mr. Williams asked are you talking about the steel headgates.

Alderman Shea answered the headgates.

Mr. Williams asked the headgates that are in place now are steel. They are painted. I would expect they would have a life expectancy somewhere in the 30 to 40 year range with proper maintenance.

Alderman Shea asked how old are they now. Have you any idea?

Mr. Williams answered I believe they were replaced in 1977.

Alderman Shea stated so we can anticipate another eight years maybe if your statistical...you know if it is 30 years and they are 22 years old.

Mr. Williams replied you have to understand that if you talk about the life expectancy or the service life of various components as we quite often do in the power industry, it doesn't mean that at the 40th year it no longer is useful. A good example is a generator. Generators can be rewound and basically you are starting a portion of that clock over again. When we do our long-term maintenance plan and the capital projections for maintenance, at some point in time we would expect that the gates would be pulled from the river, sandblasted, scraped, painted, cracks welded, repaired, so forth and so on and placed back in service. That would extend the life of the structure.

Alderman Shea stated the second is, how many days average wise can you expect full load capacity, the bell curve, because dry times will require the purchasing of power for X number of hours during this time. As we both now, there is a great dependency on the water supply.

Mr. Williams replied that, again, is an item that we plan to address in the second phase. When we identify costs, we are also going to identify the benefits. One of the tasks in identifying the benefits is to perform an independent estimate of the annual energy projection and that annual energy projection will include the seasonality of the project. So as a result of our independent analysis of the energy production, we will be able to give you an answer to the question as to what months of the year the plant is capable of running at full capacity and what other months are going to run at whatever the available flow in the river will allow you to generate. That was not part of the Phase I task.

Alderman Shea stated but we have to submit a certain approval or disapproval of Phase II and I am just trying to brain pick a little bit here. Have you evaluated other types of hydro plants somewhat similar to this one and can you give a guesstimate as to how many days it might be off-line?

Mr. Williams replied a good rule of thumb for the capacity factor on a runner river project is about 40% to 45%. That means that 45% of the time of the hours in the year the facility would be capable of generating at its nameplate capacity.

Alderman Shea asked 40% to 45% of the time.

Mr. Williams answered yes. That depends on the river basin, it depends on the regulation of the river, but in our 35 years of experience that generally proves to be a good rule of thumb for most conventional runner river projects.

Alderman Shea asked out of 365 days of the year, you are saying that it would be operating 55% of the time and 45% of the time it wouldn't. Is that what you are saying?

Mr. Williams answered no, not at all. When we talk about the plant factor, that is the percent of time that the plant would be capable of running at its full nameplate capacity. So the other 55% of the time it is going to be something less than full nameplate.

Alderman Shea asked so it would be on-line for 18 hours but off-line for 6 or on-line for 12 hours and off-line for 12 hours.

Mr. Williams answered it is going to be on-line for 24 hours, but it is going to be operating at some reduced load.

Alderman Shea asked what has been the cost of maintenance during the past 10 years. Have you any idea as far as this plant is concerned?

Mr. Williams answered again, we have been provided with some historical maintenance expenditures and we have been requested to keep that information confidential at this time.

Alderman Shea stated the last question is what is the expected life of this hydro plant with proper levels of maintenance and working agreements with distributing sources of power. How long will this really last? Five years, ten years, fifteen, twenty, one hundred?

Mr. Williams replied hydroelectric facilities are generally estimated to have a life expectancy anywhere from 50 to 80 years.

Alderman Shea asked how old is this one now.

Mr. Williams answered this facility was built in 1924. The FERC generally issues a license to operate a hydro facility for terms that vary anywhere from 40 to 50 years. It is not unusual for facilities to be in operation and continuing to produce reliable power that were built back before the turn of the century.

Alderman Shea stated so basically you said either 50 to 80 years. Is that correct?

Mr. Williams replied yes but there are various components of the facility that have different service lives. I will give you an example. The service life of a concrete gravity dam is probably going to be in excess of 100 years. Service life for turbines and generators would be something in the 50 to 60 year range. Service life for major electrical equipment, accessory electrical equipment is 40 years. Things like a roof might be 15 or 20 years but on average you are looking at a useful service life of 50 or 60 years, up to 80 years.

Alderman Shea asked so if it were built in 1924 and we say 80 years, that would last until the Year 2004 in this particular case but it could vary, is that correct.

Mr. Williams answered I guess I don't agree with your conclusion that it would last until the Year 2004. That would assume that you did nothing further to it and even if you stopped working on the plant tomorrow I think you could come in in the Year 2004 and still expect to put the thing back into service.

Alderman Shea stated in your second report are you going to disclose how much it would cost for maintenance over the course of a year or two years. Is that part of what you are going to do in the second phase?

Mr. Williams replied we are going to come up with an opinion for operation and maintenance costs. The annual costs, insurance, taxes, capital expenditures, short-term and long-term, and in addition to require maintenance expenditures we are also going to offer an opinion as to the cost of any enhancements that may improve the operation or the energy production of the facility.

Alderman Girard asked, Mr. Williams, if some of these questions are similar to what I asked you earlier in Committee, please accept my apologies but there is a reason to ask them in front of the full Board. This report was strictly to evaluate the soundness of the structure, correct?

Mr. Williams answered that is correct. It was essentially a condition assessment but in addition to the physical inspection, the visual inspection, we reviewed data that was available that would help support our opinion or condition.

Alderman Girard asked is it your opinion that this facility, over its lifetime has been properly, if not exceptionally, well maintained.

Mr. Williams answered it has been. The condition of the spillway, the photograph, doesn't do justice to the dam. One thing people should keep in mind when you look at that photograph, you are not viewing the mass of the dam that is cracking. At one point in time, there was a gunite overlay that was applied to that and that gunite overlay does not have as long of a life expectancy as the mass concrete under the dam so what you see in that photograph is this relatively thin coating which is probably three to four inches thick which is cracking and starting to fall away.

Alderman Girard asked do you see anything in the current condition of the facility that indicates that if proper maintenance is done on the facility moving forward there should be any problems others than those of routine maintenance.

Mr. Williams replied no, we haven't identified any serious issues. The stability of the dam is satisfactory, we haven't identified any major structural concerns, the maintenance items that have been identified that are required are considered to be just that - maintenance items.

Alderman Girard stated in your experience with other facilities of this era and type is it your experience that these facilities have good track records if properly maintained.

Mr. William replied the Amoskeag Dam that represents a type of a design that was common in the 1920's, the physical layout of the facility is well-designed. There was a lot of attention to detail paid in the layout and the operation of the facility, the mechanical equipment, the electrical equipment, the turbines, the generators have a history of very reliable service. There are numerous examples of facilities of similar age and comparable

design across the United States that have been in very satisfactory operation and are still reliable to this day.

Alderman Girard stated again, structurally there are no problems.

Mr. Williams stated structurally there are no problems. We noted in the report that there are a number of cracks that do occur in some of the concrete structures...these cracks were subject to a monitoring program. There were cracks in the power house that were monitored for a period of eight years...they were found to be benign...that monitoring program was partially discontinued as a result of favorable data that was obtained and presently there are only two cracks that are continuing to be monitored as part of this program.

Alderman Girard asked in your experience are the cracks that you've seen in this dam out of the ordinary for the type of construction that it is.

Mr. Williams replied no, the crack that's in the dam is actually not unexpected when you place a massive amount of concrete like that there's typically stresses that develop as the concrete cures and the temperature reaches equilibrium and the cracks that we observed are located where one would expect to find them.

Alderman Girard stated I have a couple of questions for Mr. Sherman or Ms. Parsons, I don't know which would be the appropriate to answer. There's been a lot of reference made to trying to gather costs for future maintenance, be it routine or otherwise and costs of operating this dam should the City purchase it. If I recall correctly the proposal that was made in conjunction with the idea of buying this dam would be that it would be set up as an enterprise account so all of the maintenance costs, all of the operations costs, all

of the administrative costs would be paid for by the revenues generated from the sale of electricity from this dam, is that correct.

Mr. Sherman replied that is correct. If you'll recall when we first brought this issue to the Board one of the major considerations obviously is the economics of it. There will be some ancillary benefits from ownership of the facility, but that's why Mr. Williams will very clearly go in and evaluate those costs going out through what he thinks the next license period would be which could be up to an additional 25 years past the current license which I believe has five or six years left on it. But, we will go through all of those costs and if we do not feel that the revenues generated from the facility cannot cover those costs including the acquisition costs I'm not sure that the committee would make the recommendation to this Board to proceed with the acquisition.

Alderman Girard stated so in consent and in theory if the balance sheet works out correctly we're talking about setting up an enterprise here that is not unlike the Water Works or the Environmental Protective Division, is that correct.

Mr. Sherman stated for the most part it would be very similar with the one exception that by statute this facility would be required to make a payment in lieu of taxes.

Alderman O'Neil stated one question for Mr. Williams. In your executive summary you mentioned the word "good" a number of times and on just one occasion you use the word "fair" with regards to the structure, is that a correct statement.

Mr. William indicated the only portion of the project that we found to be in fair condition was a percentage of steel support structures for the intake racks. There was a phased, a replacement program that was underway and currently the most serious deteriorated

structural supports have already been replaced. Those that need replacement we consider to be in fair condition.

Alderman O'Neil stated every other aspect you found to be in at least "good" condition.

Mr. Williams responded that is correct.

Alderman O'Neil stated my final question or comment...I know that Bob Beaurivage, Tom Bowen, Kevin Sheppard, and Frank Thomas have been involved from the engineering standpoint, I don't know if they would be ready at any point to make any recommendations. I know they're not dam engineers but at some time in the next week, Bob, would somebody be ready to comment. So, from an engineering standpoint you folks are comfortable with it.

Alderman Shea stated, Mr. Sherman, the intent of this is to supply electrical power strictly to the Millyard area, is that correct.

Mr. Sherman replied no, we really haven't made any determination what we will do with the output from the facility. I believe what you're referring to is that when we initially talked about this project is that would certainly be an option. But, we could certainly use it for municipal facilities or we could just sell it out right on the market. We're going to have to take some bids and discuss those issues and would certainly come back to the Board for action.

On motion of Alderman Klock, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to recess the regular meeting to allow the Committee on Finance to meet.

Mayor Wiczorek called the meeting back to order.

OTHER BUSINESS

A report of the Committee on Finance was presented recommending that

Phase II of the Amoskeag Hydro Project proceed.

Alderman Girard moved to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee.

Alderman Reiniger duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Aldermen Shea and Cashin duly recorded in opposition.

13. Ordinances:

“Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by deleting a portion of 110.02(C), License and Business Regulations, providing for changes in licensing regulations.”

“Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by repealing Chapter 116, Alcoholic Beverages, providing for local regulation of establishments selling, dispensing, or distributing alcoholic beverages.”

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

“To establish means to prevent, prohibit and remove graffiti from structures and surfaces on public and private property in the City of Manchester.”

“Authorizing the Mayor to dispose of certain tax deeded property known as Map 222, Lot 52 in the vicinity of River Road and Chestnut Street.”

“Authorizing the Mayor to dispose of certain tax deeded property known as Map 222, Lot 79 in the vicinity of River Road and Chestnut Street.”

“An Ordinance amending Chapter 35, Finance, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester, by increasing limits on Sec. 35.097, Small Purchases, under the provisions of the City Procurement Code.”

On motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman Klock, it was voted that the Ordinances be read by titles only, and it was so done.

These Ordinances having had their second readings by titles only, Alderman Wihby moved on passing same to be enrolled. Alderman Klock duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Pariseau asked could I make a slight correction to the ordinance pertaining to 110.20(c) License and Business Regulations. Down in the middle of the paragraph there the sentence begins with “A nuisance, in addition to its common law meaning, is anything *this* endangers life,...” should be *that* rather than *this*.

Alderman Pariseau moved that the Ordinances pass and be enrolled with such correction. Alderman Girard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

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

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting back to order.

Mayor Wieczorek allowed the Clerk a moment and moved to item seventeen of the agenda.

17. Communication from Messrs. MacKenzie, Bernier and Chief Driscoll submitting recommendations to the Board regarding City Hall Security.

Alderman O’Neil moved that item 17 be referred to the Mayor’s Office for discussion during upcoming budget deliberations. Alderman Wihby duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Hirschmann stated a recent posting showed a patrolman's salary of \$28,800, I'd prefer to have a patrolman in City Hall at that salary, that's not a lot of money rather than a security guard and that's my personal opinion and I would ask you to consider that in your deliberations.

Alderman O'Neil stated I would support Alderman Hirschmann, I would agree with him that I would prefer to see a Police Officer at City Hall.

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

18. Communication from the Public Works Director submitting a retirement request for Mr. Maurice J. Jannelle, Jr.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to approve the retirement request for Maurice J. Jannelle, Jr. as submitted.

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

“Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by deleting a portion of 110.02(C), License and Business Regulations, providing for changes in licensing regulations.”

“Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by repealing Chapter 116, Alcoholic Beverages, providing for local regulation of establishments selling, dispensing, or distributing alcoholic beverages.”

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

“To establish means to prevent, prohibit and remove graffiti from structures and surfaces on public and private property in the City of Manchester.”

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“An Ordinance amending Chapter 35, Finance, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester, by increasing limits on Sec. 35.097, Small Purchases, under the provisions of the City Procurement Code.”

were properly enrolled.

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

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

Alderman Girard asked before you suspend the readings will we be able to make the amendment that Alderman Pariseau would like to make.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated prior to the motion to ordain, we would advise the Board that there has been a suggestion to amend the ordinance and we will give you language for that and then we would request the motion to amend, if the Board so desires. The change would be on the Ordinance “Forbidding the Possession of a Dangerous Weapon on School Property” and it would be to Section (A), at the end of the sentence where it says or “*athletic areas*” would read *or any athletic areas used for school athletics.*” and would request a motion to amend the Ordinance to read that way.

Alderman Pariseau moved to amend the Ordinance as advised by the Deputy Clerk. Alderman Rivard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Girard moved that the Ordinances be ordained as amended. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

TABLED ITEM

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman O’Neil, it was voted to remove the following item from the table for discussion.

20. Communication from the President of the Board of Water Commissioners submitting their fiscal budget for the year ending December 31, 1999.
(Tabled 1/5/99)

Alderman Wihby moved to accept the report noting that the study/audit that I wanted done was done, however, we just didn't know about it and Water Works had forwarded a letter which was enclosed with the agenda. Alderman Rivard duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Hirschmann duly recorded in opposition.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I am opposed to the capital part of the budget that Straw Road was not included.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Shea stated as you know, your Honor and members of the Board, I am a member of the liaison between the Board and the Library and I have some literature that I would like to have the City Clerk distribute which has to do with the hours of the Manchester City Library and so forth and I think that would be helpful and also I have a report here that Mr. Brisbin prepared for the members of the Board to update them concerning the proposed building on the west side. I know that Aldermen Thibault and Cashin are working very hard in that regard and some of the other highlights concerning some of the different projects going on in the Library as well as some of the budgetary concerns that they have and the highlights of what's going on.

Alderman Girard stated before the meeting I spoke with Mr. Sheppard the Deputy Public Works Director about the condition of the streets in the City. I know I've gotten several calls as I know several of the Aldermen have regarding the conditions and I wanted to know if we could take a moment to ask Mr. Sheppard to address the Board and explain what the department has been through in trying to clear the streets so that the folks

watching on Channel 16 could get an idea of what the department's done and will continue to do and why this storm was so difficult to deal with.

Alderman O'Neil stated I spent a good part of the weekend in the north country in Bartlett and I'll tell you I'll put our Highway Department up against anybody, they did a heck of a job, it was a tough storm, and there were some complaints but we have the best here.

Alderman Shea stated I went up to Wells, Maine and those roads were in the worst condition that they've ever been in in 18 years, so I know to reiterate what Alderman O'Neil said.

Alderman Girard stated before Mr. Sheppard begins my request to have him address this issue should, in no way, be considered a shot at the department for the work that it's done. I only hope that his presentation will explain things to people, that is why I asked.

Mr. Sheppard stated I just want to thank you and thank you for your support. In preparation for this the department did prepare a summary of what we have done over the past week in preparation as far as the weather over the past week. All of you have received this information and can take a look at the activities. Basically, we've been working 24 hours-a-day since last Thursday. Tonight is the first night over the past five nights that we have not worked. Last night we cleaned Elm Street, the night before (Sunday night) we cleaned a lot of the alleys with loaders and graders and the previous two nights we were out trying to clear the streets. This storm really started last Thursday. Our crews worked through the day and the storm started Thursday afternoon. Our crews worked 24 hours till the next morning and most of the crews went home and I believe we still had 15 to 20 pieces of equipment out on the road, but that by no means covers the whole city. What we were out doing was trying to cover the emergency areas (i.e., the

hills, complaints, main streets) so people could get home. What happened during that time is we got some sleet/freezing rain, traffic got on the roads with the main crew coming back in at 9 o'clock and by that time the roads were packed and we had thick ice on the streets. We did put down a salt/sand mixture, but obviously that was not able to cut the streets. The main streets where the traffic is actually looks pretty good right now. Over the weekend we tried to do as much cleanup as we could, we still got some rain...we got Elm Street last night which I think looks excellent and tonight we're actually taking the night off and tomorrow we're going back to our actual operations of cleaning up the streets. We're going to have our graders out tomorrow doing some of the streets, we're going to have our loaders out trying to clean up some of the alleys, hopefully, most alleys are clean at this time and we're going to obviously set up our priorities on the main streets, streets around schools, and then work our way out from the inner-city and to streets that we feel are priorities to keep the traffic moving. There are residential areas that are in bad condition and hopefully we will get to them. But, like I said right now our priorities are going to be on the main streets and to move the people throughout the City.

Mayor Wieczorek stated I know that with almost 400 miles of streets to take care of you can't be everywhere at the same time and it's difficult sometimes...people are visibly upset when their street isn't plowed or if you have ice but it was an extremely tough storm, there's no question about it and unfortunately the people can't work 24 hours-a-day. It would certainly put their lives in danger if they were going to try and do that, so they do have to go and get some rest and then come back to work, but they did make a yeoman's effort in really trying to handle this storm...not a lot of snow, but it was a very tough storm with all the ice.

Mr. Sheppard stated the conditions that we got we probably only expect maybe every 5 to 10 years because of what we got and the way it had come down starting with snow, turning into a freezing rain, then some sleet on top of that and then the traffic we'll get

packed ice which has happened a few times in the past and every Alderman here has probably called the Highway Department and we've tried to respond the best we can...getting our salters out there and our sanders. Right now, today, we're putting out a lot of salt to try and break up...with the warm weather we're trying to break up that ice...sand will provide the traction, but the salt will help break it up and that is what our emphasis is on...keeping the salt trucks out there and the graders. We've got three graders and that's really what's going to cut the ice. Obviously, we're not going to be able to get to every street tomorrow, we'll be working over the next couple of weeks to try and get the streets and the alleys, but I think it's something we can accomplish and we'll probably be posting a lot of streets for the following day to keep the cars off the streets. You can see that on a lot of the streets the main thru is fine but where people park there's packed ice. So, if you notice some of our orange signs out what we're doing is posting streets the night before so hopefully in the morning we can come out there and cut the ice on that side of the street.

Alderman Rivard stated I just wanted to make a public statement and I address it to Kevin and Frank Thomas who's not here because of a death in the family this evening. Sunday morning at nine o'clock I received a call from a member of the Booster Club at Memorial High School...they were in a confused state and were very concerned about holding an event that evening at Memorial High School and because it was Sunday and because the department that services the school areas were unavailable they didn't know where to go. I had the opportunity to go to the Highway Department and ask for their help in assisting in addressing a serious problem up there. It was glare ice, you couldn't walk, you could barely drive and they expected over 700 people to attend a fund-raiser that the Booster Club had put together and without the cooperation of the Highway Department that even surely would not have taken place and I want to commend them for going above and beyond their duty. I know that there is a dividing line...the sidewalk, the parking lot, but on that Sunday morning the dispatcher sent two individuals in a truck,

they gave me a shovel and I was glad to join in and they sent a plow truck up there and I'll tell you when we left there it was a great improvement and I think that the event was very successful. Without the Highway Department I don't think they would have been able to hold it. So, I want to thank you publicly for participating in that exercise and I think the President of the Association is here this evening and I think that he will concur that they did an outstanding job.

Alderman Klock stated I'd also like to commend the Highway Department because every time I've called your guys have been quick on your feet. One thing I would like to say to help you is if we can implement snow emergencies a little better. I know that in my ward especially and I'm sure throughout the City cars aren't being towed or moved during snow emergencies which makes the streets horrible to plow and then the people can't get out and I don't know what we need to do to help implement snow emergencies.

Mr. Sheppard stated we've always had problems with cars in the streets during snow emergencies. The Director, Frank Thomas does call snow emergencies early in the day and tries to get it advertised over radio and TV, the problem is that there are just too many cars on the streets to tow. We've got five to six police cruisers as well as one of our personnel with them out there towing and I'm not too sure how many tow trucks that are working, but they do not have enough time to tow every car that is in the City on the streets. We try to concentrate in the Downtown area, the narrow streets, and one thing that started to work real well was that Police have started ticketing on the outskirts of the City during snow storms so that people are getting the notice that even though they are not getting towed they should be off the street. One time on the outskirts they may not have realized how much of an effect it does have on our plowing operations, so on top of towing the Police are ticketing to try and get the people off the street. We're trying to educate them, but it's impossible based on the amount of cars that are on the streets and

the amount of tow trucks available to get every car off the street. I'm surprised that people have not learned that a \$70.00 ticket to keep their cars off the street.

Alderman Klock stated well, thank you very much for your help in this past storm because there's another one coming up too.

Alderman Reiniger stated one issue that has come up is that I've had people complain about the bus stops. One lady actually fell after she got off the bus, the bus driver helped her down the steps and she still fell, so the question came up who is supposed to be sanding the bus stop areas, is that the Highway Department or the MTA.

Mr. Sheppard replied that is the Transit Authority that maintains the bus stop areas.

Alderman Girard stated to follow-up on what Alderman Klock was saying. Mr. Sheppard when you post the streets that you are going to go through and clean up, do you work with the Police Department to make sure that any cars that violate the postings are towed that way you can target the areas.

Mr. Sheppard replied definitely. The next morning we get out there, if there are cars parked there we do contact the Police and they assist us in clearing the streets so that we can get the streets cleaned.

Alderman Girard commented I would like also the department as you know came out to take a look at some alleyways that I had some concerns with and I have to say that the effort has been a hundred percent better and the alleys are now actually passable, so thank you very much.

Alderman Cashin stated I'd like to congratulate the Highway Department also, but I'd also like to congratulate Ron Ludwig from Parks & Recreation for maintaining around the schools. Ron, I called you earlier today and you did a heck of a nice job and I really appreciate it, thanks.

Deputy Clerk Johnson requested that the former action of the Board with regards to the warrant for sewer charges be rescinded and that the Board commit with abatements which has been distributed to the Board.

Alderman Girard moved rescind previous action and commit the sewer warrant as abated. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

A report of the Special Committee on the Civic Center was presented recommending that Alderman Wihby, as Chair of the Board, be authorized, if there is any travel related to the Civic Center Project, to select Aldermen to attend.

Alderman Hirschmann moved to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Special Committee. Alderman Rivard duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Shea asked when the Civic Center Committee does meet would it be possible to get a report to the rest of us regarding what's discussed because I think it's important we know what's going on. I know that sometimes I read in the paper what's been decided and so forth and I think it's important to have this Committee...may I ask Chairman Wihby are minutes of the meeting recorded at those meetings.

Alderman Wihby replied yes, it's a regular meeting.

Alderman Shea stated maybe it would be helpful for the rest of us if we knew what was decided or not decided. Well, Alderman Rivard asked why and I say because how can we make an educated guess as far as what's going on.

Alderman Wihby stated it is not any different than any other Alderman. There's no minutes done for any other sub-committee meetings.

Alderman Shea stated it's just helpful to get some reports now and then. If other members don't care what's going on, I think it's important to know what's being decided.

Alderman O'Neil stated there were two actions taken the night of the Civic Center Committee meeting and they both appeared on our agenda tonight. One with regard to travel and the second had to do with MDC proceeding with Phase II.

Deputy Clerk Johnson noted that the Special Committee on the Civic Center is recorded by the Clerk's Office and we do have minutes of those meetings which, if Alderman Shea would request them from our office we would be happy to provide.

Mayor Wiczorek called for a vote on the motion to accept the report. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

A report of the Committee on Community Improvement was presented recommending that the City of Manchester accept a certain tract of land known as 120 Spruce Street, as outlined herein, and further that the Mayor and the City Solicitor be authorized to prepare, execute and record any documents as may be required to carry out such acceptance. The Committee notes that such parcel is intended to be utilized for parking for the Neighborhood Resource Center.

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

Alderman O'Neil stated I have distributed a letter to my colleagues noting that the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be Sunday, March 7th with step off at 1:00 PM and encourage everybody to participate and it's bigger and better than last year and Tom King is the Grand Marshall this year and can say on behalf of the Committee that we receive nothing but great support from the various City departments who may putting on this parade very easy.

Alderman Wihby in reference to the letter from Dennis Adams of the NH Building and Trades stated I have instructed the Clerk that the next time we have a meeting to invite him to come and attend the sub-committee meeting, but would like to say that everybody is in agreement to this as far as MDC, Finance, Solicitor's Office, and I think all of the five Aldermen on the Committee as probably as everybody on this Board that we have to work with these people and try to get this done and get to use Manchester residents. I can tell, your Honor, that the Apprenticeship Program that they speak about comes under my department, the Labor Department, and I've talked to our new Commissioner and he's a hundred percent in favor of this and working out something so that we can get apprenticeships working and trying to make it a great big thing that everybody will be proud of. So, I am going to invite them to the Committee meeting and hopefully we can work something out as we go forward and make this a number one concern that we do work with them and that we get this thing built with Manchester residents.

Alderman Wihby stated I was turned onto Channel 16 the other day, your Honor, and I saw Dick Houle sitting up there and someone said "well, who's fault is it" and I heard him say well, the Aldermen took the money out of the budget. I was concerned with that

statement, your Honor, because this Board did not take any money out of any budget to stop them from preventive maintenance to do with sprinkler systems and I guess I was kind of upset with that remark. If he had told this Board that we had cut his budget and that was going to stop this Board would not have done that. We cut the budget, he never said a word, he never told us what it was going to mean and then to sit there and try to put this Board to blame, I just think is totally wrong, your Honor, and I was just disgusted with the comment and I just have to make that public.

Mayor Wieczorek stated I will have a report tomorrow as a matter of fact regarding both sprinklers and the fire alarms.

Alderman O'Neil asked has Alderman Thibault's committee taken a look at the maintenance end of this whole thing also.

Mayor Wieczorek stated we're taking a total look at the whole operation, everything that's happening.

Alderman Thibault stated that meeting was just set up for next week.

Alderman Girard stated a question on the Building Trades letter that Alderman Wihby referenced and perhaps I could direct the question to him. Alderman Wihby, is it your intent to try to structure the contracts for the Civic Center or recommend that they be structured as the Airport contracts were structured.

Alderman Wihby replied I guess there was some concerns with the Airport...it didn't work out as best as we thought it was going to work out, but that what we've learned from the Airport we can put into this and basically be doing the same type of thing.

Alderman Girard stated basically the same where we are going to recommend that the contracts be broken up into small enough pieces so that local contractor's can bid.

Alderman Wihby stated the idea is to get local contractors to bid, I don't know if it's going to be a smaller part like that...the Building and Trades has a proposal that they think works as long as the City Solicitor agrees with it and everybody's in favor of it we'll listen to them and see where we go, but there might be some concerns with doing it and that's up to the City Solicitor to decide as far as the Procurement Code...what's right and what's wrong.

Alderman Girard stated one final note on the Public Building Services issue, I candidly do not remember exactly what money was or was not removed from Mr. Houle's department for fiscal '99, the current fiscal year. However, I do recall that in prior years when your office recommended, I believe it was pretty consistent at \$25,000 for preventive maintenance program when the Aldermen were looking to cut spending that \$25,000 was frequently the target that was removed and I don't recall if that was done in fiscal '99, but I know it had been done on two or at least two or three occasions prior to that because Mr. Houle has asked for preventive maintenance money to set up a program in the past.

Alderman Wihby stated we did cut his budget, no doubt about it, we cut a number of department budgets, but this Board wasn't informed of what that meant and if he had told us it was going to be a lifesaving problem we wouldn't have done that, all he said was that it was for preventive maintenance, doesn't tell you what it's for.

Alderman Shea stated in 1998 Mr. Houle returned back to the City in the general fund (unaudited) \$11,972.00; that was enough money to take care of any kind of sensor problem that we had, so there is really no excuse in this world for doing something that is

by law required to be done. It dereliction of duty, that is the point. He did not do it, no matter who makes excuses for him or who stands in his corner, your Honor, he didn't do what he was supposed to do and this is one of the reasons why many of us didn't favor his renomination when you brought it up several times because I've had lifelong experience with Mr. Houle and Mr. Houle has not done what he was supposed to have been doing over the course of, in my opinion your Honor, what he is supposed to have done to maintain the public buildings.

Mayor Wiczorek stated, Alderman, we just addressed two minutes before this the fact that we're reviewing that entire operation and are looking to see how we can handle it the best way. So, we're working on it now, we'll have to have a decision by June 30th as to what we're going to do because we recognize we have a problem and we want to solve it.

Alderman Cashin stated I received a letter from St. Joseph's Community Services and I'd like to submit it to this year budget for funding.

Mayor Wiczorek stated we have that letter, she brought one in to me, so we already have it.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk