

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(ROAD HEARING)**

September 24, 2007

**6:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)**

In the absence of Mayor Guinta, Chairman Lopez called the meeting to order.

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

Present: Aldermen Roy, Long, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries,
Garrity, Smith, Thibault

Absent: Aldermen Gatsas, Duval, Osborne, Forest

Chairman Lopez advised that the purpose of the road hearing is to hear those wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to a proposed street discontinuance petition, followed by viewing the area of the petition and determination of the action to be taken on such petition. Such petition shall be addressed at which time the Public Works Director shall be requested to make a presentation following which those wishing to speak in favor will be heard, followed by those wishing to speak in opposition. Anyone wishing to speak must first step to the nearest microphone when recognized and state his/her name and address in a clear, loud voice for the record. Each person will be given only one opportunity to speak and any questions must be directed to the Chair.

A. *Petition to discontinue a portion of North Turner Street*

Chairman Lopez requested that Frank Thomas, Public Works Director, make a presentation.

Mr. Frank Thomas, Public Works Director, stated hopefully you've been furnished a street discontinuance petition along with a plan that was prepared by the Highway Department that describes the area that we're going to be talking about. A request has been made to discontinue North Turner Street from Foundry Street approximately 945 feet in a northerly direction to the Bridge Street right-of-way as shown on the plan that hopefully you have. The discontinuance would be subject to reserving easement rights for existing and future public utilities. The Highway Department does support this discontinuance petition and I'd be glad to try and answer any questions that you have.

Alderman O'Neil stated Foundry Street is the street that comes down from CMC.

Mr. Thomas stated that's correct...it's an east/west street.

Alderman O'Neil stated this is north of there.

Mr. Thomas stated this would be north of Foundry Street to basically the Notre Dame Bridge.

Alderman O'Neil stated I never realized that was still ours. We've been plowing it and all of that.

Mr. Thomas stated actually if you take a look at the plan most of the actual street right-of-way has been taken by the Everett Turnpike so there is a sliver that starts off at the normal width of Foundry Street and goes up to practically nothing at the end.

Chairman Lopez called for those wishing to speak in favor.

Attorney Randy Gordon, 670 Commercial Street, Manchester, NH, stated:

I represent the owner of the property in favor of it with the Highway Department's support I think the only additional thing I can add is that it does take away from the City the obligation to maintain and plow that roadway. I don't see it as being used by anyone and if anyone has any questions I'd be happy to answer them as best I can.

Alderman DeVries stated you're representing the owner and I guess my question would be is there any use you wish to tell us about...intentions for the property.

Attorney Gordon replied we plan to use whatever land ends up in that for parking at the Mill West Commercial Center.

Chairman Lopez called for those wishing to speak in opposition. There were none.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to recess the hearing and proceed to view the area of petition presented.

UPON VIEWING

Chairman Lopez called the meeting back to order at the site of the petition.

Item 3A *Petition to discontinue a portion of North Turner Street*

Alderman Thibault moved to approve the petition for discontinuance of a portion of a highway known as North Turner Street, subject to accepting and reserving easement rights for existing and future public utilities the entire length and width of this portion of the street. Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the hearing, on motion of Alderman Long, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk