

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

July 19, 2000

6:00 PM

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

Mayor Baines called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Clancy.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

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

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

Alderman Pariseau moved to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(d) in order to address matters pertaining to the acquisition of the Amoskeag Hydro Station.

Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Sysyn, Clancy, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, Pariseau, Cashin and Thibault voted yea. Aldermen Levasseur, Vaillancourt and Hirschmann voted nay. The motion to enter non-public session carried.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I'd like the record to show while we are allowed to go into executive session for certain things there is no absolute mandate to go into executive session. We should be doing the people's business in open, not in executive session unless absolutely necessary.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Sherman introduced Bob Beurivage, Tom Arnold, Tina Parsons, Rich Davis and Doug Gherlone as members of a special committee appointed under Mayor Wieczorek. Also introduced Mr. John Blair of the Finance Department and Mr. Paul Williams of Kleinschmidt Associates who performed the engineering study and reports for the City.

Mr. Sherman advised that a Settlement Agreement had been reached between the PUC, the State, and the Governor's Office noting the previous Board had actually signed onto also. Reference was made to SB 472 dealing with settlement and the PSNH issues which dealt with municipal interest in buying hydro facilities. Discussions have been held with UNH, the Audubon Society about using the Fishways and the hydro facility to do education and wrap up the whole Millyard and bring all of those areas together as part of the redevelopment of the Millyard area. Engineering studies on the facility have been

conducted, offer have been made to PSNH as well as PSNH submitting their counter-offers. The City's interest is in a number of areas...source of cheap and clean power, can be linked into the Riverwalk.

Mr. William gave a brief recap of Kleinschmidt Associates participation which began in 1998 which included a physical evaluation and an economic evaluation of the facility.

Mr. Sherman presented financial information to the Board via overhead display.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to return to public session.

Alderman Cashin moved to seal those minutes relative to the financial information provided. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Cashin, Thibault, Hirschmann, Wihby, Gatsas, Levasseur, Sysyn, Clancy, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea and Pariseau voted yea. Alderman Vaillancourt voted nay. The motion carried.

Mayor Baines asked might it be appropriate to ask Alderman Cashin...we do have a special committee that was formed which I discussed with Alderman Wihby that further information, discussion about this issue first go to that committee prior to coming to the Board, would that be appropriate for them to sort of spearhead the rest of this effort.

Alderman Cashin replied I would think so, yes, your Honor.

Mayor Baines stated why don't we do that. I think Alderman Wihby is the Chair of that committee and we can remind people who are members of that committee and proceed at the committee level and come back to the full Board.

There being no further business to come before the Special Meeting, on motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk