

## BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

**April 18, 2006**

**7:30 PM**

Mayor Guinta called the meeting to order.

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

Present: Aldermen Roy, Gatsas, Long, Duval, Osborne, Pinard, O'Neil,  
Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault and Forest

3. Presentation on the City's Geographic System (GIS) by the Information Systems Department.

Mayor Guinta stated if we could bring up Information Systems on the GIS System.

Ms. Diane Prew, Director of the Information Systems Department, stated this evening we'd like to present to you the City's Geographic Information System. This is a project that we have been working on for several years and it's one of those exciting projects that brings a lot of functionality to the city and a lot of efficiency to city departments. I would like to begin this evening by introducing Jason Brennan the consultant that has been working with us over these past few years from Camp, Dresser and McKee and to my right Tony Schaffer who is our Programmer Analyst and who will be supporting this system in the absence of a GIS Administrator and with that I'd like to turn the program over to Jason right now.

Mr. Jason Brennan stated thank you Diane. Again, for the record my name is Jason Brennan I'm from CDM...have been the Project Manager on this project pretty much from the outset of it. I've got a brief presentation to show you here tonight just to show you what GIS is and then we're going to show you some of the functionality of the system. So, with that I'll dive right into it. For those of you that don't know GIS stands for Geographic Information Systems and essentially what it is is it's essentially a computerized mapping system that allows cities and towns to map all the information that they have within the city. Within Manchester literally there are thousands and thousands of records denoting where sewer pipes are, parcels are, zoning areas area...what GIS does it to allow you take this information and store it in paper format that could be over a hundred years old and get it into a computerized system. For every feature that you map whether it be a pipe, a parcel or a zoning district it's smart...you click on a piece of property and it's going to tell you who owns it. You click on a piece of pipe and it's going to tell you what size the pipe is. The way the cities and towns to organize all the geographic records. If you think about it just about everything that a municipality does relates to geography...where a crime happened, where a zoning district is, where a pipe is so on and so forth...it allows you to organize all

that information. Prior to GIS again data was stored on thousands of different maps, thousands of plans scattered throughout the place...with GIS it's organized into one central location on a computer system that's fitting and Info Systems that everybody can have access to. Just a brief snapshot of Manchester GIS environment. Manchester began developing, began GIS implementation really in 1996 when a flyover was completed but the city-wide implementation began in 2003 in earnest when a city-wide aerial mapping project was completed and as part of this project a plane flew over the City of Manchester, took hundreds of pictures and from these pictures they collected things that they can see from the aerial photographs...roads, buildings, water bodies, manholes, catch basins, porches, swimming pools, all the features that they could see from the aerial photography and this stuff is accurate. If you measure between two buildings that are a thousand feet apart it's only going to be up to a foot or two off...it's very accurate information. From this aerial photography two products were completed. The upper level mapping here is called Plan-A-Metric mapping which is used by engineering to do engineering projects and this bottom level mapping here is called Digital Ortho Photography. These two pieces of information combined make up what we refer to as the base map...these are the maps to which all of the other mapping information in the city go on top of. So, once this process was completed the second step in it was and GIS development in the city was to develop data layers on top of this aerial photography...major data layers in the city that have been put on top of this aerial mapping including parcels...sewer lines, storm water system lines, water systems, zoning districts, wetlands...things like that...all loaded on top of this map, on top of this base mapping as layers on top of it. All together you probably have 5, 75...could have a hundred different layers in the GIS...all this information is compiled, centralized and stored in the Information Systems Department on a server and people have access to it within departments and to get people access to the data you need application. There are two primary ways which departments within the city have access to the GIS data. Our users have access to the data using a piece of software called Artview. Artview is kind of like the Microsoft word of GIS Packages and with Artview they can do pretty much all that they want with the GIS data and manipulate it, view it in 3-D all the things you see on PBS you can do with this Artview type of software. A handful of people within the city have capabilities to edit data. So, Alex in Assessing for example has the capability to edit property lines...Jay in Highway can put in sewer lines...so certain people have the ability to edit data and it's all being funneled into this big data base that's stored in Info Systems. The second way people have access though...within that there are a bout a dozen users of the high-end GIS software. Everybody else in the city access the GIS data with a web browser using a piece of software we call Ark IMS and if any of you have been onto Mapquest to get directions to somebody's house it's kind of like Mapquest except infinitely more accurate and complete. So, right down within any department you can go onto a web page within...if you're attached to the city's network, you can time into the exact same geographic information that people are looking at that are editing the data...go in look at property, look at property values, click on a lot find out who owns it and all that information sits within Information Systems. Just a couple of snapshots of what different departments are using GIS for...in the Assessing Department pretty much

all piece of property are maintained with GIS now. Prior to GIS they were maintaining data in 900 separate tax maps...all this information now is stored in the computer and as soon as a subdivision comes in the data will be loaded into the system, is broadcast...as soon as he hits save everybody else in the city can see it. Upon on the counter at the Assessing Department they access GIS information and provide it to customers and then they can use it for assessing functions like showing me all of the pieces of property that are valued over "X" and see how they compare to each other...Planning and Highway...Planning pretty much uses it all day, every day for their processes. Every single time at every Planning Board meeting GIS information is provided the Planning Board members so that they can see the big picture of what's happening to developments and to allow them to make more informed decisions...they use the information for compiling grant information to access impacts as well as the Highway Department all of the storm water utility, all the storm water lines, sewer system lines, snow plow routes are all put into this system on top of this massive data base and they physically use it at Highway Department to support engineering projects. We do a lot of CSO work for the city, the city's GIS is used as the base to support the CSO effort and to offset costs from having to go and send surveyors out to locate things. In the public safety arena the GIS will essentially be the cornerstone of the new public safety system that they're going to be putting in the city. So, when a call comes in...boom...a dot is going to go up on a map and tell you where that call is coming in...you'll be able to see where crime's are happening, where's incidents are happening. So, if something happens like a truck over spills and something goes in...a chemical goes in to the drainage system you'll be able to find out who lives within 500 feet of there and tells those people to leave or whatnot. So all of that information is going to go into the system. Also, within public safety they use it for crime analysis, for emergency management operations...very important for that type of activity. And, finally, other departments make extensive use of GIS data right now within the Building Department, for example, people used to spend hours doing things like abutters list...GIS you click on a piece of property and tell me within 300 feet...what's usually done in a couple of hours is now done in a matter of minutes. Health uses it to track health complaints and the West Nile Virus and things like that and the Parks uses it for their parks management. It's being used by just about nearly every department in the city. Coming soon...policies and procedures are going to be put in place to figure out how the best way people are to access this. If information goes on the internet what data will be available over the internet and as time goes on data layers...additional data layers and applications will be developed to provide more functionality to departments and to provide information in the field. And, that is basically on what it is. Now, to run through a couple of scenarios there...this right here is the city's Ark IMS site that I was talking about that is available to all the users connected to the city's network and within this application there are a bunch of functions...I know it's hard to see the buttons up but these allow you to zoom in, zoom out, pan around the screen up here...these buttons over here are layers that are available to the city. So, if I click on any one of these buttons it comes up and it says do I want to see topography I click on it. If I want to see where the wards are I just simply click on wards, refresh the map, it's going now to Info System grabbing the ward information, bringing that

information up and putting it on the map. I want to zoom in a little bit here...move in closer...again going over to Information Systems, grabbing the map, coming up, zooming in a little bit closer...so there's your ward lines. Then I can turn on any combination of any layer I want over here but just to make it user friendly for the end user there are these little things called quick maps up here. So, if I want to see if there are any flood plains in this area...there a little flood plain quick map...automatically goes over get the flood plain information, calls it up and it displays it on the map. If I want to see the zoning for that area come down here and click zoning...automatically again goes down and gets that information and brings the zoning information and puts it back on the map. As soon as I drill in closer...I'm going to zoom into a neighborhood over here...I just zoomed into a neighborhood up close, I'm going to zoom in closer...the closer I zoom in the more information turns on. So if I zoom down into a piece of property and turn on the parcel mapping it's going to go out grab parcel mapping information zoom in and put that on the map and all these little numbers that you see are all the different bearings and distances of each property will allow me to dive right in and actually physically see this information. Now, if I click like I said before how the information is smart...if I click on any piece of property it automatically goes over, it goes to the assessing system and tells me who owns that piece of property in town. If I click on a sewer pipe it gives me the sewer system so I can instantly channel around the map and figure out what's going on. Then there are a bunch of search capabilities...I can search by owner name...type in Berg...everybody that begins with Berg in Manchester is in this list, if I want to click on any of them...I go to that piece of property, automatically goes into the assessing system and finds out that record, come over here and shows it on the map...you can type them by address, street name, point of interest...let me just go into an address...I'm going to go 188 Conant Street...Bunnytime Realty...let's zoom to this piece of property...I'll give you an example of what goes on here...zoom out of here and try to get our perspective set...now let's click onto this piece of property next door to this guy's house and now that I'm at any piece of property in town I've got database information that comes from the Assessing Department...if I want to get details related to that piece of property I simply click on a button, it dives into more detailed information related to that lot...property value, it's a two-family, family conversion, 5-bedrooms, living area, square footage...all that information that comes out of the tax system is automatically joined up to the GIS that allows you to get access to that information. So, if I want to see a picture of the house I can click on see a picture of the house and there are other tabs of information that we can add on here in the future...give me the historic building permit information...enter that type of information could be added on if it's in your system. I can also come into the court map and turn on the aerial photography for this area and actually see the aerial photos for this so that if you're at a Planning Board meeting you can come in and see what the aerial photography is in that area...zoom in a little bit, kind of dark on this screen...nice on my screen...I can actually see what's going on...there's actually a photo of it. This has what they call a 3 inch pixel resolution which if you ever take a picture of your kids and you zoom up on it and their faces starts getting blotchy...each pixel is 3 inches so you can see pretty darn close. Okay, let me back out of there...one last thing...on

base mapping...say for example this person wants to put on a deck onto their piece of property or put on an extension onto their house. I can come up and easily click on a piece of property...go to that point and then do an abutters list...so, there's your property right down here...I have these number of quick tools that I can choose from and one of which is to find the abutters to that piece of property...give me everybody within 200 feet...automatically goes out into the system...you see a red dot there...that's where the house is...it's automatically channeling around 200 feet of that piece of property...now everyone that lives within 200 feet of that house is that green area...this is a list of all of the owners right here and if I click on this button right up here that says download this information into excel it automatically takes that information, puts it into an excel spreadsheet...so what I literally did here in a matter of 30 seconds take the Building Department or whoever does the abutters list hours to complete...that information automatically pops up and generate every night the assessing system information so it's pretty much up to date. If I dive in a little bit closer...the last thing I want to show...dive in a little bit closer, turn on some utility information...let's turn on...let's clear out this abutter's list out...I'm going to go to one of my quick maps and click on the sewer system. I'm going to go out and grab the sewer system information, bring that information up and also the funny red line on here tells me that there's a street moratorium on that street that tells me that that street cannot be ripped up for a period of five years. So, that's physically on the map and not buried in records. So, I can go up to my quick tools here and ID on some of these features and go click on one of these sewer pipes and it's channeling through the system and it brings me up all the information related tot hat sewer pipe. All the stuff that you wanted to know like it was put down in 1895 and the up street invert and the down street invert...all the various information on that. If I want to find out information about this moratorium area it comes up and tells me that that road was reconstructed in 2005 and that the moratorium for ripping up that road is "X" period of time and all of that information is stored in this database here. There are a bunch of other functions here that I am not going to show you that will allow you to get coordinates for certain points if there is Police Department that has a traffic accident and have to report it. They can get the latitude, longitude for that point and put it into the report...you can download data into excel, you can select parcels based on coordinates and things like that and all these function is built into the system and everybody right now within city departments have access. Overall in total there are about a dozen users of the high end GIS software and the number of people that access this Ark IMS site I couldn't even begin counting...it could be 50, a 100 who knows. They probably get thousands of hits a week internally on this site. Overall, this system is meant to centralized the geographic information that is scattered throughout departments into a centralized system, provides department's with easy access for this information so they can use it to make themselves more efficient and make the city in the long run to better plan, be able to do better more efficient economic development...quite frankly, make more informed decisions and do more with the less amount of time.

Ms. Prew asked does anyone have any questions.

Alderman DeVries replied I was just going to jump in with a question. Is there a topographic overlay that makes this useful say for Hazmat scares and for the Fire Department?

Mr. Brennan replied there are two-foot contours for the whole city, drainage system information is all in there as well. As a matter of fact a few years ago there was gas or oil going into the Merrimack River...used the GIS to click on that point that it was going in and we traced right back up stream and we were able to find all of the sewer and drainage lines that contributed to that outfall that was going into the Merrimack and it ended up it was an underground storage tank along one of these lines that was ruptured and was leaking into one of the pipes. So, that type of information you couldn't even fathom of pulling through all of the records in the vault at the Highway Department to find that information. The topography is available city-wide as well as sewer and storm water and water and all of the hydrants.

Alderman Roy stated being someone who uses the system I absolutely love it...my question is on when it will be available to internet users and what layers will be available.

Ms. Prew replied the system can be made available through the Internet fairly shortly. The question of what will be made available would be up to the Board of Aldermen and we would hope to speak with the appropriate committee in determining what we should be putting out there.

Alderman Roy stated this is not only a great tool for keeping the efficiencies within government but it also limits walk up traffic to many of the departments and give your constitutes a great base of information that may save them a trip to City Hall and standing in line.

Alderman Lopez asked how do you tell whether or not the departments are utilizing.

Ms. Prew replied there is a counter.

Mr. Brennan stated within the web software there is a counter that is available...counter meaning one hit, two hits, three hits...how many people have been in the system and there's a counter that can be used to track who's in it and how many hits are happening.

Alderman Lopez stated you can tell if the department's are actually using them.

Ms. Prew stated yes we know the department's are using it for other reasons...they call with their questions, we have the power users that we're talking about, we have limited licenses and they may turn on the system...they take a license...when those licenses are used up they can't get on so we get calls on those kinds of circumstances so we know that the departments particularly our power users are using the system on a very regular basis.

Alderman Lopez stated I was in a situation the other day and maybe Mr. MacKenzie can help along this line where you said the abutters and they tell the applicant go get the list of the abutters is that something that you're capable of providing an applicant when they come to the Planning Board to give him a list of the abutters from this system.

Mr. Robert MacKenzie, Director of Planning and Community Development, replied eventually you will be able to do it right on the Internet...applicants will be able to do it. They can also go I believe to the Assessor's Office now and can do it on the Assessor's Office connection and occasionally we've assisted applicants to do it in our office. It is an extremely useful tool and time efficient tool for us.

Alderman Lopez stated we talked about it previously over the past couple of years and I know it needs to go to a committee but there will be a fee to some degree.

Ms. Prew replied yes. We were planning on going to the Committee on Accounts with recommendations for the fees.

Mayor Guinta asked are there any further questions. There were none.

**4. Discussion regarding parking study recommendations.**

Mayor Guinta advised there were nothing to discuss regarding Item 4.

**Discussion regarding Airport name change.**

Alderman Duval stated over the past 24 hours there's been discussion again regarding the possible name change for the Manchester Airport. I know we received a packet today from Director Dillon and I think it's a significant enough issue, I know I raised it at the conclusion of the last meeting I was wondering if by chance, your Honor, would allow this to be discussed at this time as opposed to at the tail end of the meeting when people are trying to move on.

Mayor Guinta replied I would...discussion on the airport name.

Alderman O'Neil stated I was going to bring it up under new business but if it's appropriate to bring it up now that's fine...can we have Mr. Dillon come up.

Mr. Kevin Dillon, Airport Director, stated as I explained during the last meeting there's some significant challenges that the airport's facing as the entire aviation community. Last

year we lost about 20% of the available seats at the airport...what that has resulted in is significant passenger reductions at the airport. In fact, in February of this year were down over 9% as compared to February last year. I just received the numbers today for our March statistics...we are down 6% over the same time period last year so a very, very difficult environment is emerging not only at Manchester Airport but at airports across the country and it's really due to the fact that significant numbers in the airlines are in bankruptcy or some form of bankruptcy...jet fuels prices are at record highs in fact today a barrel of oil is about \$70. If you take a carrier like Independence Air that went bankrupt last year and has stopped service at Manchester Airport they based their business plan on \$35 a barrel so some real significant challenges out there and as a result competition among airports is fierce...not only for passenger traffic but for airline services as well and when you look at what the goal of Manchester Airport is it's really to provide for the air transportation needs of all of the folks that live in not only Manchester but this entire region and certainly a significant role that we have is also to promote economic development. We can't do any of that quite frankly if we don't have an enhanced route structure at the airport and the only way to enhance the route structure is to convince the airlines that we have a solid business case for them to take their very limited assets and put there here at Manchester Airport. Airlines have very limited assets and by that I mean very limited numbers of aircraft and there are cities across the country that are competing for those aircraft and they need to make a solid business case to do that. Airlines...when we go out and we market to airlines we have to convince them that there's a solid market here but we also have to convince them that there's a solid market in the destination that we're looking for them to establish a route to. If we want service to LA it's not good enough to show that we have a healthy number of folks from this area that want to go to LA we need to demonstrate that there are numbers of folks in LA that want to come to Manchester. We have had a very difficult time promoting awareness across the country because as I'm sure you can imagine when you go into a market it costs significant dollars to promote awareness just on a one year basis. If we were to go out to Chicago we would probably spend on the order of half a million dollars just to promote awareness for one year. We're targeting 15 major markets west of the Mississippi, which would require awareness on an on-going basis so you're talking millions of dollars that we simply don't have in order to do that. As I explained last time we have been out there doing some research about how significant the awareness problem is and what I think what you were all provided with today is a result of a research study that we've been conducting over the past few weeks on this issue where we looked at 15 major markets west of the Mississippi...the major markets that we're looking to get non-stop service and that survey which is a statistical significant survey has indicated that about 3% of the folks in those markets have ever heard of Manchester Airport but at the same time over 90% of the folks that were surveyed know where Boston is. So, as I've explained before I think it's very, very important for us to have a geographic identification across the country that folks know where we're located, the fact that we're located in the proximity to Boston is certainly a strength for the airport and we need to promote that strength. If you look at how people book airline tickets today a vast majority of those tickets are being booked on the Internet.

This will provide us with the capability to list Manchester along with Boston so that when people type in Boston Airport not only would Logan Airport come up but Manchester Airport would come up as well. It's a very cost effective way for us to accomplish what I'm talking about in terms of promoting that awareness across the country so again I think a packet of information you were provided today goes into a lot of detail as to how that survey and study was conducted but as I said the bottom line of that research is we have very limited awareness across the country. In a lot of cases those folks that do know Manchester Airport think we're talking about the UK so it's a significant problem for us in terms of promoting.

Alderman Duval stated when I first read about the prospects of changing the name to include the name of Boston it sort of wrinkled my feathers...ruffled my feathers, excuse me but I have to admit that the information you provided to me in the past couple of days and certainly in the summary that was provided via courier today certainly has given me a lot to think about. As a life long Manchester resident I tend to view things in a relatively parochial manner and I certainly treasure and value the name Manchester but it did trouble me even more so when I read the material and people around the country think of Manchester, England before they think of Manchester, New Hampshire. So, the information has been helpful. Have you found since the news relative to a possible change, have you found support from the business economic development people in Manchester regarding the name change?

Mr. Dillon replied I don't want to speak on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce but in fact I was there this morning talking to the Chamber Board and indicating the difficulty and I think many of you are aware the growth and development of the airport was a significant initiative of the Chamber of Commerce so they're very concerned about what's happening in the aviation environment. So, as I said I don't want to sit here tonight and speak on behalf of the Chamber but I think there is certainly broad support in the business community.

Alderman Duval asked do we have support of a possible name change from our own Economic Development Director.

Mr. Dillon replied I have not spoken directly to the Economic Development Director but I think what was compelling to me was that the Economic Development study that was commissioned by the city and was just released shortly indicated this same issue not necessarily for airport reasons but for overall economic development in the city...that study indicated that one of the strengths has is our proximity to Boston and that we need to capitalize more on that proximity.

Alderman DeVries asked is this going to be a step toward forming an independent authority such as with Logan?

Mr. Dillon replied I don't think at this point that really has any tie in at all. I think this is truly about marketing the airport and trying to certainly preserve the passenger base that we've developed at the airport because that passenger base is what's allowing us to market to the airlines and keeping the airlines attracted to Manchester Airport, we don't want that passenger base to start to slip.

Alderman DeVries asked how about the response of Logan initially that indicated or at least Mayor Mennino that there could be some legal action?

Mr. Dillon replied well I think that alone indicates or really supports the position that the airport is taking that this would have the impact or the desired effect that we're looking for. We are not concerned about a lawsuit at the airport. Putting Boston in your name or Boston feeling that they would have the ability to control that is like copyrighting Boston Baked Beans...simply can't.

Alderman DeVries stated as an enterprise of the city if there was legal action the cost for any legal fees would come out of the enterprise and would not be paid for by tax dollars.

Mr. Dillon replied that's correct.

Alderman DeVries stated one final question if I might. Why do you find that you cannot pay the additional fees for preference listing with a search engine to accomplish the same goals in an Internet search or website?

Mr. Dillon replied I think in some cases you would be able to do that by just paying additional fees but I think we're asking or we will be asking the airlines if we move forward with this to actually adjust their websites and I think the airlines need to be careful as to how they have listings on the websites and I think they have to accurately list the name of the airport so I think it gives them the capability.

Alderman Garrity asked do you have an estimate of how many dollars would be spent to market the 15 targeted locations that you wanted to.

Mr. Dillon replied what we have found is when we go out to an area even in New England we need to constantly create that awareness. We've estimated for each location on an annual basis to saturate with the level of awareness we would need, it would probably be about a half a million dollars per market.

Alderman Garrity stated so it would be safe to say that this is probably just an inexpensive marketing tool.

Mr. Dillon stated absolutely. We feel this is the most efficient way to achieve that awareness without spending any money, quite frankly.

Alderman Shea asked, Kevin, could you give a brief comparative analysis of the growth of the airport from say the year 2002 to the year 2005 and then afterwards a second question I will ask.

Mr. Dillon stated we have experienced what I would consider considerable growth for probably the past six or seven years at the airport. I think following 9/11 we were one of the few airports in the country that continued to grow. A lot of that though was related to the shifting of passengers throughout New England. For example, following 9/11 folks not only wanted to look for alternative airports because of convenience factors but there were security issues that started to arise. A lot of folks felt that for example security processing times would be a lot less at a smaller regional airport than it would at Logan Airport but since 2001 we have shown growth year-to-year. This is the first year where I'm projecting that we will actually show negative passenger numbers.

Alderman Shea stated so saying that you showed growth was there an analysis done as to where your passengers were coming from, where were they coming from, were there any coming from this region of the country?

Mr. Dillon replied the majority of our passengers today come from New England. If you look at...I could give you a breakdown, for example, and again I'm trying to remember this right off the top of my head but about 35% of our passengers come from New Hampshire, about 20% come from northern Massachusetts, about 10% come from Maine, about 4% come from Vermont and the rest of them come from outside this region which could be New York locales, could be Connecticut locales where people will still drive to take advantage of fares or they're coming from other destinations across the country.

Alderman Shea stated projected growth...in other words you have said that you've lost as of March 6%...what is the anticipate growth, what do you hope to grow to, how much do you want this airport to provide services for...the number of passengers.

Mr. Dillon replied our growth is tied directly into the infrastructure down at the airport. What we have built and what we have approvals for at the airport is expected to handle up to 7 million passengers.

Alderman Shea asked 7 million passengers by what year?

Mr. Dillon replied we're revising those estimates right now but we anticipated that we would be in the 7 million passenger range by about 2020.

Alderman Shea stated as we discussed you and I I indicated that constituents have called me and indicated that they are definitely not in favor of listing Manchester-Boston so you know where I'm coming from but I thank you.

Mr. Dillon stated I think the only thing I would point out there is this is not necessarily about growth, this is about maintaining what we have and I think what I would try to tell the residents of Manchester is I think we've all become very used to the services at Manchester Airport. What I'm trying to say is how the airline industry works is if you can't maintain that market and even show some potential for growth you run the risk of losing the existing service...this is not necessarily about growth.

Alderman O'Neil stated this is an emotional local issue and understandably so. I think a strong case has been made on why a name would be in the best interest of the airport. This airport as we've seen time and time again from studies, economic studies is just too important to the regional economy and to limit its success in the future would be...I think would not be in the best interests of the city. We just looked at some of the presentations we've had recently by companies like Auto Desk and Texas Instruments and in both cases they cited the importance of Manchester Airport and the ability to get their employees, not only air travel regionally but air travel all over the country. I think I'll always personally call it Manchester Airport...there is still a generation that calls Gill Stadium the Athletic Field but it's the same facility, it stills serves the young people of our city. So, when the time is appropriate, your Honor, I'd like to make a motion.

Alderman Gatsas stated, Kevin, obviously the 15 communities that you used in this survey I would hope that probably most of those people would know where Boston, Massachusetts is because you didn't go to a small community in Oregon and ask them if they knew where Boston was or if they knew where Manchester was so I would assume that trying to put an analogy and maybe somebody should do a study asking these same people that we're asked in these 15 communities if they know what's the community that the Rhode Island airport's in...

Mr. Dillon replied actually in Warwick, Rhode Island.

Alderman Gatsas stated do you think a lot of these people would know where Warwick is.

Mr. Dillon stated no and I think T. F. Green needs to consider changing their name as well.

Alderman Gatsas asked to what?

Mr. Dillon replied to T. F. Green or Providence/Boston Airport because T. F. Green would have the same exact boring sales pitch to the airlines as we do. T. F. Green's success is the same as our success, it's generated based on the number of passengers that are looking to get

to the Boston area. The reality is as I said before 35% of the passenger's come from New Hampshire, not 35% of the passengers from Manchester but keep in mind there are 65% of the passengers are coming from other areas and what we're selling is our proximity to Boston. I would love to think that at some point working with the Economic Development Officer we're going to create such an economic engine here in Manchester that we don't need to rely on the proximity of Boston but the reality is the success of Manchester Airport today is based on that proximity. I'm a guy from New York...the last thing I want to do is associate myself with Boston but the truth of the matter is...

Alderman Gatsas stated don't tell me you cheer for the Yankees because you may make this vote real easy. You're not answering me.

Mr. Dillon stated I'm sorry I didn't hear you.

Alderman Gatsas stated I hope you don't cheer for the Yankees because you'd make this vote real easy.

Mr. Dillon replied absolutely not, Alderman.

Alderman Gatsas asked what are the two airports in Hartford?

Mr. Dillon replied you have Bradley...essentially Bradley is...

Alderman Gatsas asked where is that located?

Mr. Dillon replied in Hartford.

Alderman Gatsas asked what's the other one?

Mr. Dillon replied that's really the only major airport in Connecticut that is generating any level of activity.

Alderman Gatsas stated you think these people would know where Hartford is.

Mr. Dillon stated they would probably know Hartford more than they would know Manchester. As we've talked to the airlines there's more, for example, there's more name recognition to Providence even though T. F. Green Airport's located in Warwick, Rhode Island it bills itself across the country as Providence but still even there I don't think the name recognition is what it should be.

Alderman Roy stated we've had a number of discussions. As you know, I came out against this pretty strongly looking as other Aldermen have described has our routes in Manchester

but in looking at the market data and having discussions with the business community I've started switching my mentality towards we are a limited hour from Boston and capturing their market it's helped us with software and high tech firms getting outside the 128 beltway, it's helped us with real estate and our tax base, so I can't see voting against it helping you at the airport. My questioning is to the actual name. We read in today's paper that Pease was talking about adding international to their name. We currently have international flights coming out of Manchester...could you explain the regional mentality versus the international.

Mr. Dillon stated sure. I think first of all it's important to say that we have no intention to become a Logan north, we don't want to become a sizable airport. I've spent my career at large city airports and I know the problems that are attendant with them. The reality is that a lot of our success is based on the fact that we are in a controlled growth mode but when you start looking at the name the fact that we need this level of success to be generated by our association with Boston we don't want to mislead the country that this airport is actually sitting in the City of Boston hence the name regional because what we're trying to denote is that this airport is serving folks from the Manchester and Boston region.

Alderman Osborne stated I think we have to remember that Manchester I guess could mean Manchester, Connecticut, Manchester, Massachusetts...there's a lot of Manchester's so if you just look up on the internet Manchester I guess nobody would know where Manchester is but I understand where you're coming from. I think a nice name would have been...not that I'm against what you're trying to do here but New Hampshire International Airport, I think, is a nice name for that...getting away from the Manchester all together.

Alderman DeVries asked can you tell me what effect this might have on your freight business?

Mr. Dillon replied well I think just as...it gives us the ability to promote ourselves from passenger traffic, it does give us the ability to promote cargo traffic but cargo is a lot more related to our ability to attract businesses to the area than it is just going out promoting cargo to other parts of the country. What would enhance the cargo business at the airport is to continue to have economic development in and around the city occur. So, unfortunately, from my perspective a lot of our ability to promote cargo growth is out of the direction control of the airport. We need to work quite closely with the economic development.

Alderman DeVries stated the answer I'm looking specifically for is that this will not cause an incremental increase in the nighttime air traffic, which of course my constituents particularly dislike.

Mr. Dillon stated again this is targeted towards passenger traffic...last year the airport had a little over 100 flights...we're down to about 80 flights. What we're trying to do is restore the level of activity.

Mayor Guinta asked can you just say what period of time?

Mr. Dillon replied that was over the last 12 months. We've dropped from about 100 flights to 80 flights. So what we're really trying to do is restore that level of activity. Again, I think it's important to point out by virtue of changing the name of the airport doesn't make success overnight...this is one arrow in the quiver of many arrows that we need to go forward with to make sure that the airport stays on track but it is something that has consistently come back to me as I've marketed to the airlines the concerns that they've had about this inbound trend.

Alderman DeVries stated an additional question if I might. Would the gains that you make with this name change be undone in one fell swoop should Portland become the Portland-Manchester-Boston Airport.

Mr. Dillon stated I don't think so. Again, we are blessed with a great location. Not only the proximity to Boston but where we sit centrally in New England. I think there are three airports that serve the Boston area...it's not realistic to think that Portland could serve that role but it's certainly realistic to think that Manchester and Providence are the second and third airports serving Boston.

Alderman DeVries stated my final if I just might make a comment because it's been a difficult decision for me to make because I certainly appreciate the reliance that we have on the airport for our economic development. As you know my ward is particularly disadvantaged by the growth of the airport, they don't always consider the economic growth as a good thing for them, as a plus because they do have the increase of the flights, it has affected their quality of life thus my vote will reflect that and it's a difficult decision. Thank you.

Alderman Gatsas stated let's not fool anybody...the length of those runways have a great capacity to carry some awful big planes. I don't know how many passengers...how many passengers have flown out of Boston this year?

Mr. Dillon replied Boston handled about 28 million passengers a year.

Alderman Gatsas stated they're probably seven or eight times larger than we are.

Mr. Dillon stated roughly. We handle four million passengers.

Alderman Gatsas stated so when you look at that capacity and the capacity you're looking at you're saying we're down from 100 flights to 80 flights and that's on a per month basis.

Mr. Dillon replied that's on a daily basis.

Alderman Gatsas stated so we've gone from 100 flight-a-day to 80.

Mr. Dillon stated correct.

Alderman Gatsas stated the decline is from incoming flights or outgoing flights?

Mr. Dillon replied overall flights. When we say 100 flights-a-day...

Alderman Gatsas stated I understand...are you sending out 70 and receiving 30.

Mr. Dillon replied no. You always have an equal number coming in and out.

Alderman Gatsas stated I guess if you're down that percentage then planes that are leaving have to be pretty much full because I know that any plane I've gotten on on the last two months going out of Manchester there aren't too many vacancies.

Mr. Dillon stated certainly during school vacation periods we're still able to maintain that level of traffic but what happens as I said in a lot of respects the school vacation period is probably a good period to talk about in that we will have a number of days where those planes are very full going out, very empty coming in and then on a return you'll have them very full coming in and very empty going out. The reality is what I'm trying to get at is that we need to make sure those planes are full in and out because if the airlines can't maintain a consistent load factor and produce a consistent yield per passenger they're going to take the flight out and that becomes a deteriorating condition over time because what we're starting to hear from people is yeah I wanted to fly out of Manchester...these are our own residents now that are talking about in New England...I yeah I wanted to fly out of Manchester but I couldn't get the seats so I had to go to Logan...well, that becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. The more you keep steering people down to Logan and these are New England residents that I'm talking about...people's behavior starts to adapt to well yeah I might as well just go to Logan because every time I looked to get a flight out of Manchester I can't. How you start to correct that condition is by enhancing the route structure here. Now, what I'm saying here is you really can't enhance the route structure if I can only commit a 50% market.

Alderman Gatsas stated the biggest fear is, Kevin, is that the people that have been in this area have enjoyed the luxury of that airport. They've put up with the growing pains, they understand it and I certainly can understand what you're looking to do and I think that maybe some of that reduction in flights has been due to the different airlines and what their

capabilities are but I certainly would hope that if we increase traffic that we're not taking people that have put up with the growth in Manchester and forced them to find flights leaving Boston. I hope that doesn't happen.

Mr. Dillon stated and I think that's exactly what I'm trying to prevent because the reality here is I can only provide service...that is why I started by saying our role at the airport as I view our role is two fold...it provides services for people of this region and to promote economic development but you know what I can only do that if I can economically justify to the airlines to provide those routes that I need to serve the people of Manchester, to serve the people of this region, how I do that is I rely on the income that I'm getting from these in-bound passengers as well.

Alderman Gatsas stated I just hope that this is not a competition from Jet Blue and the big carrier that we have in Manchester because obviously Jet Blue is down in Boston and Southwest is here and I just hope that this isn't about how we keep that control and keep those carriers happy in this area, I just hope that it doesn't develop into that.

Mr. Dillon stated that is one thing I'd like to correct because I don't want to leave a misimpression. When you say to the runways...you're absolutely right...today, all along we have been able to handle 747 aircraft but what controls the size of the aircraft because this is a concern of a lot of folks that live around the airport what controls the size of the aircraft is not the runways it's the gate sizing. We size the gates at the airport for 757 aircraft so that is going to be the predominant class of aircraft. The only larger size aircraft you'd see at the airport would be cargo aircraft and that's DC 10 class aircraft.

Alderman Shea stated I don't want to prolong this too long but what I find unrealistic is people don't know where New Hampshire is with all the publicity, about First in the Nation primaries...I don't know if people just don't read newspapers or watch TV or do other things like that, Kevin, but one of the things is we all know that if we take a survey and any time surveys are developed there is a pointed reason for having the survey and sometimes these surveys serve questions that we find will justify the positions that we as individuals who pay for the surveys want to receive from these surveys and I'm not sure how many people answered these surveys and who these people were and where they came from. We don't have much information but if I wanted to prepare a survey and find out certain types of answers that I myself preconceived as answers to questions that I wanted I certainly could word the question accordingly. So, I'm not finding fault with any survey company per se but sometimes the questions can be skewed to get the results that we want to achieve. Thank you.

Alderman Lopez stated I have just one question. Could we talk financially to a degree and maybe the bonding capacity. If you're on a decline and you continue down that road by trying to do a market to increase...if you find yourself at a point where you're not making

the revenue maybe if you can't pay the bonding...how much bonding do you have right now at the airport?

Mr. Dillon replied it's roughly \$250 million.

Alderman Lopez stated if you can't get the revenue to pay that bonding...Kevin, is the city responsible since they are a department of the city?

Mr. Kevin Clougherty, Finance Officer, replied no it's a separate enterprise and it's a stand alone credit rating and it would not be the responsibility of the city.

Mr. Dillon stated could I just add something, your Honor. I just don't want anybody walking away with the impression that there are financial issues. I think that's why we're out in front on this issue. I think the airport is very well protected in terms of our reserves, we have significant amount of cash on hand for an airport our size. We have all of our reserve funds fully funded but certainly it's my job as Airport Director to make sure we never get to that position and we want to be very far out in front but I don't want anybody to think there are financial concerns.

Alderman Osborne stated once you reach your limit at this airport it wouldn't be difficult for you to change back to New Hampshire Internal Airport then would it.

Mr. Dillon stated you could always change the name back.

Alderman O'Neil moved to modify the name of the airport to Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Aldermen Gatsas, Shea, DeVries and Lopez duly recorded in opposition.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Guinta 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.

### **Ratify and Confirm Poll**

- A. Poll conducted April 7, 2006 approving lifting of the winter parking ban effective immediately.

### **Pole Petitions – Approve under the supervision of the Department of Highways**

- B. PSNH Pole Petition #11-1106 located on Merrimack Street.

**Information – to be Received and Filed**

- C. BMA minutes for two meetings on December 6, 2005 and two meetings on December 19, 2005
- D. Manchester Health Department Monthly Report Summary, April 2006.
- E. Communication from Noreen Owens, M.Ed., Certified Hanna Somatic Educator, regarding reducing back-related health care costs and absenteeism.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION/INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

- F. Advising that it has approved an Ordinance:  
“Amending Chapter 111 Amusements of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by amending Section 111.71 Curfew For Entertainment, by adding the outdoor entertainment curfew and renumbering sections 111.71-111.73.”  
and recommends same be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading for technical review.  
*(Unanimous vote)*

**COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT**

- G. Advising that it has approved a request from the Fire Department to utilize a spare former police cruiser for the Fire Prevention Bureau.  
*(Unanimous vote)*
- H. Recommending acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$239,836 for FY2006 CIP 412206 Radio Interoperability Grant Program, and for such purpose a resolution and budget authorization have been submitted.  
*(Unanimous vote)*

**COMMITTEE ON JOINT SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

- J. Advising that it has accepted the monthly report for March 2006 as submitted by DMJM and is forwarding same to the Board for informational purposes.  
*(School Committee Members Herbert, Beaudry, Gelinas and Alderman Roy voted yea; Aldermen Thibault and Forest were absent.)*
- K. Advising that it has accepted the financial report as of March 2006 for the design-build school improvement program, and is forwarding same to the Board for informational purposes.  
*(School Committee Members Herbert, Beaudry, Gelinas and Alderman Roy voted yea; Aldermen Thibault and Forest were absent.)*
- L. Advising that it has approved the payment of \$14,124 from contingency to Pelmac Industries for upgrades, repairs and reconfigurations to various school security systems as a result of the design-build project.  
*(School Committee Members Herbert, Beaudry, Gelinas and Alderman Roy voted yea; Aldermen Thibault and Forest were absent.)*

- M.** Advising that it has approved the following change orders for Beech Street elementary school, and is forwarding same to the Board for informational purposes:
- \$24,377 for resilient stair treads and landings in the four stairways;
  - \$24,378 for new bleachers; and
  - \$16,373 for new metal sign and aluminum storefront at the entrance.
- (School Committee Members Herbert, Beaudry, Gelinas and Alderman Roy voted yea; Aldermen Thibault and Forest were absent.)*
- N.** Advising that it has approved change order #21, which consists of various contract changes, and is forwarding same to the Board for informational purposes.
- (School Committee Members Herbert, Beaudry, Gelinas and Alderman Roy voted yea; Aldermen Thibault and Forest were absent.)*
- O.** Advising that it has accepted a Change Order Report, End-User Substantial Completion Status Report and Program-Wide School Punchlist Status List, and is forwarding same to the Board for informational purposes.
- (School Committee Members Herbert, Beaudry, Gelinas and Alderman Roy voted yea; Aldermen Thibault and Forest were absent.)*

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

**Report of the Committee on Community Improvement**

- I.** Advising that it has approved intersection improvements at Massabesic Street/Old Falls Road with the \$15,000 in funding coming from CIP 710806 Municipal Improvements Project (CDBG funds) and noting that this project is eligible for CDBG funding as it is consistent with the aims of said project and that the Highway Department will work with Parks & Recreation regarding landscaping and the planting of trees.
- (Unanimous vote)*

Alderman DeVries stated I just have a couple of quick questions of Highway if they would answer for me. The first question I would have...I noticed when I looked at the right-of-way change and it looks very nice to develop the additional green space there but have you notified those homeowners to make specific arrangements on where they bring their trash because their edge of property will no longer be at the street so will they be able to sit their trash on city property now.

Mr. Kevin Sheppard, Deputy Public Works Director, replied we worked those details out actually this project moved along pretty quickly. The alderman brought it to the CIP Committee...my assumption is we'll work for the alderman, we'll work with the abutters...I'm sure Alderman Osborne could speak a little bit further on that but those details as far as the trash they'll still be bringing it out to the curb most of the trash I believe isn't going to have to be...for example, the trash won't have to be carried that much further by the homeowners.

Alderman DeVries stated I have an additional question if I might. We had heard last evening when we had our Parks and Recreation presentation that they were going to likely need to cut back on their maintenance of areas and I think when I heard the discussion with Alderman Osborne he's looking for Parks and Recreation to come and mow this area...maybe Alderman Osborne wants to address that.

Alderman Osborne asked, your Honor, can I answer her?

Alderman DeVries stated the question will be easiest answered by Alderman Osborne.

Mayor Guinta called upon Alderman Osborne.

Alderman Osborne stated number one I've notified the abutters in that area including the store at the fork and they're all very happy with the idea and there's no problem with them putting their waste out, it will still be on city property. The driveway would be no problem where he has the drawing now. As far as the green space...I didn't really recommend...I mentioned Parks and Recreation but I didn't really say that they were going to do it but there's a lot of places in the city like that that are not kept up either because of low maintenance and help and it's not Parks and Recreation's fault but that's the way it is, right. I think it's all weighed by the safety in that area...that's long overdue, that area is like a race track coming down Massabesic Street and they shoot right down to Old Falls Road and they go very fast down Old Falls Road and there's elderly down that street as well.

Alderman DeVries stated I don't disagree with you.

Alderman Osborne stated so whether it's green or it's gray it's still a good idea to go forward with this project, thank you.

Alderman DeVries stated I guess I would have to ask some...because I didn't hear my specific answer...the conversation I would assume Highway would go back to the homeowners to advise them that they may be needing to pick up the upkeep of the area so it doesn't become an unsightly nuisance because I'm not sure that that's an area that Parks and Recreation would traditionally pick up...that would be my only comment. I think it's a great design, I can see the issue at that intersection, it's far too wide, it needs to have the roadway better defined, I don't know how we could better accomplish it than the design you put forward. I just didn't feel that upkeep and the change of the right-of-way will really have been addressed properly.

Alderman Lopez moved to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee on Community Improvement. Alderman Garrity duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

6. Nominations to be presented by Mayor Guinta, if available.

There were no nominations presented this evening.

7. Communication from Ron Poltak submitting his resignation as a member of the Planning Board effective October 22, 2005.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Duval, it was voted to accept Mr. Poltak's resignation with regrets.

8. Confirmation of the nomination of William Trombley to succeed Brian Desfosses as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment, term to expire March 1, 2007.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to confirm the nomination of Mr. Trombley as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment as presented.

9. Confirmation of the nominations to the Airport Authority as presented:  
Brian Cashman to succeed himself as the Londonderry representative, term to expire March 1, 2009; and  
Steve Young to succeed himself as the Londonderry representative, term to expire March 1, 2009.

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Lopez, it was voted to confirm the nominations to the Airport Authority as presented.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

“Amending the FY2006 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Six Dollars (\$239,836) for FY2006 CIP 412206 Radio Interoperability Grant Program.”

ought to pass and be enrolled.

Alderman O'Neil moved to accept, receive and adopt the first report of the Committee on Finance. Alderman Roy duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

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

“Raising Monies and Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2007.”

be amended by adding \$170,000 as a line item to Parks, Recreation and Cemetery for Gill Stadium, increasing the total of the resolution to \$114,134,608+.

The Committee notes that the Resolution, as amended, shall remain in the Committee on Finance with further reports to be submitted at a later date.

Alderman Roy moved to accept, receive and adopt the second report of the Committee on Finance, Alderman O’Neil duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Guinta stated I have a point of clarification...this is on Gill.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson replied yes it is.

Mayor Guinta asked do we have a report of the tax impact?

Deputy City Clerk Johnson replied it was discussed in committee last evening I believe Mr. Clougherty addressed it.

Mayor Guinta stated the motion is to stay in Finance.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated the resolution would remain in the Finance Committee until they’re done with the rest of the budget, they did take an action on this item and asked that it be reported out.

Mayor Guinta stated this requires the full Board to take action this evening.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated the Committee has taken an action and submitted the report, it doesn’t necessarily have to be acted upon this evening.

Mayor Guinta stated okay.

Alderman Gatsas stated the clarification I believe is amending your budget to increase the spending by \$170,000 which is an increase in taxes from your budget...that’s what we were told by the Finance Officer.

Mayor Guinta stated I guess my question to the Finance Committee would be why after one week of the Aldermen having an opportunity to meet with department heads and review the budget there would be a necessity to increase the tax rate without even a public hearing...I think that would be my concern at this moment. I don’t know if there’s anyone who wants to...

Alderman Lopez stated I think much discussion last evening worked around in January when the Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted 11 to 2 at that time so that you could put Gill Stadium into the General Fund...this has been going on for the last two years and I know that Alderman Smith in last year's budget sort of yielded to the January meeting with the new Board to bring this item up. In Finance Committee I think that Kevin Clougherty said about three cents (\$.03) on the tax rate. Now, we want to make sure that this is put into the General Fund as we move along. So, it was necessary in my viewpoint and others viewpoints to make sure that the early date that we do this in the Finance Committee and put it on record as we prepare a budget and move forward we have that in the General Fund and for planning purposes for the department head to ensure that he moves forward with his particular budget. So, it was a problem that some of us felt that it had to be resolved and this is one way to resolve it...it's still in the Finance Committee, it's still in the resolution and that's it.

Mayor Guinta asked did the Committee take into advisement that the repairs in Gill that are required at Gill Stadium are actually in my CIP budget under the Enterprise Fund...that would also be an impact?

Alderman O'Neil stated I have asked for backup information regarding this roof repair. I understand there may be a leak of some sort there now but I'm also led to believe based on information I have to date that the entire roof does not need to be replaced at this time, it could be sometime down the road. Now, I've asked for the backup documentation...I don't have it yet but the information I have does not indicate the roof needs to be replaced this coming year.

Alderman Gatsas stated I will try and compose myself before I start speaking because we just spent over \$4 million on a complex. Now, if somebody's telling me that we're replacing a roof and this is the first I've heard about a roof being replaced. Where was this...how did anybody find out about a roof repair or discussion.

Alderman O'Neil stated if I may...that's the information I've asked for because this never came up during the discussions we had of the improvements to Gill Stadium...I don't know if it's somebody's opinion that needs to be replaced, if it's a professional recommendation...I've heard different time periods it needs to be replaced but based on what I know today it does not need to be replaced in FY07.

Mayor Guinta stated I did for informational purposes include it in my CIP budget in the Enterprise Fund and this was the issue that I was concerned about earlier this year when this Board took Gill out of the Enterprise and put it back into the General Fund. One of the arguments I'd made is it will be competing for General Fund dollars not just operationally but for repairs in CIP and the CIP budget that I have proposed is about 50% less than what's traditionally has been proposed and the concern I have is if it does remain in the General

Operating Budget some of these repairs albeit we seem to have some misunderstanding as to whether they're required or not but it is in my CIP request. So, I would urge the Board to take this issue, to look at this very seriously before you make this decision.

Alderman Smith stated this report was given out by the architectural firm in Kansas City, I could be wrong on this and at the time when we were doing the renovations to Gill Stadium they found out when they went up on the roof that they found out that the catwalk couldn't support the activity up there. If I remember correctly...maybe Ron Ludwig can follow up...I think the recommendation by the firm was that the city should address it between four and seven years on the roof but this came up in regard to the rehabilitation of Gill Stadium. The thing that bothers me the most is that we in good faith voted 11 to 2 in January and to give you a chance so you could put your budget together because I can't conceive for even three cents (\$.03) on the tax dollar you're going to deprive children to use Gill Stadium...with the rates...

Mayor Guinta interjected that's out-of-order, Alderman. I'm not depriving children of using Gill Stadium so I'd ask you to retract that statement.

Alderman Smith stated are you going to try and tell me I can't follow my statement...I'm giving a statement.

Mayor Guinta stated not depriving children of using.

Alderman Smith stated in other words...I'll put it this way, the Finance report done by the Finance Officer I believe Randy Sherman put figures in there which would substantiate the schools and various non-profits not being able to use Gill Stadium. The original thought was to give Gill Stadium to the children and build the stadium down at the riverfront and that was the general consensus all the time. Now it's been switched to please certain people...you can't put a dollar in everything you're doing especially with the youth of Manchester. Thank you.

Alderman Lopez stated I think if we go back in history too and I think if the Superintendent wants to come up here...most of all of the repairs at Gill Stadium came out of the General Fund. All the money for Gill Stadium for the use of Gill Stadium came out of the General Fund in all of the years that I've been an Alderman and I remember when we did the lockers over there that money came out of the General Fund. So, the misnomer that Ron Ludwig is going to be in the Enterprise and all of a sudden he's going to spend a lot of this money...he's going to come back to the city and say we need money...we always give him money for Gill Stadium because everybody has its pride in Gill Stadium and so it's what it is...the Aldermen voted to put it in the General Fund and that's where the motion is.

Alderman Gatsas stated this is not a question of whether we put Gill Stadium on the moon. This is a question about we just did in excess of a \$4 million renovation and I can't believe that the roof wouldn't have been something we would have done as we were renovating. Now, for some reason, if there's leaks I want to know how somebody heard about leaks and other people on this Board didn't hear about them. Are there leaks at Gill Stadium or not? Can somebody verify that or justify that? Because I'm sure that Alderman O'Neil didn't just wake up one morning and say there's leaks at Gill Stadium, he had to have heard it from somewhere.

Mayor Guinta asked would the answer come from the Parks Director?

Alderman O'Neil asked where did the request come from to replace the roof?

Mayor Guinta replied was it Building or Parks...I'd have to check my notes.

Alderman O'Neil stated somebody had to request the Mayor to put it in FY07.

Alderman DeVries interjected I can fill in a piece of this.

Alderman O'Neil stated four to seven years down the road is four to seven years down the road.

Mayor Guinta stated let me clarify. Mr. MacKenzie can you...off the top of your head recall which department made the request.

Mr. MacKenzie replied yes I believe it was requested by the Parks Department on their list...they had a lot of projects requested on their listing and I believe it came through Parks and Recreation...whether they had the estimates done or not or whether that was done by Highway, I believe it came through Parks.

Mayor Guinta stated I do have it listed in Table 5 under Enterprise Fees and Other Dedicated Sources as a request from Parks, Recreation and Cemetery. I have recommended \$200,000 in funding and the description I have is...enterprise funding to replace the Gill Stadium roof.

Alderman DeVries reiterated I can fill in a piece of the...

Mayor Guinta called upon Alderman DeVries.

Alderman DeVries stated thank you very much, your Honor. What I was trying to be recognized for earlier if you recall the major wind storm that we had a few weeks back or maybe a month ago I happened to have been at a meeting across the street from Gill Stadium at the United Way offices on the fourth floor of the building directly across the street. At the

conclusion of that meeting and it was late on a Friday afternoon we happened to look across the street and it looked like there was a hot air balloon rising off of Gill Stadium. The roof liner was lifting off of the stadium...that initiated a report to have it checked to make sure that it wasn't going to somehow lift off the building and end up in the middle of Valley Street and become a lawsuit to the city. So, it was checked I believe quickly that evening, it was checked more over the weekend...I think if you hear from the Parks Department they'll tell you they had a roofing company go out to justify what work needed to be done, if it needed to be done in a holdover...I haven't followed it after that but the last wind storm I think put the final kabosh on a project that we had been informed was roof at the end of its life and I think we were first informed of that maybe four or five months ago.

Alderman Shea stated this is for my own clarification, your Honor. You have set aside \$200,000 in Table 5...now where is that money coming from...under tax money, under General...

Mayor Guinta replied no it's in Table 5 which is an Enterprise Fund so it would come from the Enterprise.

Alderman Shea stated you're saying that the Enterprise would raise enough money so that \$200,000 would be there.

Mayor Guinta stated it's a bondable item.

Alderman Shea stated there's no money being allocated at all. It's assumed that the Enterprise would raise \$200,000, which is what you have here. I'm trying to figure this out...Enterprise funding to replace the Gill Stadium roof...there is no money that you're sending into the Enterprise but because the Enterprise by your judgment will raise money...that \$200,000 will be raised by the Enterprise, is that?

Mayor Guinta asked have we ever spent money out of the Enterprise Fund before for bondable items or repairable items?

Mr. Clougherty replied yes.

Mayor Guinta asked every year?

Mr. Clougherty replied fairly routinely.

Alderman Shea asked is this a revenue bond, Kevin.

Mr. Clougherty stated you're exactly right. It would be funded out of the Enterprise with the expectation that the Enterprise would raise sufficient funds through better marketing or all of the things that we've talked about over the year to cover that debt, that's exactly right.

Alderman Shea stated okay thank you that's what I was just trying to figure out here.

Mayor Guinta stated my point, Alderman, is that if it is moved back into the General Fund it now has to compete with General Fund dollars not just for operating but again for repair. So, through the CIP process because I have laid out some parameters to reduce our borrowing capacity from \$20 million to about \$10.3 leaving some room for Granite Street should it be required...we're going to have a heck of a time trying to identify the funding.

Alderman Shea stated so these other two items...\$400,000 and \$1.75...that's also money that the enterprise is going to raise.

Mayor Guinta stated I certainly hope so.

Alderman Garrity stated I hate to inform my colleagues but this isn't the first time we hear about the Gill Stadium roof...we heard about it four, five, maybe six months ago and I think it was at the full Board level and I'm quite sure if we run the minutes of a meeting the past, four, five, six months it was told to us that there were problems with the roof. I don't know who mentioned it, I don't know if it was Parks but it was somebody...it was some department.

Alderman Lopez stated I wonder if the Superintendent could come up here and solve this whole problem, please?

Mayor Guinta asked who?

Alderman Lopez replied the Superintendent Ron Ludwig. I think we're making a mountain out of a mole hill here.

Mayor Guinta stated I'm happy to take the vote if the Board would prefer to take the vote.

Alderman Lopez stated I think it's important the Superintendent speaks so that there is no doubt. Can you give us some light on the Gill Stadium...about the hole in the roof and how this came about.

Mr. Ron Ludwig, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, stated Gill Stadium roof was Carlisle rubber roof that was installed in 1985 as part of a renovation that we did to Gill back then...locker rooms and whatever. I attended one of the few meetings I attended relative to the Gill renovations and I informed the consultant at that point that if the roof was installed

in 1985 then should be looked at. I was informed I wasn't welcomed at the meetings and I wouldn't be attending any more meetings and that was the last meeting that I attended and I did have my staff attend those meetings but we had absolutely no input in what went into Gill or how it was repaired...that was a recommendation I made to them when they started the project we were meeting in the Gill Stadium locker rooms...that was the end. So, all I said was look at the roof, please just look at it. The last I heard of it and we inspected on a regular basis was Alderman DeVries who I think was up in the building across the street and noticed the seam as she just indicated that let go and we said the Facilities Division at the Highway Department brought over a consultant, a roofing contractor who looked at it...I said let's get the thing fixed and we'll pay out of the Enterprise (\$2,400) to get it fixed temporarily so it didn't get any worse and then included it in the budget and where the Mayor put it was not in my control...it was still an Enterprise at that point any way.

Alderman Lopez stated one other question in reference to \$200,000 that the Mayor put in your budget...your capacity of spending more money out of the Enterprise...I know in the past you've always come to the city to put money at Gill Stadium and we always took it out of the General Fund...do you know anything about a revenue share cost here?

Mr. Ludwig replied we do carry some minimal debt expense at Gill and I don't know how many members of the Board remember...we probably carry debt expense I think on about \$230,000 worth of lights that were put it...it was second phase lighting...the first phase of the lighting that we put in at Gill when we changed over a must go system was about \$100,000...that was carried in the General Fund...the next rendition we went into an Enterprise Fund that's probably ten years ago...that \$230,000 to pick up the second phase of the Gill Stadium lighting was included and is being carried as a debt expense. The only other bonding item that we did at Gill was fixing up of some of the grandstands and we were able to obtain some ADA money for that and basically the rest of the dollars that have been the capital dollars that had been bonded projects have pretty much been covered I would say by General Fund bonds by the Aldermen.

Alderman Lopez stated the last question. So, if there's not \$200,000 either in the Enterprise or the General Fund...there's not a mandate that there be a roof put on tomorrow by anybody.

Mr. Ludwig stated no. We brought a roofing consultant up there and we did have with that wind storm as Alderman DeVries alluded to some problems...we took care of those problems...the second recommendation from Facilities Division who looked at the roof with their people said you're going to need a roof and in my opinion we spent \$5 million on a facility should we not now look at putting a roof on this facility.

Alderman O'Neil asked Ron is the roof repaired?

Mr. Ludwig replied I ordered an immediate repair on it.

Alderman O'Neil stated right now there's no issue there.

Mr. Ludwig stated to my knowledge...

Alderman O'Neil stated we have no report...that's what I've asked for is a report that says it has to be replaced next year whether it's from you, the Facilities Division, HNTB...nobody has put down that it has to be replaced next year, correct?

Mr. Ludwig replied I wasn't asked to get any report on the roof.

Alderman O'Neil stated so that's all I'm saying is that there is no one and that is what I've asked for is documentation that says it has to be replaced next year. I don't...based on what I know tonight, it does not have to be replaced next year. It was a comment made that it has to be replaced at some time in the future. How many of us go into the service station and the mechanic will say at inspection you're going to need tires at 15,000 miles or something like that...it doesn't mean you need tires that day, they're telling you that you're going to need tires when you put 15,000 more miles on your car.

Mayor Guinta stated it's a two-year CIP so we're talking...

Alderman O'Neil stated but I heard Alderman Smith say four to seven years...I know that might be a little dated but it doesn't mean it has to be replaced in two years, your Honor.

Mr. Ludwig stated I would only add that and I think that you're right, Alderman O'Neil, maybe it can go longer but I'm telling you that the roof was put on in 1985...the life span typically of these roofs you're at about at it so I thought it was prudent to get something in to identify it. If it's the wishes of this Board to delay that further that's fine.

Mayor Guinta asked the date the roof was repaired?

Mr. Ludwig replied maybe three...I'm trying to remember the Friday those wind storms came through here...maybe three weeks ago, a month ago. I don't suspect any Alderman in this room knows how that roof system works but obviously wind catches under that structure, it's not a closed in structure and that roof...the way it's supposed to function is it does pillow up between the seams so if the untrained I would see that roof you would think it's going to fail the day after it was built and it was a pretty amazing thing...the fact of the matter is there were a couple of seams under those wind conditions that the Alderman noticed that let go and we had them repaired immediately.

Alderman Roy stated I know right now we're talking about whether or not the repair was four weeks ago or five weeks ago but there was a report and I believe it came from CLD as part of the Gill Stadium renovation that came to Baseball over two and a half, three years ago so I wouldn't mind the Clerk doing the research of when we started working about that roof structure because it has been talked about many times in many committees but the point I'd like to get to is we're talking about Enterprise or General Fund not a roof structure and I do feel that we'll have impact on the budget or the CIP budget or the Enterprise budget but the action taken last night wasn't an action to raise more taxes it adjusted a proposal of taxes that will be voted on over the next month and a half to two months with this Board.

Mayor Guinta stated that brings me back to sort of the procedural aspect of the budget process. I think the Finance Committee has been working for a little over a week on my budget proposal. To impact, to make a proposal to change the budget which actually reduces the tax cut from 1.23 probably to 1.21 maybe...I haven't done the numbers but maybe 1.2...if you do this systematically throughout the entire process and you have no idea if you're going to be recommending additional dollars in Police, Fire, Health, Highway, Info Systems...there are a lot of proposals that I've put forward that I know the Aldermen have to consider and if you take this today at this early stage you are diminishing your ability to make decisions on other departments as this process continues. So, all I'm asking is that you listen during complete budget presentations, you've got a big day on Saturday and the sky will be falling on Saturday because we've got every department under the sun coming in. You're going to have schools on Saturday who's going to come in and say we need \$148 million we can't live without \$148 and my number is \$143...I don't know what this Board wants to do. All I'm suggesting is you take this as a whole at the end of the process...I will be very clear that I disagree. I do think that it should be in the Enterprise but we can agree to disagree on the policy...at least on the procedure I would encourage you to wait until the end so you can determine where you're going to make the adjustments...the more adjustments you make at this early stage the less flexibility you have later in the process.

Alderman Roy stated as we look forward to doing the budget we are taking into consideration every budget that comes in but the vote last night was to reaffirm an effort this Board made in January to go ahead and allow you to have the will of the Board to keep it in the General Fund where it ultimately will end the budget process and adjust your numbers to that. So, we were trying to convey a sense of working with you not to blindsides you at the end of the budget event.

Mayor Guinta stated I didn't feel blindsided.

Alderman Roy stated I am just letting you know that this wasn't a process that started last night...this was a process that was proactive prior to your budget being put together so that you knew where this was going to end up. The Aldermen and the Finance Committee will now have to make adjustments to the proposed budget whether it's a plus or a minus, a

negative or a positive for every department that comes in and to quote my friend Alderman Gatsas we have started with a “blank slate” so we will be working with that and going forward.

Mayor Guinta stated I appreciate this Board’s interest in starting with a “blank slate” but it took me four months day in and day out to try to craft a budget and it’s going to be extremely challenging...if you start with a “blank slate” and your first act is to add \$170,000 in that does impact the tax rate I think you’re putting yourselves at a disadvantage.

Alderman DeVries stated the action that we took last night was a reaffirmation of the intent of this Board on an 11/2 vote back in January. We made the decision back in January to take Gill Stadium out of the Enterprise and place it in the General Fund because at that point in time in order for major capital upgrades to be done such as the roof repair there would have to be an expectation and we just heard it once again from the Finance Department an expectation that revenues will be raised by the Enterprise in order to pay for the roof. Now we do know with the new clubhouse...that Parks and Recreation revenue...Enterprise system is at or near capacity for their bonding allocations. What was presented to us back in January was that these would have to be increased for the youth athletics of the city in order to raise the revenues...though with Gill Stadium to make it pays its way in the Enterprise system. We spent hours on that discussion, we did not like the fact of raising youth athletics back in January and we don’t like it today and that’s why we have once again taken this out of the Enterprise and placed it in the General Fund so that we do not increase the cost of youth athletics it’s that simple.

Mayor Guinta stated I’ll concede the point that this is a “reaffirmation” of your earlier vote but things have changed since that original vote...I’ve met with the Parks Director and Steve Johnson who have indicated to me all of a sudden a plan, a marketing plan that I think conservatively at this point is going to raise an additional \$100,000 and you’re not even done with that marketing plan. So, you probably haven’t heard that from the department or from the commission yet but unless I missed it and that was presented last night. So, it’s not about raising rates for kids it’s about raising revenue...I have asked the Parks Director and he has agreed with the support of the Parks Commission to identify other sources and I met with him a week ago...last Thursday, last week and Steve was at the meeting and he told me about \$100,000 already they’ve identified in potential revenue...so it’s not from raising rates.

Alderman DeVries interjected and I will respond to that.

Mayor Guinta stated since your initial vote back in January I think it was.

Alderman DeVries stated I will respond to that because not only is Gill Stadium not pulling its weight within the Enterprise system there are other entities such as McIntyre that have

difficulty pulling their weight and are brought along by the golf course. So the fact that another \$100,000 in revenues has been identified doesn't mean that all of a sudden there's money for Gill Stadium...it might just mean that McIntyre will be offset and some of the golf course and other improvements might actually be accomplished.

Mayor Guinta stated again I think it would be prudent to see the complete report but if you prefer not to do that that's at the discretion of the Board.

Alderman DeVries stated you should have been with us last night for the Parks and Recreation presentation.

Mayor Guinta stated really.

Alderman Garrity stated Alderman Roy made an earlier statement that...I don't know his exact words because we weren't really raising taxes at the current time...I have the resolution right here...the resolution states \$113,964,608...the new amending resolution, Alderman Roy, "Raising Monies and Making Appropriations to Fiscal Year 2007" increases the total resolution to \$114,134,608...that's raising taxes. I think we're doing the wrong thing. We haven't heard from the four biggest departments yet...School, Fire, Highway and Police...it doesn't make sense to change the process when we haven't even made it to the public forum yet on the budget. It just doesn't make sense to me. Thank you.

Alderman Roy stated I'd like to respond to that, Mayor, since my name was used.

Mayor Guinta called upon Alderman Roy.

Alderman Roy stated the resolution is a proposal we've not acted on anything, we've not raised anything nor has the Mayor lowered anything if we want to get technical. The tax rate is what was set by DRA last year and we're working from a proposed budget that was...by the Charter...we made an amendment to that, we're still working forward. It's not a done issue until we vote on it by the second Tuesday in June as well as anything else that comes before us. We could end up with a lower tax rate than the Mayor's, we could end up with a higher. It's just something we're working through as a Finance Committee.

Mayor Guinta stated I would go beyond Alderman Roy's point the only difference is that you're starting at the beginning of the process and the procedure is a slippery slope.

Alderman Garrity stated this is my fifth budget as an Alderman and the ninth as an elected official. The first time we go to public hearing where the numbers change before we get there.

Mayor Guinta stated that's a good point.

Alderman Gatsas moved that we accept the budget that is laying on the table.

Mayor Guinta stated the budget that's laid on the table.

Alderman Lopez asked are you going to end discussion, your Honor.

Mayor Guinta stated on that motion.

Alderman Lopez asked are you accepting a motion you just recognized three people over here for discussion on Gill Stadium.

Mayor Guinta stated I couldn't hear exactly what Alderman Gatsas said.

Alderman Gatsas stated my motion is that we accept the budget that's been laid on the table.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated the Clerk is unclear with that motion. I'm not clear with the motion that he's making...there is a motion on the floor.

Mayor Guinta stated why don't we do this. I have a sneaking suspicion that everyone knows how they're going to vote on this. So, my point is clear, Alderman Smith's point is clear, why don't we...there is an original motion on the floor, I believe, correct?

Deputy City Clerk Johnson replied I have Alderman Roy by Alderman O'Neil to accept the second report of the Committee on Finance.

Mayor Guinta called for a vote on the motion.

A roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Garrity, Gatsas and Pinard voted nay. Aldermen Smith, Thibault, Forest, Roy, Long, Duval, Osborne, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea and DeVries voted yea. The motion carried.

**Report of Committee on Community Improvement**

13. Recommending that a request from Manchester Neighborhood Housing to revise the terms of the City's HOME loan for CIP 611403 Straw Mansion Apartment Project be referred to the full Board.  
*(Unanimous vote)*

Alderman Lopez moved to accept the agreement, subject to the review and approval of the City Solicitor. Alderman Roy duly seconded the motion.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated accepting the report is merely accepting the discussion at the Board level. I don't think that that was probably the intent of Alderman Lopez from what I'm hearing.

Mayor Guinta asked was the intent to accept.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated I guess that's what I want to clarify if he wants to move to revise the terms of the agreement, if that was the intent then that should be the motion that laid on the floor.

Alderman Lopez stated that's correct that is the intent of my motion to accept the agreement.

Mayor Guinta asked can we accept that motion at the moment?

Deputy City Clerk Johnson replied if everybody's clear that that's what they voted on and not on discussion.

Alderman Lopez stated unless the committee...if I may please. Making that motion to accept the agreement as so stated in our packet unless the committee because they referred it to the full Board if they had any questions to just accept the agreement.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated subject to the City Solicitor's review.

Mayor Guinta stated okays so we've disposed of Item 13.

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

**14. Ordinances:**

“Amending Sections 33.024, 33.025 & 33.026 (Building and Facilities Maintenance Coordinator) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester.”

“Amending Section 70.55 Residential Permit Parking, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by amending Section (D)(2) (b) Residential Parking Permit Zone #2, by adding Amherst Street and eliminating references to zoning boundaries.”

“Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by repealing Chapter 94: Noise Regulations in its entirety and inserting a new Chapter 94: Noise Regulations.”

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

These Ordinances having had their second reading by titles only, Alderman Osborne moved the question on passing same to be enrolled. Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

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

Mayor Guinta called the meeting back to order.

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

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are properly enrolled.

Alderman Pinard moved to accept, receive and adopt a report of the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration. Alderman Long duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

19. Communication from Kevin Buckley, Independent City Auditor, submitting a timeline of events leading to the accrual of a \$1.4 million accounts receivable in the Manchester Employees' Contributory Retirement System.

Alderman Shea moved for discussion. Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Shea stated I'd like Kevin to come up and present a report.

Mr. Kevin Buckley, Independent City Auditor, stated the report was basically just a timeline of events that led to the accrual. There was some question about how the whole thing came about so I talked to the Finance Department, Retirement System and I got all the document

together and developed a timeline on my own and then the day after I sent the report to the BMA I got a timeline developed by Gerry Fleury from the Retirement System independently and it was basically identical to the one I had developed on my own. If you have any questions on this timeline I'd be happy to answer them.

Mayor Guinta asked are there any questions? There were none.

Alderman Thibault moved to accept the report of the Independent City Auditor relative to the Retirement System. Alderman Garrity duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

- 20.** Communication from Virginia Lamberton, Human Resources Director, informing the Board of a shortfall in her salary line for FY06 and requesting that \$58,128 be held in contingency for such purpose.

Alderman Shea moved to approve that \$58,128 be held in contingency as requested by the Human Resources Director in anticipation of a shortfall in the FY06 salary line item. Alderman DeVries duly seconded the motion.

Alderman O'Neil asked what are we doing by the action?

Mayor Guinta replied we are setting aside fifty eight thousand and change from contingency...a place holder.

Alderman Shea stated just a question of Kevin Clougherty. Is there enough money if in fact we need this.

Mayor Guinta replied I think we have over \$500,000 in contingency.

Mr. Clougherty stated there is a current balance of \$542,000...you've approved similar amounts for the Economic Development Office for \$33,000 and Elderly of \$6,000...so there's ample money.

Alderman Lopez stated thanks to last year's budget we put that money in there.

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

- 21.** Communication from the NH Department of Environmental Services submitting a renewal contract for parking spaces at the Pearl Street Parking Lot.

Alderman O'Neil moved to ratify execution of the contract as presented. Alderman Roy duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Guinta stated the only clarification I would ask for is have we oversold plots at Pearl Street.

City Solicitor Clark stated the state called me on this one. These are the trailers that are right in the parking lot now...the air monitoring system.

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

- 22.** Warrant to be committed to the Tax Collector for collection under the Hand and Seal of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for the collection of sewer charges.

On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman DeVries, it was voted to commit the warrant in the amount of \$117,363.18 to the Tax Collector under the Hand and Seal of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

- 23.** Ordinances:

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On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the Ordinances by titles only.

These Ordinances having had their third and final reading by titles only, Alderman Thibault moved on passing same to be Ordained. Alderman Smith duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

- 24.** Resolution:

“Amending the FY2006 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Six Dollars (\$239,836) for FY2006 CIP 412206 Radio Interoperability Grant Program.”

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted that the Resolution be read by title only, and it was so done.

Alderman Shea moved that the Resolution pass and be enrolled. Alderman Garrity duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

### **TABLED ITEM**

25. Report of the Committee on Public Safety and Traffic recommending that the following question:

“Are you in favor of requiring that all drivers in the State of New Hampshire carry motor vehicle liability insurance.”

be forward to the voters as a non-binding referendum question at the November 7, 2006 General Election.

(Unanimous vote)

*(Tabled 03/03/2006 pending further discussion with the State of NH Insurance Department. Enclosed is a copy of a communication from the NH Department of Safety advising the Insurance Department is the proper agency to address this matter.)*

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman Roy, it was voted to remove Item 25 from the table for discussion.

Alderman Osborne stated I guess we've written to Concord several times and evidently Virginia Beecher, Department of Safety and Mr. Sevigny at the Insurance Department for some reason they don't want to come down here. I'd like to go ahead with this anyway with the Board. I think we can make decisions on our own...I guess we all know what car insurance and liability insurance is and I'd like to see if we can get this on the ballot for the November election but I think the circumstances here of putting them on the ballot in November is a cost factor because it's a state election and it would cost the city some money to do so. So, I would be more than happy to wait until the next city election and put it on the next ballot next year.

Alderman Garrity asked would it be proper to receive and file at this time and bring it up at that time.

Alderman Osborne stated I would like to pass this now if I could.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated November '07.

Mayor Guinta asked why is there a cost if it's on a state election.

Alderman Osborne replied you've got to print up ballots and so on.

City Clerk Bernier stated what we need is a separate ballot and there is a cost to such ballot, which is why it would cost nothing if we do it in November '07 because we have a ballot prepared.

Alderman Garrity moved to receive and file the report of the Committee on Public Safety and Traffic. Alderman Forest duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Aldermen Roy, Gatsas, Duval, Osborne, Shea and Forest duly recorded in opposition.

## **26. NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Shea stated I just want to publicly compliment Hallsville School, the parents of the students and the students themselves and Friends of Hallsville...there was a young girl who attended the school and still is I guess on their absentee list and she's developed a serious bone cancer and they raised several thousand dollars at an event that was conducted recently and I think it shows how much spirit there is at Hallsville, what a wonderful school it is and what a great...have you visited that school yet, your Honor.

Mayor Guinta replied I have and I will be again soon.

Alderman Shea stated well you've visited that school...well, you know what it's like...it's a homelike atmosphere and it's a great school. I want to compliment the people that were involved...a wonderful set of people. Thank you.

Alderman Lopez stated I would just like to report that more information will be coming but we had the Walk-A-Thon for the Senior Center and we raised over \$35,000 and I'm sure that Chairman/Attorney Nixon will be appearing in this Chamber soon to present that check.

Alderman DeVries stated I just wanted to clarify for the public that may not see a change. Did we change the time of our Finance Committee meeting, the start time on Saturday...is that now nine o'clock.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson replied it's been posted for nine o'clock yes.

Alderman DeVries stated so this coming Saturday starting at nine o'clock will be the major Finance Committee meeting with Police, Fire and others and will be an all day event for those viewing from home. Thank you.

Alderman O'Neil stated unless I missed something we have all four coming in at the same time or is there some communication...is it fair to the Fire Department is presenting last if I recall...to sit here from nine o'clock and they may not be presenting until two.

Mayor Guinta jokingly replied we told them to come at 9:00, 9:05, 9:10 and 9:15.

Alderman O'Neil stated should we assign some ballpark time so that somebody isn't sitting here for six hours waiting to present.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated the Clerk's Office notified them already that we were starting with Schools and we anticipated that to go till probably noon time originally. The Clerk's Office is now scheduled first and I think the others were informed as to what order they were coming in based on and we're assuming pretty much an hour at least for each department.

Alderman O'Neil asked as a courtesy can we put some ballpark timer so that they are not sitting here the whole...

Alderman Gatsas stated I would assume that Schools is probably going to take the better part of two hours.

Alderman O'Neil stated maybe the Chairman of the Finance Committee can just assign some time.

Alderman Gatsas asked who do you have right in after Schools, Carol.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson replied I don't have the schedule.

Alderman Gatsas stated Police...how about if we tell Police to come in at twelve o'clock and bring lunch...Highway at twelve o'clock and bring lunch. The Clerk is at nine, Schools is going to start at ten.

Alderman Shea stated I've been looking in my philosophy studies as to where this "blank" sheet came in and I'm looking through the philosophers and I think Descarte once said that that we enter life as a "blank" sheet and I'm kind of researching Alderman Gatsas' to where this "blank" sheet has come up from...but we'll find that "blank/white" sheet eventually. But, I appreciate him bringing it up because we all should start life with a "blank/white" sheet.

Alderman Roy stated one jovial message and then one serious subject I'd like to bring up that will only take a few minutes. The Friends of Stark Park had their First Annual Easter Egg Hunt attended by over 750 people and raised a couple thousand dollars for that, it's going to be non-profit and it's helping restore the city park so any support from the city is greatly appreciated...that's the fun part. The part that I would like to discuss that is more serious is in Item I this evening that was passed and I do agree with it being passed at the

intersection of Old Falls Road and Massabesic Street we passed it and it was a good thing to pass and change that intersection not only for safety reasons but for people walking in that area it was a dangerous area. But, once again, we have made another parcel of unmaintained city land that should become part of the tax base and we keep doing this either through license on the railroad tracks or land changes within intersections, we keep getting this small strips of land whether they're paper streets or changes that have been made by this Board or Board's previous to us and there's a large amount of tax base property out there and I can only suggest that during this process the Mayor's Office with his staff may look into that. The Assessors' have looked into it, the City Clerk's has looked into it, different aldermen over time have looked into it...there's a considerable amount of non-taxed land out there that increasing your tax base is almost as good as lowering your tax rate. So, I would ask the Mayor's Office to maybe champion that effort and get some of those properties back on the tax rolls.

Mayor Guinta stated I will champion that effort.

Alderman Osborne stated in reference to Old Falls Road and Massabesic Street if everybody's so worried about the grass that is going to be there then I can have the Highway Department asphalt the whole thing in and then we won't have to worry about the grass anymore. I don't think there's a big amount of money over there in land...we're not going to get rich on a little piece of land but if that's the way it's got to be then I'll do it that way.

Alderman Roy stated a very quick response, Mayor. I do agree with you that it's a very small piece of land but if you take one of those and put 20 of them in each of our wards there's 240 pieces of land...then you start talking about acreage...the land that is Union Street Back that we moved on for a road hearing was almost an acre of land in Ward 1...that's off the tax rolls and they're in every ward and that was just the example.

Alderman Osborne stated that's been there since Abraham Lincoln rode down in his carriage...all of a sudden you're after this little piece of land here.

Alderman Thibault stated you'll end up with pieces of land of maybe 15 feet wide, 100 feet deep...the owner next door doesn't want to buy it, doesn't want to take it because he'll have to pay taxes on it. Nobody wants it and that's what happens. Just want you to know that it's been looked at many times.

Alderman Lopez stated I just want to bring three things to the attention of the Alderman. Alderman O'Neil as Chairman of Committee on Administration, I was wondering in reference to the Fleet Manager and Central Purchasing...does that go to any committee or how are we going to handle it, are we going to handle it as the Board or are we going to handle it as the Finance Committee. Does anybody have any ideas. I think...the reason I bring this up is because I think that we have to make those decisions before we do anything

in the budget as to whether there's central purchasing, are we going to have a Fleet Manager and I know the parking is in committee already...so, what's happening to the other two?

Mayor Guinta asked who are you directing that question to?

Alderman Lopez replied anybody that can answer it.

Mayor Guinta asked who can answer it?

Alderman Lopez stated the central purchasing and the Fleet Manager's got to go to somebody, are we going to tackle it as the full Board?

Mayor Guinta stated I would think at the moment it's being dealt with in Finance and then we can have a recommendation from Finance as to where to send it.

Alderman Lopez stated it's not being done in Finance.

Mayor Guinta stated Finance just started.

Alderman Lopez stated I'm just bring a point up.

Mayor Guinta stated let's do this...maybe we can work with the Clerk's Office to give an idea of with some of the proposed changes, what the timetable and what direction the Finance Committee should move in relative to moving them to other committees, would that be appropriate, Alderman.

Alderman Gatsas stated I think either we take everything into Finance as I made the suggestion the other night whether we discuss the parking level...if that doesn't come up to a resolution the next two or three weeks then I don't know where we're going to be at when we're talking about a manager when you're talking through the budget process. So, I guess I'm just looking for direction on whether we all take everything into the Finance Committee and work through them or whether we're going to send everything out to the subcommittees and then have them report back in but it's got to be consistent.

Alderman O'Neil stated regarding the Parking Enterprise that was sent to the Administration Committee, I think we put things on hold until we had the presentation tonight at Public Safety and Traffic which not only did the Committee members attend but also several other Aldermen attended and I think I spoke to Carol earlier and we're going to try to figure out a timeframe as soon as possible to get an Administration meeting called and continue the discussions on that and try to get a recommendation to the Finance Committee as quick as possible. But, we weren't going to do anything until the consultant was in tonight which has been on the calendar for a while.

Alderman Gatsas stated I understand but I guess my question of processes, Alderman, is once your committee makes a recommendation is it making the recommendation to the full Board, the full Board is going to take a vote and then that goes into Finance or is that committee going to report to Finance and Finance is going to move through with it. I guess I'm just looking for direction.

Alderman O'Neil stated I would hope we could streamline...we've been through this before with other...we should get it to the appropriate...I don't think we need to send it to a full Board, wait another meeting back to Finance...I would hope that we could refer it right to the Finance Committee and I'll make that a motion if it's appropriate, your Honor.

Alderman Long duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Lopez stated I think you're absolutely right. The Committee on Finance can review it and report it out to the full Board.

Alderman O'Neil asked do you need a motion on that?

Mayor Guinta replied I don't think it requires a motion...we'll take the Chairman's word for that...that'll be done.

Alderman Lopez stated the most important two things is the Fleet Manager and central purchasing.

Alderman Gatsas asked are they under a department...did you put them under a department.

Mayor Guinta replied that's different because it's not a consolidation...it's a policy change. So, that right now stands in the Committee on Finance. Again, I can work with the City Clerk's Office and the Solicitor's Office to identify if there's a procedure that should be followed for recommendation of the Finance Committee but as far as I'm concerned at the moment it's in Finance.

Alderman Lopez stated there are some ordinances and procedures that have to be followed and I think the City Solicitor would question a couple of things today...I think he'll be coming out with something...it's a long process...I don't want to get down to June 1Ms. Tautkus and everybody rushing.

Mayor Guinta stated why don't we take about a week, it shouldn't take more than a week, right, for us to outline what the ordinance process would be, okay and we'll submit that to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Gatsas asked I guess my question is in your budget where did you put those two people?

Mayor Guinta replied I transferred a BSO from Fire to Enterprise and for central purchasing I took two positions at Highway and City Clerk.

Alderman Gatsas stated there's somewhere and it's just a matter of an ordinance of putting in a position somewhere.

Alderman Lopez stated I think they're under the Mayor.

Mayor Guinta stated the reporting, I believe, is to the Mayor...I need to check my notes but they're not in the Mayor's Office. The housing of them would be I think for the moment at the Traffic Department...again, that's my proposal that can be changed or amended in Finance.

Alderman Lopez stated the question that I have, are we going to handle that as the Finance Committee then or is that going to a committee and iron out all of the bugs or are we going to sit here for five hours, 14 people deciding what's going on.

Mayor Guinta stated again it's in Finance, I'll work with the Clerk and the Solicitor...inside of a week I will give the Finance Department what the ordinance requirements are to give you a timeline of how long you need and then the Finance Department can consider at any subsequent meeting to vote on it and move it to the appropriate committee and I can do that inside of a week from today.

Alderman Shea asked would there be a recommendation as to what department these people would be affiliated with or would they be a separate department? I think that would be important whether they're attached to another department or whether they're a separate department or what kind of an entity by definition they would be?

Mayor Guinta replied their entities are reporting to the Office of the Mayor if I recollect properly.

Alderman Shea stated you could define that when they send out that information.

Mayor Guinta stated sure I will do that.

**18.** State Legislative update by Mayor Guinta, if available.

Mayor Guinta stated I did erroneously skip the legislative update so under new business I will just quickly...there's just one item I want to talk about...HB 2006 which is the state's 10-year Transportation Improvement Plan...that did pass the House and it's going to be heard in the Senate Capital Budget Committee next week. There's two items of importance that I wanted to signify that affect Manchester. First of all, it includes the construction of a full interchange at Exit 7 and 293 and also it studies Exit 6, the Amoskeag Traffic Circle. It also calls for improvements to be made at Exit 6. So, that's something that we're following and wanted to make sure that this Board was aware of it. We're also going to give an update probably later this week as the bills that we're tracking...we're down to less than 30, I think is it...less than 30 so we'll provide you with a report later this week.

Alderman DeVries stated I was just going to comment. I think the other important piece for Manchester is the funding for the airport access bridge construction I think is delayed one year to put off to start fiscal year 2007...or calendar year 2007.

Alderman Roy moved to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(a), which is the dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Roy, Gatsas, Long, Duval, Osborne, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault and Forest voted yea. The motion carried.

On motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Long, it was voted to re-enter public session.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson noted that discussion was contained to discussion relating to RSA 91-A:3 II(a) relating to a public employee.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Alderman DeVries, duly seconded by Alderman Smith, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk