

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

November 6, 2002

7:00 PM

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

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

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault and Forest

Absent: Alderman Gatsas

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.

Mayor Baines requested that any resident wishing to speak come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Andy Manning, Crystal Lake Association, Manchester stated:

I wanted to take this last opportunity to speak to you about Crystal Lake and the I-93 widening project. The public hearing for the I-93 widening project will be held next week on Tuesday, November 12 at Salem High and Thursday, November 14 at McDonough Middle School. The Crystal Lake Association will be making a full presentation that Wetlands mitigation money should be invested in Crystal Lake. We feel that there is a strong connection between Crystal Lake and the I-93 project because we found out that I-93 actually passes through the Crystal Lake watershed. We know that people living around the lake can hear the actual trucks going by at night from I-93. We feel that mitigation money coming from I-93 should go most importantly and number one to Crystal Lake. In speaking to my membership at the Crystal Lake Association I asked how it could possibly happen that money from I-93 could go to any other project in the City of Manchester and not come to

Crystal Lake I am left speechless and unable to explain it since they look right out their doors and can see I-93 and can hear the trucks passing by. I do want to thank the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for your support in the past. I know that all of you are behind us, especially Alderman DeVries who has basically taken over a leadership position in this effort. Alderman Shea, my alderman, has been very supportive and I thank him. Alderman O'Neil, Alderman Pinard, Alderman Gatsas who has been recently making calls on our behalf so I know the support is there and it is going to come to a head next week and we hope that you will stay behind us and we appreciate it. Thank you very much.

Don Welch, Dix Street, Manchester NH stated:

I first want to say that tonight when you go over your budget numbers and you decide to raise the taxes in the City of Manchester I want to remind all of you that back when the civic center was proposed there was money that was supposed to be taken from the parking revenues and paid to the management company, Spectator Management Group. I want to inform the people in this community that tonight when you raise the taxes \$4 on automobile registrations allowed by a State statute that the money goes into the parking revenue fund that this is a result of this City paying Spectator Management group hundreds of thousands of dollars in parking revenues. Second of all, I want to remind the Aldermen...it is my understanding that Alderman Wihby and Alderman Sysyn, Alderman DeVries, Alderman Forest, Alderman Smith, and Mayor Baines were invited to the Granite State organizing project meeting that took place this past weekend. I have no affiliation with this group. I was invited myself. Of all the years that I have been in these political circles I have never been to a group that was organized as many as this. There were over 600 people at this meeting. I will pass this out to you. It is comprised of local community business people, local church groups from Catholic churches to Protestant churches throughout this community and other denominations and some people from labor. There were a few people from labor there. I want to inform you that I am not a paid labor member or officer. I do fight for the working men and people in this City and I was totally, totally dismissed...I think Alderman Wihby and Alderman Sysyn did respond to whoever sent out these invitations and said they could not go to this. This is what they had up on the Board. The NS stands for no shows. These people that were invited to this are on a Committee that was...this particular Committee looked over three different things in the City of Manchester – affordable housing, education and the responsible employer ordinance. I just want to remind all of you up there on this Board that you saw what happened yesterday in the elections and it is going to happen again next November if you people do not start listening to the people in this community.

Mayor Baines advised that if there is no one else present wishing to speak, on motion of Alderman DeVries, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented.

This being a special meeting of the Board, no further business was presented and on motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Smith, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk