

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

June 1, 2010

7:00 PM

Mayor Gatsas called the meeting to order.

Mayor Gatsas called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gatsas stated I would like to have Alderman Greazzo introduce some youngsters from Parker Varney who are going to lead us in the pledge.

Alderman Greazzo stated thank you, Your Honor. It is my pleasure to introduce these three students from Parker Varney Elementary School to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance this evening. They are Alyssa Spiewak, Kaitlin Soucy and Mikayla Kaul.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Craig, Ludwig, Long, Roy, Osborne, Corriveau, O'Neil,
Lopez, Shea, Shaw, Greazzo, Ouellette, Arnold

Absent: Alderman DeVries

Mayor Gatsas 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 shall 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. Any

resident wishing to speak must come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Mr. Glenn Ouellette, 112 Auburn Street, stated:

Your Honor, I know that you are a new Mayor so it will come as you get to know your job better and you will do it, but lately I have noticed that you keep forgetting to do the moment of silence. It is important. We live in a Christian America. Just last month the school board in Texas did exactly that. They said the Our Father at their meeting. This is what we need to do today in this country and in this City.

We need to be bold to make sure we don't lose the few rights that we have left. I'm here to talk about MCAM and MCTV. We told you back last February, when you came around and decided to make a motion to send a letter to MCTV and MCAM forcing us to terminate ourselves...I can't speak for MCTV, but I can speak for myself and my board at MCAM. We were planning at MCAM as the Board of Directors to renegotiate that contract, but no, it is not about money. It is about power and politics. Then you gave us until March 24th to give you that letter. We did. We gave you our terms. Tonight, at the very last minute, you are going to make a decision. You did not meet soon enough and then you tell us on Friday that if we don't go according to your terms, that at noon today you would terminate us. Wow, that does not sound like the democracy that I know of.

Ladies and gentlemen, as the Board of Mayor and Aldermen it is your job is to do what is best for this city. No backdoor politics. Now the Attorney General's office is involved as of Friday. We told this Board that as a non-profit we cannot give our assets just to anyone. There are rules of a non-profit. They must be given to a non-profit that is registered in the State of New Hampshire. The City of Manchester is a government. You people seem to have a hard time accepting that as you do with the franchise. The franchise is the three stations of which we, the public who have Comcast pay for monthly. We don't mind that you take the monies that are left over. We didn't mind that you reopened the contract, but that

is not what you wanted to do. You are now forming a new five man board. They are all white, all over 50, have all been elected officials...

Mayor Gatsas interjected I take exception...

Mr. Ouellette interjected I'm being honest here. These are facts.

Mayor Gatsas stated you will direct your comments to the Chair.

Mr. Ouellette stated I am directing it to you. I'm saying what these are facts of. They do not represent the melting pot of this community. The community here at MCAM was a center. We had other television stations that were in the process of coming into our station to rent. You moved the gun too fast.

Mayor Gatsas stated three minutes. Thank you very much.

*On motion of **Alderman Craig**, duly seconded by **Alderman Roy**, it was voted to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented.*

Mayor Gatsas stated I have a couple of proclamations that we can give out during this process so we might be able to shorten the regular agenda.

Alderman Ludwig stated thank you, Your Honor. There are three individual that I asked to come forward tonight to be recognized. They are three individuals who gave a significant amount of their time, over a 21 year period, on behalf of the Queen City Athletic Hall of Fame. This was an organization that was put together by Bill Allen and some other interested people in the City to honor athletes in Manchester who I guess you could say were outstanding in their particular area of

participation, whether it was football, golf or swimming. Anyone who did something that was outstanding was inducted into the Queen City Hall of Fame. They inducted over 200 people in 21 years and through the induction of those people, they raised in excess of \$150,000 that went back into recreational projects or scholarships for children and kids who were going back to school. It is just an outstanding thing that they did. At this point, I brought them up to recognize them because we are all getting a little bit older and everything comes to an end. I think at some point this will be picked up again. Right now the economy is down and things are difficult, but I'm sure Bill and Clem will come up here and be recognized. No one put in more effort than these three intervals. There was an entire board, as I understand, that did work diligently on the process as well, but these three individuals were really the nucleus of what I considered to be the Queen City Hall of Fame for 21 years.

The City of Manchester Resolution: Be it known that the Office of the Mayor extends its gratitude to Clem Lemire and Bill Allen in recognition of their 21 years of commitment to the Queen City Athletic Hall of Fame, and be it further known that the City of Manchester extends its best wishes for continued success and that this Resolution is duly signed by the Mayor of Manchester, Theodore Gatsas.

Mayor Gatsas stated you have a check?

Mr. Dave Quinn, Former Chairman of the Manchester Executive Visitor's Bureau, replied I do. My organization has dissolved and we had a little money left over in the treasury and we have been trying to decide what to do with those funds. We had a meeting last week and with the City being awarded the 2010 World Championship Chili Cook Off we felt that those funds could be put to use in support of that event in helping the City write off some those expenses,

specifically for the marketing and advertising of the event. We have a check in the amount of \$5,110 that we would like to present to the City.

Mayor Gatsas stated thank you very much. I was hoping that you were going to say \$510,000, but we'll take the \$5,000 and be thankful for it.

*On motion of **Alderman Shea**, duly seconded by **Alderman Arnold**, it was voted to accept funds in the amount of \$5,1000 from the Manchester Executive Visitor's Bureau to be put towards the 2010 World Championship Chili Cook Off.*

*There being no further business, on motion of **Alderman Craig**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to adjourn.*

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk