

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

**November 20, 2007**

**7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
City Hall (3rd Floor)**

Mayor Guinta called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll. Thirteen Aldermen were present.

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

Absent: Alderman Thibault

**Mayor Guinta** advised that the purpose of the special meeting is to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; that comments shall be limited to three minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair. If any resident wishes to speak, please come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

**Glenn R.J. Ouellette**, 112 Auburn Street, stated: First of all, Happy Thanksgiving to you all. It seems to be that if you're a landlord in this City that has money or don't live in the City but own property, you're allowed to break the rules when it comes to the inspection of buildings. Right now as it states in the state of New Hampshire, twenty is the number that is allowed for lead paint, soon to go down to ten. We now have a three-year old baby in the hospital because her level is a nineteen. That should have been a crisis,

warning. We hear from our building inspectors, quote/unquote, speaking of if we close all the landlords down, there won't be enough apartments for all these tenants. That's bull because we no longer have a high percentage of apartments that are empty. We now have 68%, so that doesn't go nowhere. We need to be stiff on this. We're talking safety. This is another safety issue that the City needs to deal with and hasn't yet. I want to congratulate State Senator DeVries for her leadership this past year in the State House on lead paint. But I think the City needs to take it by the horn now and start telling our City employees who work towards this. You need to stop doing this. If a law is broken it needs to be fixed. It has nothing to do with income. It has nothing to do with the landlord not living in this City. If that were the truth, all landlords would be not living in this City so they could get away with it. This new year I'm really in hopes that we go beyond safety and think about the safety of the children in this City. A blood level of nineteen for lead is not something for us to be praising but we ought to be ashamed as leaders to allow this to go on in our City. Thank you.

**Mayor Guinta** stated before we close I'd like to recognize that Troop 290 is here in the balcony, seeking their Communications badge and their Citizens In Community badge. So we welcome you and thank you for being here this weekend.

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

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk