

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

**May 30, 2000**

**Upon Conclusion of Cmte. on Finance**

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Levasseur, Sysyn, Clancy, Pinard, O'Neil,  
Lopez, Shea, Vaillancourt, Pariseau, Cashin, Thibault, and Hirschmann

Report of the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue  
Administration relative to Parking Rate Increase Proposal, if available.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated there is a report of the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration. They are recommending that the Board adopt recommendations for increased parking fees. They are outlined in a handout distributed to Board members earlier as Option 2. It sets garages at the Center of NH, Canal Parking, Victory Parking, Fleet Bank Garage and Wall Street Garage at \$55. Parking lot rates are at \$35/month each for Arms Extension, Arms Lot, Arms Outer Lot, Bedford Lot, Granite Lot, Myrna Lot and the Seal Lot; \$40/month for the Hartnett Lot, Pearl Street Lot and Federal Lot; and \$30/month for on street permits in the Millyard.

Alderman Thibault moved to accept, receive and adopt the report. Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion.

Alderman O'Neil asked we are talking about parking garages and lots, correct.

Mayor Baines answered yes.

Alderman O'Neil stated my understanding is that the recommendation for garages is a 20% increase and the recommendation for lots is a 40% increase. That is what everybody has agreed to?

Alderman Hirschmann stated this is proposal B that was given to us by Mr. Lolicata and that is correct. The outer lots were a 40% increase. They haven't been increased in 12 years.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I, myself, preferred proposal C but in the spirit of accommodation I will vote for proposal B.

Alderman Levasseur stated although there is an increase of 20% to 40%, I think it is a high increase. I don't think we needed to go from 20% to 40% in one giant leap and just because we don't increase revenues for 12 or 14 years I don't think it is our duty to just throw these big numbers at somebody like it is somebody else's fault. However, in the spirit of compromise I believe that the fact that this Board has voted to spend \$15 million on a Riverwalk down in the Millyard that it would be nice if they could also contribute some of that money towards the City coffers because I believe that once the Riverwalk is done there is going to be a 0% vacancy rate in those buildings. I think that even though the increase is a little bit on the large side for a one year jump, in the long run everybody is going to win and be down there pretty soon.

Alderman O'Neil stated I am going to vote against this tonight because I think consistency is important and if we are only going to increase the garages 20% it is my belief that we should do the same in the lots.

Mayor Baines called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried with Alderman O'Neil being duly recorded in opposition.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated there are reports of the Committee on Finance relating to Item 4, but there is also an additional resolution being presented as part of those Committee reports for the CBSD, which would not be part of your standard operating budget so we would look for a motion to introduce those reports to the Board at this time.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Lopez, it was voted to present the Finance Committee reports to the Board.

A Report of the Committee on Finance was presented recommending that Resolution:

“ ‘Raising Monies and Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2001’ as amended to \$106,668,234.”

ought to pass and lay over.

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

A second report of the Committee on Finance was submitted recommending that Resolution:

“ ‘Appropriating to the Manchester School District the sum of \$108,007,425 for the Fiscal Year 2001’ as amended to the amount of \$106,832,425.”

ought to pass and layover.

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

A third report of the Committee on Finance was presented recommending that Resolution:

“Appropriating all Incremental Meals and Rooms Tax Revenue Received by the City in Fiscal Year 2000 and held in the Civic Center Fund, for the payment of the City’s Obligations in Said Fiscal Year Under the Financing Agreement”

ought to pass and layover.

Alderman Hirschmann moved to accept, receive and adopt the report. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Shea asked, Kevin, the money we are going to get from the Rooms & Meals will be used to pay for the construction of the civic center up to a certain point and the rest of the money will be put in escrow in order to earn interest on that in case we run into a problem so in essence we are devoting all of the money to the civic center.

Mr. Clougherty answered that is right, Alderman for the first several years until you get to that debt service plateau as was explained by Price-Waterhouse.

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

A fourth report of the Committee on Finance was presented recommending that Resolution:

“Appropriating to the Central Business Service District the sum of \$230,000 from Central Business Service District Funds for Fiscal Year 2001”

ought to pass and layover.

Alderman Clancy moved to accept, receive and adopt the report. Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion. Mayor Baines called for a vote. The motion carried with Aldermen Vaillancourt, Hirschmann and Levasseur duly recorded in opposition.

Alderman O'Neil asked so we will not meet on Thursday night and we next meet on Monday night. The full Board does not meet on Thursday?

Mayor Baines answered yes. We will meet on Monday at 7 PM because there is public participation.

Alderman Wihby stated everything that was on the agenda for Thursday was brought up today so it is all moving forward, including the resolutions for EPD and all of those other ones.

Deputy Clerk stated EPD, Airport and the rest of those are already laying on the table. Those will be brought back to you on Monday evening as well.

Alderman Wihby asked so any changes anyone wants to make on these will come up on Monday.

Mayor Baines answered correct. Any changes can be made on Monday to anything that we have decided tonight.

Alderman Levasseur stated I am sorry to bring this to the Board and I know that it would take a unanimous consent from the Board for new business to be brought in but before I ask for this to be brought in let me explain something. The last time Mr. Davis was here in front of us he said that the only way I could get information is if it came through a Committee or it came from the Board. I would like to ask for permission from this Board to bring in new business so I can ask for a motion that if a request is made by a single Alderman for information from the Intown District that it would be given. That was his statement, your Honor, and I have been asking for information and I can't get it unless it comes from Committee or the Board. I would ask that we do that now because I have some information that I would like to get before we come to CIP next Monday and we will not be meeting again.

Alderman Hirschmann stated maybe you could name my Accounts Committee as an oversight Committee because that is what we are anyway.

Mayor Baines replied I would like to defer to the Chairman of the Board regarding his thoughts on this matter. What we have tried to do unsuccessfully is have requests come from the Board about different departments and agencies. Any request for information, I believe, has been forthcoming. I don't know if it is necessary.

Alderman Levasseur stated I asked specifically for the numbers of the façade program because I wanted to see exactly which people had used the program, where the facades had been used the most and I wanted to compare the years. I think there has been a precipitous drop in the use of the façade program and also because the boundaries have been expanded I believe the expanded boundaries are not really using the façade program and he wouldn't give me that information unless it came through a Committee and I want that information.

Mayor Baines replied you are a member of the Intown Board.

Alderman Levasseur responded right but I did specifically request that and I went through all the proper channels and it was still denied, your Honor.

Alderman Cashin asked, Alderman Levasseur, would you mind going through the Mayor's Office and having them get that information for you.

Alderman Levasseur answered I don't have a problem with it, I just think we should set precedent right now by making it known that when one Alderman wants to request something we should be able to do so.

Alderman Cashin stated I will tell you that when I have a problem getting information I call the Mayor's Office and ask them to get it for me.

Alderman Levasseur asked I wonder if it is because it is not under the control of the departments or the Mayor. They seem to be a separate entity.

Alderman Cashin answered it is under our control.

Mayor Baines stated the information that you requested, I have just been informed, was delivered today. They did respond.

Alderman Gatsas stated, your Honor, I think that obviously the Water Works from the minutes of the meeting that I read, my request has fallen on deaf ears. I can tell you that I...obviously Frank Thomas called me assuming that he would be the next person that I would probably ask for for a reduction in rates for senior citizens and he so kindly came back to me telling me that he was able to do that without any problem and cut the EPD rates. Frank, I don't know if you have an opportunity to tell us what that means to a household at this time, but I want to thank you for coming forward with that information.

Mayor Baines stated I went to the Water Works meeting and made the motion.

Alderman Gatsas asked you went to the Water Works meeting. Did you see the minutes?

Mayor Baines answered not yet but I made the motion and...

Alderman Shea stated I think that was April.

Mayor Baines stated I went to the meeting last week and made the motion and it passed and they will come back to the Board for implementation no later than next January. It did pass.

Alderman Shea stated, Alderman Gatsas, I think you were reading the minutes from the meeting of April.

Alderman Gatsas stated just for some more information then, Frank Thomas does have a reduction in EPD. I appreciate your attending the Water Works meeting, your Honor, and taking care of the senior citizens that have been waiting. Frank, can you tell us what the EPD reduction is, roughly?

Mr. Thomas replied I don't know what it is per household but we checked to see what kind of financial impact that would have on the total sewer billing for the year and it came out to approximately \$100,000 so we felt that it was a minimal impact on the amount of revenues that are generated through sewer user fees.

Alderman Gatsas stated I just wanted to thank Frank for coming forward.

Alderman O'Neil stated earlier I commended Alderman Wihby and Alderman Cashin and my colleagues but I need to commend you, your Honor, and your office because you gave us a good starting point. It was a good point to start with; good numbers and I appreciate that and commend you and your staff for that.

Mayor Baines replied thank you for much.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked is the Finance Committee still meeting Thursday.

Mayor Baines answered no.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I thought we were having the School people in.

Mayor Baines replied that is what we told them, but that is going to be cancelled.

This being a special meeting of the Board and there being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk