

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

April 17, 2001

7:00 PM

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

Mayor Baines called for the Pledge of Allegiance; this function being led by Alderman O'Neil.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

Alderman O'Neil asked may be keep Alderman Clancy in our prayers, he had his first treatment today. Mayor Baines stated for Alderman Hirschmann's wife Bette also.

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

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

Absent: Aldermen Clancy and Hirschmann

Mayor Baines advised that the purpose of the special meeting is to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; that comments shall be limited to two minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair.

Bill Dodd, 181 Mammoth Road, Manchester, NH, stated:

The first thing I wanted to start with is I had the misfortune of watching Alderman Levasseur's show this past week and I thought it was really distasteful the way he challenged the Mayor of taking him on and kicking his butt...totally uncalled for, for a person in his position. But, I understand the handicappers have their money on the Mayor. Your Honor, I challenge again my checkbook to prove me wrong on who's really paying for the private loans from the banks. I've given you a page out of the Memorandum of Understanding, listed some questions that I'd kind of like for you to answer...total construction costs, bonding fees, loss revenue from the civic center site, management fees to SMG, parking revenues due SMG , amount of naming rights due SMG, additional costs to the City for services associated with the operation of the civic

center, sources of revenue for the repayment of the private financing from the four major banks...who is responsible for the payments of the private financing (i.e., who signed off on the original loan documents), and the last one on the back...amount of revenue received last year in the Incremental Meals and Rooms money to the City. The second page I gave you is concerning copying costs within the City. I've had very good results with the City Clerk's Office down here they have been more than cooperative. There was a piece in *The Hooksett Banner* last week concerning copying costs in a lot of different towns (13 towns) and what I did was I went through and I took one page from each town would have cost me (for the 13 towns) of \$3.50 for an average of \$.27 a copy. Down at the Clerk's Office their charge is \$1.00 for the first page and \$.25 for each additional page...that's not out-of-line...but, I went to the Traffic Department to get a copy of the Desman Study for the parking for the civic center...that cost me \$5.00 for the first two pages and \$.50 a page thereafter...16 pages cost me \$13.00. Your Honor, I think you should set up a policy within the City for departments as to what they charge for copying expenses to the citizens.

Debbie Digilormo, 320 Shasta Street, Manchester, NH, stated:

I wrote a letter to and I passed onto Mayor Baines and the Aldermen, but apparently I don't think you thought it was important enough to give it to the Aldermen because it's about the MTA.

Mayor Baines stated any correspondence usually goes out to the Aldermen...

Ms. Digilormo continued by stating I brought my copy, so if anybody wants to read them, feel free to read them. It's about how nothing has really changed at the MTA...plus Mr. Webster leaving a regular school bus operator like myself go into our personal files and Mr. Clay wrote back on it to me and said that he said it was no problem, he apologized, but I just want to know what's going to be done about this. Are we just supposed to let it go or...I talked to Mr. Shea today, Real Pinard...and both of them agreed that this is wrong, I don't know if you have that letter, but if anybody wants to read a copy of it...and maybe we can discuss it after...

Alida Hunnewell, 733 Grove Street #4, Manchester, NH, stated:

I'm also an employee at the Manchester Transit Authority and I know the last time that this issue was brought up here, I did watch in on the television (after the fact) and things really have not changed. I've worked there a little over a year and I really love to drive a school bus and I know that me along with some other people have had the thought of leaving the MTA because things are just not running right.

Ms. Digilormo interjected a lot of people have left because of Mr. Webster and that's what's going to happen again and then there's going to be a shortage of bus drivers and what are you going to do then.

There being no one else present wishing to speak, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk