

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

October 5, 2010

7:30 PM

Mayor Gatsas called the meeting to order in Joint Session with the Library Trustees.

The Clerk called the roll.

Board of Aldermen

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

Library Trustees

Present: Joanne Barrett, Steve Solomon, Jack Shea,
Monique Brown, Patricia Cornell, Karen Sheehan Lord

Absent: Jeffrey Hickok

Alderman Craig made a motion to nominate Karen Sheehan Lord for reappointment to the Board of Trustees of the Library. Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion. Mayor Gatsas called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Ludwig, it was voted to close nominations.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Craig, it was voted to suspend the rules and approve the reappointment of Karen Sheehan Lord to the Board of Trustees of the Library.

On motion of Alderman Craig, duly seconded by Alderman Ludwig, it was voted to adjourn the meeting in Joint Session with the Library Trustees.

Mayor Gatsas called the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Mayor Gatsas stated before we get started, Friday is Airport Appreciation Day, so I would ask everybody who can stop by the Airport to visit to do such.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Gatsas 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.

Approve under supervision of the Department of Highways, subject to funding availability

A. Sidewalk Petitions:

24 Shaw Street
187 Ash Street

531-537 Lake Avenue
651-653 Silver Street
109 Dave Street
92 Pepperidge Drive
154 Whipple Street
116 Overland Street

Approve under supervision of the Department of Highways

B. Pole Petitions:

11-1278 (2) Maple Street
11-1280 (1) Wilson Street

Information to be Received and Filed

C. Monthly Bulletin from the City of Manchester Health Department for September 2010.

REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

D. Bond Resolution:

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2011 CIP 712711 Manchester Water Works Capital Improvements Project.”

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS, ENROLLMENT AND REVENUE
ADMINISTRATION**

E. Advising that the travel summary reports from various City departments have been received and filed.

(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Roy who was absent)

F. Advising that that it has accepted the following Finance Department reports:

- a) Department Legend
- b) Accounts Receivable summary
- c) Open Invoice report over 90 days

and is forwarding same to the Board for informational purposes.
(Unanimous vote)

G. Advising that that it has accepted the City's Monthly Financial Reports (unaudited) for the two months ended August 31, 2010, and is forwarding same to the Board for informational purposes.

(Unanimous vote)

H. Advising that it has referred to the Finance Department the request of Human Resources to establish a special account for funds to resupply employee identification/access control badges.

The Committee further advises that the Finance Director has been instructed to meet with Human Resources and report back to the Committee.

(Unanimous vote)

I. Recommending that Ordinance Amendments:

“Authorizing the Mayor to dispose of certain tax deeded property situated at Groveland Avenue, Manchester, New Hampshire known as Map 492, Lots 3A and 3B.”

“Amending Chapter 70: Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by amending Section 70.36 Stopping, Standing and Parking by adding Section (E) Overtime Parking and Section (F) Penalty.”

“Amending Chapter 70: Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by amending Section 70.06 Definitions to add the definition of Overtime Parking.”

ought to pass and be enrolled.

(Unanimous vote)

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION/INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- J.** Recommending that the attached Fair Competition Clause for the Manchester Municipal Complex Project be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
- K.** Recommending that McIntyre Ski Area related debt be transferred from the Enterprise Fund to the General Fund.
(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Osborne who voted in opposition)
- L.** Recommending that the request from the Mayor's Office for permission to hang a banner across Elm Street, on September 27, 2010 until October 4, 2010, to advertise for the World Championship Chili Cook-off be approved.
(Unanimous vote conducted via phone poll on September 27, 2010, with the exception of Alderman DeVries who could not be reached.)

COMMITTEE ON LANDS AND BUILDINGS

- M.** Recommending that the request of William St. Jean for the execution of a Revocable License Agreement with the City for the use of City property located adjacent to his 90 River Road property for a storage shed be approved.
(Unanimous vote)

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND TRAFFIC

- N.** Recommending that the following regulations governing standing, stopping, parking and operation of vehicles, be adopted pursuant to Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester and put into effect when duly advertised and the districts affected thereby duly posted as required by the provisions of that Chapter and Chapter 335 of the Sessions Laws of 1951.

Section 70.36 Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited
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RESCIND NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS:

On Roysan Street, east side, from Jeanine Street to a point 250 feet north
Alderman DeVries

NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS:

On Roysan Street, east side, from Jeanine Street to a point 200 feet north
Alderman DeVries

RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME:

On Chestnut Street, east side, from Carpenter Street to Trenton Street
(Ord. 2700)

Alderman Craig

On Bruce Road, east side, from Sagamore Street to a point 50 feet
northerly (Ord. 8652)

Alderman Ludwig

NO PARKING ANYTIME:

On Stevens Street, east side, from Baker Street to a point 47 feet south
Alderman Shaw

On Hanover Street, south side, from Hiler Street to a point 81 feet west
Alderman Osborne

RESCIND TWO HOUR PARKING:

On Hall Street, east side, from a point 60 feet north of Lake Ave. to
Central Street (Ord. 9485)

On Hall Street, west side, from Lake Ave. to Central Street (Ord. 9483)

On Hall Street, west side, from Lake Ave. to Litchfield Lane (Ord. 9509)

Alderman Osborne

TWO HOUR PARKING – 8AM – 4PM:

On Hall Street, east side, from a point 60 feet north of Lake Ave. to
Central Street

On Hall Street, west side, from Lake Ave. to Litchfield Lane

Alderman Osborne

RESCIND HANDICAP PARKING:

On Lake Ave, north side, from a point 85 feet east of Hall Street to a point
25 feet east (Ord. 9054)

Alderman Osborne

TWO HOUR PARKING - 9AM – 8 PM – TUES. -SAT -

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE:

On Maple Street, east side, from a point 20 feet north of Pearl Street to a
point 36 feet north

Alderman Ludwig

CROSSWALK – TEMPORARY – EMERGENCY ORDINANCE:

On Concord Street, east of Vine Street
Alderman Long

**RESCIND LIVE PARKING ONLY DURING SCHOOL HOURS –
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE:**

On Merrill Street, south side, from Jewett Street to a point 160 feet east
(Ord. 9312)
Alderman Shea

**LIVE PARKING ONLY DURING SCHOOL HOURS –
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE:**

On Merrill Street, south side, from Jewett Street to a point 138 feet east
Alderman Shea

HANDICAP PARKING ONLY:

On Merrill Street, south side, from a point 138 feet east of Jewett Street to
a point 22 feet east
Alderman Shea

*(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Roy who was absent. Alderman
Ouellette voted in opposition to the Two Hour Parking 9am to 8pm Tuesday
through Saturday on Maple Street.)*

- O.** Recommending that the request from Chris Wellington, American Cancer Society Volunteer Committee, for permission to paint pink ribbons on four intersections along the annual walk route for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer be approved.

(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Roy who was absent)

- P.** Recommending that the request from Nicole Vailas, Manchester Monarchs, for permission to place yard signs at area businesses, major roads and rotaries throughout the city from October 1, 2010 through October 17, 2010 be approved.

The Committee further recommends that placement of the signs be confined to the list identified within and that the signs be picked up by October 18, 2010.

(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Roy who was absent)

- Q.** Advising that the request from Nicole Vailas, Manchester Monarchs, for permission to paint the Monarch's logo on the pavement at 555 Elm Street in front of the Verizon Wireless Arena as well as other locations has been received and filed.

(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Roy who was 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.

Aldermen Osborne and Greazzo asked to be recorded in opposition to item K.

- 11.** Communication from Michael Gaumont informing the Board of his resignation from the Heritage Commission.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Long, it was voted to accept this resignation with regret.

- 12.** Nominations to be presented by Mayor Gatsas.

No nominations were presented.

- 13.** Communication from Dennis Anctil, Design Engineer, requesting approval of the attached agreement between the City and New Hampshire Department of Transportation regarding funding for the Gaslight District project.

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to send this item to the Committee on Community Improvement.

On motion of Alderman Craig, duly seconded by Alderman Ludwig, it was voted to recess the meeting to allow the Committee on Finance to meet.

Mayor Gatsas called the meeting back to order.

16. Report of the Committee on Finance

The Committee on Finance respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that a Bond Resolution:

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2011 CIP 712711 Manchester Water Works Capital Improvements Project.”

ought to pass and layover.

On motion of Alderman O’Neil, duly seconded by Alderman DeVries, it was voted to accept this report and adopt its recommendation.

17. Report of the Committee on Public Safety, Health and Traffic

The Committee on Public Safety, Health and Traffic respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the request from the Habitat for Humanity to use Arms Lot on Saturday, October 9, 2010, be approved.

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman Roy, it was voted to accept this report and adopt its recommendations.

18. Report of the Committee on Community Improvement

The Committee on Community Improvement respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the City be authorized to execute a partial release of lien consisting of Unit 2, to allow clear title to the Knights of Columbus in accordance with the initial Purchase and Sale Agreement for 800 South Porter Street and an additional partial release of lien consisting of Unit 3, to allow the Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority to secure additional financing from NHHFA.

On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to accept this report and adopt its recommendations.

19. Reports of the Committee on Bills on Second Reading

No reports were presented.

20. Bond Resolution:

“Authorizing Bonds in the amount of Forty-Five Million Dollars (\$45,000,000) for Refunding Certain Outstanding Bonds of the City.”

On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Long, it was voted to read the bond resolution by title only.

On motion of Alderman Craig, duly seconded by Alderman Ludwig, it was voted that the bond resolution ought to pass and be enrolled.

21. Ordinances:

“Authorizing the Mayor to dispose of certain tax deeded property situated at Groveland Avenue, Manchester, New Hampshire known as Map 492, Lots 3A and 3B.”

“Amending Chapter 70: Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by amending Section 70.36 Stopping, Standing and Parking by adding Section (E) Overtime Parking and Section (F) Penalty.”

“Amending Chapter 70: Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by amending Section 70.06 Definitions to add the definition of Overtime Parking.”

On motion of Alderman Arnold, duly seconded by Alderman Ouellette, it was voted to read these ordinances by title only.

On motion of Alderman Ludwig, duly seconded by Alderman Corriveau, it was voted that the ordinances ought to pass and be ordained.

TABLED ITEMS

- 22. Report of the Committee on Community Improvement**
Recommending that the request from the Planning & Community Development Director to rescind \$590,000 of the Bond Resolution for Annual ROW Reconstruction Program, CIP 711209 be approved.
(Unanimous vote)

This item remained on the table.

- 23. Referral to Committee on Finance**
Resolution:
A Resolution “Rescinding \$590,000 of Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases of a Bond Resolution for 2009 CIP 711209 which authorized \$3,211,500 of Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases, so as to endorse the issuance of a bond authorization in the amount of \$2,621,500.”

This item remained on the table.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Gatsas stated there are some things under new business that I have and I know that Alderman Arnold certainly has something that he would like to talk about. There are a couple of things that are pretty important. I think the first one is something that we should all recognize. Manchester was named among the one hundred best communities for young people. We were the only community in the State of New Hampshire that was named. So I can tell you, there are a lot of great things happening in this community and that certainly is one of the things that we should be very positive on. Next you will see that Northeast Delta Dental has made a contribution to City Year New Hampshire. There is a press release stating that they are planning to participate with City Year for the next three years. That is certainly something, as we continue with the City Year project...most of you might have been here or seen the other day that I committed that we would find another 55 Corps members to come to Manchester next year so that we can place them in some more of the elementary schools because I think we need to make this a positive situation. The results that we will see from this year are certainly going to be something that we will want to do for next year. I just don't want to wait. I want to make sure we get started on this early enough so we can get those 55 Corps members and get that to 110 that we have here in Manchester, because I know it's going to be a very positive effect for students and the opportunities that they will have for education.

Alderman O'Neil stated I've had more people say to me how great it is to see those red jackets. Not just the schools themselves but to see them at the corner store. They're living all over the City. So I think beyond the work that they are doing with the young people in our schools, I think their involvement in the community, is well-received.

Mayor Gatsas stated I can tell you that the one thing that has impressed me in the very first few weeks of school is that only having school in session for about four weeks, last week I was at one of the schools that has City Year kids there. I asked one of the students what they liked most about school this year, and I was assuming they might say the new books or the teacher or something to that effect, and they said the best thing that has happened is the City Year people that are here. For a fourth grader to come up with that, I can tell you that is an impressive thing. If it's working four weeks into a school year, I can tell you that it's going to be very difficult for those children to see them leave in June. So certainly that's why I'm looking to be very proactive in seeing if we can't get another 55 Corps members here in Manchester.

Alderman Shea stated I don't know if I'm going to phrase this properly but I'd be interested in seeing their roles. Who structures their roles? Is it the principal or the classroom teacher? How do these people integrate themselves into the schools that they are involved with? In other words, are they part of the process that goes on within the school situation? Are they an adjunct to that? I mean, this is probably an important kind of consideration that should be addressed.

Mayor Gatsas responded they are actually a part of the classroom. They are in classrooms. They have put them right now in third grade classrooms so that they are getting the students that are probably there to learn and prepared to move forward. They are part of the curriculum that the teacher has worked with the Corps members going forward. The Corps members also have their own details as they set out on a weekly basis to meet so that they have goals that they are participating in different schools, doing different functions. It's not just the classroom. It's after school; it's Saturdays. So, they are out there in this community doing an awful lot of things with students that may not be available to them otherwise.

Alderman Shea asked do they work with children who are talented and gifted, or do they just simply work with children that have difficulties adjusting to school?

Mayor Gatsas responded I think they work with everybody that's in the classroom because even the children that are talented and gifted can sometimes run into problems. If they can find a mentor who can help them through that, it just progresses them that much quicker through the educational process. So, they are there for all students, and I can tell you, I don't think it's just the gifted and talented that move forward, but I think you will see that they are going to uplift all of the students in every school that they are in. As a matter of fact, the students who were here from Wilson School this evening were telling me that today they had their NECAP tests, so they were testing all day. So, it's certainly something that we as a community should look forward to, and I know that the people that have been out there, the sponsors that have come forward, are very excited about visiting schools to see what the progress is with the City Year volunteers.

Alderman Shea asked during the course of the year, will the Superintendent address this at the School Board meetings?

Mayor Gatsas responded yes, and I certainly would advocate for every Alderman to take an opportunity to visit one of the five schools that have City Year members in them and walk through; ask the teachers what they think. I can tell you that the few teachers that I've spoken to so far are elated that they have these kids in these schools. So it's certainly something that is very important to every student who is in those schools, and that's why I think it's important that we find another 55 Corps members to get them into five more schools.

Alderman Craig stated the City Year folks are also participating in all of the training that the teachers are, so I think that's very important. They're going through and they're seeing exactly what the teachers are going through so they are prepared for the classroom. The other opportunity that we as Aldermen have is that the City Year headquarters is now right down the street above Z Restaurant, so I would suggest you stop in there as well.

Mayor Gatsas stated the other thing that I'd like to bring forward this evening...I think everyone that is watching us this evening sees us all in pink shirts, and that's certainly due to the Manchester firefighters teaming up for breast cancer awareness. I applaud my colleagues for coming forward and we're all wearing the shirts, and certainly take pride in the shirts that we are wearing this week. I know it's something every one of us has a concern with because it touches everybody. So I applaud the firefighters for being out there and taking a positive position on this. Chief, congratulate your men and women because I think it's a worthy cause that they are out there doing what they are doing.

Alderman O'Neil stated I want to add to your comments to thank the Chief and the men and women, and specifically the leadership of Local 856 for coming up with this. I think we have probably read in the paper, it has touched the firefighting community in Portsmouth and another community which I can't think of off the top of my head, where a firefighter is battling breast cancer right now, so it hits home with them personally. I just want to remind the public that they are selling t-shirts. Chief, is it through the month? It's in all ten fire stations for ten dollars. The Chief can stand up and model the t-shirts that they are selling.

Mayor Gatsas stated they certainly aren't quite as classic as these with the collars. They are t-shirts, and I think this is either the second or third batch that they've ordered because they've sold out a couple of times. So certainly, anyone who wants them, stop by any station and they have t-shirts there.

Alderman O'Neil stated one final thing, Your Honor. There is a big event coming up on Sunday, October 17th, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. It's going to go at Arms Park, with registration from 10:30 till noon. The walk begins at 1:00 PM, and people can reach out to the American Cancer Society's Bridgett Ryan for any contact information, but I know the City of Manchester is led...I hope I have the name of the team right, The Manchester Haulers, led by the Honorable Tax Collector Pat Harte...

Mayor Gatsas interjected wrong name.

Alderman O'Neil asked wrong name?

Mayor Gatsas responded yes, because I had to make a donation for everybody who caught me taking the elevator. I had to put a dollar in a bucket. But I can tell you that I took the stairs every day last week, but I plan on making a \$100 contribution to the team that's being led by our Tax Collector.

Alderman O'Neil asked Pat, is it the Manchester Haulers or do I have the wrong name?

Ms. Pat Harte, Tax Collector, responded it's the Queen City Haulers.

Alderman O'Neil stated the Queen City Haulers led by the Honorable Tax Collector Pat Harte, and she should get a round of applause.

Mayor Gatsas stated the Legislative Monitoring and Tracking Services, we've gone out for an RFP. They should be back Tuesday, October 19, 2010. The November meetings will be Monday, November 1st because Election Day is November 2nd.

Alderman DeVries asked are you setting the full Board meeting for Monday night before the election? Is that what I just heard?

Alderman Lopez responded yes.

Alderman DeVries asked don't we usually have it after?

Mayor Gatsas responded I think we've had conversation about it afterwards. I think depending on what happens with the elections on Tuesday, whether there are any recounts that are called for, the Clerk may end up being in Concord on Wednesday, and I know that there probably are four or five people that are on the ballot.

Alderman Lopez stated just so the Aldermen know, I've had some discussion with the City Clerk, and his recommendation was November 1st. I do agree with him. Most of his staff will be here during that day in order to get ready for the election anyway. That was the idea behind the recommendation that he came up with.

Alderman DeVries stated I think my concern is that some of us, at least myself, are on the ballot. The night before the election I could be engaged still in campaign activities. I don't like to miss these meetings. I don't miss too many. It puts me immediately into a conflictive position that could easily be avoided.

Mayor Gatsas stated if this Board wants to go to November 3rd, I don't have a problem with that.

Alderman DeVries stated I'm not sure the third is the alternative.

Mayor Gatsas stated well, the next meeting is November 16th. There aren't too many spaces in between.

Alderman O'Neil asked is it expected that it is going to be a very light agenda?

Mayor Gatsas responded well, if we could move quickly off of this item, we'll be done real quick and we could probably move as quick next week.

Alderman O'Neil asked have we, over the years, gone back-to-back weeks?

City Clerk Matt Normand responded typically what happens is it is moved to the following week and the second meeting of the month needs to get bumped, in that case. We looked at November 9th. I know there are activities of the School Board in here on the 9th, which is the following Tuesday. Of the poison on the 3rd versus the 1st, we had looked at November 1st as being the best alternative. I know there are people on the Board not available on Thursday. And there is the Zoning Board on Thursday.

Alderman O'Neil asked just for clarification, Matt, you said on the 9th the School Board is in here?

City Clerk Normand responded there are committee meetings in here on the 9th.

Alderman O'Neil asked what about the Monday night?

City Clerk Normand responded Monday night is the full School Board and the Committee on Finance.

Alderman O'Neil stated maybe in the past the School Board wasn't using the Chambers.

Alderman Lopez stated if Alderman DeVries or other Aldermen out there campaigning, if there are any major issues, we can table them.

Mayor Gatsas stated if there is any issue on the agenda, if you want to table it...

Alderman Lopez interjected if that becomes the case.

Alderman DeVries stated I appreciate the nod, if I'm understanding Alderman Lopez correctly, if I'm not able to attend and there is something I wanted to participate in, you are offering to have that tabled that evening so that I can still participate. That's acceptable. Obviously, I would prefer to be here and fully participating. I just don't know what the night before will be. I thank you for the thought. What's new this year is we now are squeezing School Board meetings into this room. It does reduce our flexibility, so I understand, Your Honor.

Mayor Gatsas stated the deadline for agendas is October 22nd. If you want something on the agenda for the meeting of November 1st, it must be in by October 22nd.

Alderman O'Neil stated usually that first Monday is Public Safety, Health & Traffic and CIP. I'm going to guess both committees are lightening the load a little bit. We're going to be okay for not referring things that night.

Mayor Gatsas stated you're not referring anything that night.

Alderman Roy stated we never refer anything unless it is time sensitive anyway.

*On motion of **Alderman Lopez**, duly seconded by **Alderman O'Neil**, it was voted to hold the first November Board meeting on November 1, 2010.*

Alderman Greazzo stated I want to announce a ward meeting Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 7:00 PM at Parker-Varney.

Alderman Arnold stated we only have so many opportunities to take personal privilege with these microphones and I've been promising a very proud mother that I would be doing this for the last couple of months, and I'm finally getting around to it. A young man in my ward recently joined, as many young people do, the armed forces. I thank you, Your Honor, to drawing attention to those individuals who were graduating in May that made that decision to serve the country in that capacity. I just want to reiterate that we at City Hall recognize the unparalleled level of service that these individuals provide. It takes a certain amount of courage and fortitude to decide to serve our community and the country in that way. So, to the individual in my ward, John Brone, whose mother is going to visit him at Fort Benning this coming week, I extend my thanks and I extend

my thanks to all individuals from our communities who have joined the armed services and currently serve.

Alderman Lopez stated I passed out a correspondence from the YWCA.

Unfortunately, the Committee on Administration is not going to meet in reference to the YWCA and working with the family and friends of Missy Charbonneau to hold *Missy's Hope 5K Run/Walk*. The drift of this whole thing was the request to waive the fee of \$120 for the use of the clubhouse at Crystal Lake, so I'm asking the Board what their wish is. I talked to the Alderman from that ward and maybe she can elaborate a little bit.

Alderman DeVries stated I certainly would invite anybody from the public who would like to join us on October 16th. I believe the kick off is at 10:00, though it doesn't say here, and I'm operating off memory, and that's not always a good thing to do. It will be a walk/run, so anybody can participate. You don't have to be a runner or a jogger to participate with us, and we certainly are honoring Missy Cantin Charbonneau who grew up around Crystal Lake, was a lifeguard at Crystal Lake. Many will remember that she lost her life to a domestic violence attack in the City, I believe it was about a year ago. This is our opportunity to begin fund raising, both for the family of Missy Charbonneau and the YWCA, which handles all of the domestic violence issues here in the City. They have a crisis center. So, I'd like to make a motion that, since this is a non-profit, we waive the \$120 fee for the use of the clubhouse that day at Crystal Lake.

Alderman O'Neil stated we've got to be consistent on this. What have we been doing? Have we been waiving fees, or have we been charging some people and not charging others?

Mayor Gatsas responded that's a good question, Alderman. I can tell you that we've waived some fees and some people we've charged.

Alderman DeVries stated so to waive this one would be perfectly consistent.

Alderman Lopez stated we've waived fees for 2011 and have to discuss it in the budget process for 2012.

Alderman O'Neil asked would somebody just remind me what fees we waived?

Alderman Lopez responded I can tell you that we waived the fees at Derryfield Country Club for the Senior Center. We waived the Youth Golf a long time ago, so that's in existence, and that's before Committee now during the budget process.

Mayor Gatsas stated we also waived some fees for another youth tournament.

Alderman O'Neil stated but the golf stuff is going away. Isn't that the recommendation?

Mayor Gatsas responded that is the recommendation.

Alderman Ludwig asked is the \$120 for the rental of the facility or is it to pay a person?

Mayor Gatsas stated I can't tell you what that answer is.

Alderman Ludwig stated if it's to rent the facility, I'm in favor of it. If it's to pay someone that has to be there to clean or something, then I wouldn't be in favor.

Alderman Lopez stated the correspondence does say clubhouse.

Mayor Gatsas stated so somebody is going to have to open it up.

Alderman DeVries stated I don't have the answer for that. Unfortunately, I saw this this evening myself when Alderman Lopez brought it forward. I would say that there is a very active volunteer group that's very active at Crystal Lake that always handles the opening and closing of the gate and such there. I don't think Parks and Recreation has ever sent anybody down to open and close it.

On motion of Alderman DeVries, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to waive the \$120 fee for the use of the clubhouse at Crystal Lake on October 16, 2010, for the Missy's Hope 5K Run/Walk.

Mayor Gatsas stated one more thing, certainly I know that you all have heard, or if you didn't hear, I don't know where you've been over the weekend, but there was a pretty exciting event in the City of Manchester. I can tell you that City employees, I know, have stepped up in the past. When we had the ice storm, they came forward and did yeomen's work. I can tell you that I am absolutely thrilled and proud of every employee in the City of Manchester because they came forward. The Park was immaculate, cleaned in between days. There was bark mulch when we needed it to fill in holes for puddles. People were running around. Families in Transition and their volunteers did an outstanding job. The YMCA and their volunteers did a great job. New Horizons was there. We had high school football, hockey and soccer teams – young men and women from throughout the City of Manchester volunteering. I'd be remiss if I didn't tell you that there were a couple of people who did some incredible work, one of them being Chris Wellington from the Economic Development Office. He went over the edge to be accommodating. He did a great job with the event. Three other

people...Alderman Roy, who was in the Welcome Center, was there Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Alderman Long was down with Parking Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. And also, Captain Mark Pelletier from the Fire Department was there Friday, Saturday and Sunday doing an incredible job making sure that people...I can tell you in that three-day period there must have been 2,000 or 3,000 people who came through that Welcome Center, and I can tell you they were addressing questions about lost children, where to stand, and counting money and getting it to the bank. I can tell you that they did an unbelievable job. There were two people also from my office who were right there and stood up and were there from Friday in the morning from somewhere around 4:30 or 5:00 to start the weekend and closed it out at 7:00. But the most incredible thing is that you talk to businesses downtown. Sunday night at 7:00, I would venture to say that almost every business on Elm Street had people in it. There was a waiting line at Portland Pie. J. W. Hills was full. As you went down on Saturday night, people were on Elm Street. Businesses will tell you it was much different than a parade because people that were coming down were actually going into the stores and visiting. It was an incredible event for the City of Manchester. I think we should all be proud that we stepped forward to make sure this event happened, and I can tell you that without your support, it wouldn't have happened, and I thank you for that. Certainly I can tell you that we need to find four or five other venues that we can bring to the City. We are working on a couple right now. It will be interesting and exciting to get them here.

Alderman Ludwig stated I just want to echo you because you didn't mention by name. I know your entire staff did a remarkable job, but one person in particular...I know I was informed every step of the way in terms of an email. I know you don't send emails out. I know you don't send emails out, so these had to come from somebody else, and Samantha Piatt, I think she should get a round of applause. I was so impressed; it was unbelievable.

Alderman Roy stated there are two things I'd like to add to that. Mike Pelletier is a District Chief. I want to correct that. And, there is something that blends into what Alderman O'Neil was talking about earlier about City Year. Guess who a lot of the volunteers were that came down as well? The City Year people were there as well. So not only were they volunteering all week in our schools but they were down there participating as well. I thought that was awesome.

Alderman O'Neil stated when I happened to stop by on Friday and probably picked the time with the heaviest rain to be there, I ran into Tom Matson from Parks and Chris Wellington from the Economic Development office, and I don't know who was wetter of the two of them because I think they had been down there quite a bit. Even on Friday in the heavy rain it was a pretty special event. I saw Tim Soucy and Phil Alexacos, our great Health people, down there checking it out. It was pretty special. On the Chili Fest, I've heard nothing but great feedback, but we also can't forget that the circus was here at the same time, which brought a whole other group downtown, and to see them mixing...I've heard stories since Sunday about people saying they went to Chili Fest and then to the circus, or they went to the circus and then Chili Fest.

Mayor Gatsas stated and don't forget the Fire Prevention parade on Sunday.

Alderman O'Neil stated yes, the Fire Prevention parade. How dare I forget a parade. It really was a special time in the City. We're pretty fortunate. I know a lot of people worked hard. Your Honor, I know you stuck your neck out on this. You deserve a lot of credit. Well done.

Alderman Long stated Your Honor, this is in respect to the complex. I've been speaking with a lot of Aldermen who have been calling me, asking me for information. As you are aware, the process is moving quickly, so I feel it would behoove this Board to have some details prior to whatever we figure out what the bonding will be. After talking with Alderman Lopez, he had suggested to me that I push through, representing the Committee, what I feel would be in the best interest of this Board, prior to making any of those decisions. So, on November 9th, if needed, I'd like to have a special meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to discuss a detailed project budget, a description of each building, the structure, square footage, what have you. Also, the project summarizing the important points of the contract with the City Solicitor prior to us approving either a contract with the construction lawyer or whatever bond, if that's what we decide to go forward on.

Mayor Gatsas stated the date you are bringing forward is November 9th. I think that's a date...

City Clerk Normand interjected there are two or three School Committees that are in a room on that night that would have to be moved to the Executive Conference Room if the Board wants to meet.

Mayor Gatsas stated we can do that. I'm sure the School Board would not have a problem with that.

Alderman Long stated very good. I have the required signatures. I have one other thing, too, Your Honor, if I may. I spoke with a constituent who was beaten and robbed. He ended up in the hospital. He got out of the hospital and went home. He had called me prior to that, but then he called me two weeks later, once

he got home, praising Officer Aaron Brown for stopping at his house, just to ask him how he was doing. Mr. Sawyer was the victim here who felt more secure and was very grateful for this officer stopping at his house, concerned about his well-being. I just needed to mention that. Officer Brown deserves our full support and gratitude for his dedication and his personal approach to the citizens of Manchester.

Mayor Gatsas stated if you'd like, Alderman, we can send a letter from our office, indicating that all of the Aldermen and the Mayor commend him.

Alderman Long stated that would be great. Thank you, Your Honor.

Mayor Gatsas stated also, if I could have a motion that we send something to Mayor Baines and his wife, because I know that the services were in Nashua on Monday, so if we can send something to their home, and have the Clerk do that, I'd appreciate it.

Alderman Lopez stated the City Clerk can handle that. Just a fast question on November 9th...Did I hear that we would be in the conference room?

Mayor Gatsas stated no, we aren't going to be in the conference room. The School Committees will be in the two conference rooms, either the one upstairs or downstairs.

Alderman Lopez stated I want to make sure that the City Solicitor and the Finance Officer will be prepared to answer these questions.

Mayor Gatsas stated I can tell you, Alderman, that I was going to bring something forward a lot sooner than that, but if it's November 9th, then certainly they are going to be prepared with documents if we are going to move forward, or recommendations that we aren't going to move forward, based on the reasons that they would suggest why we wouldn't.

Alderman Lopez stated right. I think that Mr. Sanders can speak for himself about the bonding.

Mr. Sanders stated right now our plan would be to probably go to the bond market the week after Thanksgiving, so if there was a meeting on November 9th that would not interfere with that schedule.

Alderman O'Neil stated just a question to follow up on that...wouldn't we need two dates because wouldn't it have to layover as a resolution?

Mr. Sanders responded that would presume, Alderman, that there is going to be a supplemental bond authorization. If there was going to be a supplemental bond authorization, then yes, it would have to go through two readings and it would have to layover.

Mayor Gatsas stated we've already passed the \$43.5 million, Alderman.

Alderman O'Neil stated but if we did November 9th, does November 16th allow...

Mayor Gatsas interjected it has already had its meetings.

Alderman O'Neil stated so it is only amending it then. It does not have to layover.

Mayor Gatsas stated it would have to layover because it is additional financing.

Alderman O'Neil asked from November 9th to the 16th, does that allow that to happen?

Mr. Sanders responded we would have to figure that out between now and then, I suppose. As I said, we are talking about going to the bond market the last week of November or the first week of December.

Mayor Gatsas stated we are going to stay within the \$43.5 million, so let's not worry ourselves about that right now.

Alderman O'Neil stated I won't go down that road.

Alderman Ouellette stated I just want to say that I didn't sign that letter. The idea was presented to me about five minutes before the meeting that started at 7:00 PM. I feel very disrespected about that, if there is so much talk about needing a special meeting. Some of these people, my colleagues, I talk to on a daily basis. I was with the person bringing the letter forward last night. He didn't say a word to me about it, Your Honor. I'm very disrespected about that. I feel very disrespected. If I work on something, Your Honor, I call every member of this Board, whether I feel they are in favor of it or against it. I let them know what I'm doing and I ask for their support. If they can't give it to me, that's fine. I don't know what the issue is in terms of why we have to rush this meeting. I think the process is going forward just fine. People who wanted information were able to get it after asking for it. And Your Honor, right now I just feel very disrespected

by my colleagues. We've been working so well together, openly with each other and talking with each other. I'm not even sure the Chairman of the Board knew before today that this was going to happen, and I think that's disrespectful. So I just want to say that going forward, I hope this doesn't happen again, Your Honor. Come on, people, please, let's work together; let's keep the lines of communication open. Everybody has my cell phone number, and I've called people about other things in the past, so I don't know why. I don't know if they don't trust me or what the deal is, Your Honor, but I feel very disrespected about this. Thank you.

Alderman Long stated Your Honor, this whole scenario was October 5th, today, so there was no intent to disrespect anybody. Today was when this all started to happen. The letter is just on information. If you don't need the information, that's okay, but I've spoken with Aldermen who have called me and asked for information and I feel, as representing the Aldermen on that selection committee that it is my responsibility to bring forward all the information that I have because we're going to be making decisions and I would like you to have all of the information that I have so you can make your decision. There was no intent to slight anybody. I happened to get a call from Alderman Lopez and we were discussing this, not this special meeting but at the end of our conversation he told me that since I was on the selection committee it was my responsibility to make sure that everybody knows what that selection committee is. If anybody was slighted, there was no intent to slight. There was no behind the back information that I'm aware of. It's all simple information that I believe my colleagues ought to know, prior to making any decision that we're eventually going to have to make.

Alderman Ouellette stated my comments are on the record. I stand by my comments, and I just hope in the future more information is handed down before I get a piece of paper handed to me during the meeting and I have to read the letter during the meeting. I'm the only one who didn't sign it, Your Honor. Thank you.

Mayor Gatsas stated I appreciate that, Alderman Ouellette, because I'll tell you why. I never knew about it.

Alderman Ouellette stated and that's just as disrespectful, Your Honor.

Mayor Gatsas stated let's leave it at that.

Alderman Long stated just a clarification that Alderman Osborne didn't sign it either.

Alderman Arnold stated I just wanted to echo Alderman Lopez's comments about making sure that the City Solicitor and outside counsel, as well as any of the other individuals referenced by Alderman Long - the Public Works Director, anyone else that I guess needs to be notified in order to get information to this Board is notified in a timely enough fashion in order to make that deadline.

Alderman Lopez stated I think I have to speak on this as Chairman of the Board. Again, I didn't know that a special meeting was going to be called, but Alderman Long is our representative, and he is correct in saying that people had a lot of questions. I know some people have checked the City Clerk's office and maybe your office and called Kevin. So many calls are going around that nobody has a handout. You see what the makeup is. If anyone can read those charts, they probably should go out and get a job in engineering. So I think Kevin has to put it

in layman's terms. I want to assure Alderman Ouellette that Alderman Long is absolutely correct in his comments. I didn't know there was going to be a special meeting till I came before the Board here. But he decided that he wants to inform the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and I assured him that I sanctioned that because there have been a lot of questions. I hope there is no animosity among the Aldermen. I think we have our pink shirts on tonight. We had a pretty fast meeting, and I'll leave it at that.

Alderman Ouellette stated Mr. Chairman, if you're going to ask, not you, but if someone is going to ask somebody to sign a piece of paper, then he should at least get a courtesy phone call so as to find out why he's signing that piece of paper, before the meeting.

Alderman Lopez stated fair enough.

Mayor Gatsas asked should I take my pink shirt off? I was just checking. I would think that someone would give the Mayor the courtesy, because there aren't many courtesies that I don't give every one of you.

Alderman Lopez stated you are absolutely correct, and I think it happened during the meeting that we couldn't get to you, number one. Somebody could have gotten to you, and I apologize for that.

Mayor Gatsas asked couldn't get to me? We rode on a bus together. I was in the back room with people.

Alderman Lopez stated I didn't even know that then.

Alderman Ouellette stated that's exactly my point, Your Honor.

Mayor Gatsas stated I guess we should just leave it. I think we only heard process once tonight, and it didn't even come from Alderman Arnold.

Alderman Arnold stated I call that a step in the right direction.

Alderman O'Neil stated out of fairness to what went on, there hasn't been a lot of information shared with the Aldermen, and that's part of the problem here. There has not been a lot of information, and I think Aldermen on their own are searching out information through different avenues. I don't think there was anything wrong with asking for the special meeting or signing the letter. I signed it at 7:30 this evening. So, there hasn't been a lot of information presented. I am aware that we have this deadline of some time in November, and I didn't know till tonight what the specific date is. I spoke with Mr. Sanders last week about this issue with the bonding. We're going to have to make a very serious decision on moving forward with the project at \$43.5 million that we've approved, or do we move forward with a number higher than that.

Alderman Lopez stated or lower.

Alderman O'Neil stated good luck, guys, if you think you're going to get a number lower than that. I don't know where this \$43.5 million came up, but we don't control the construction market, and we're going to have to make a decision on that. But, in order to make that decision, we've got to have information. Whether some Aldermen are disappointed...I for one have probably called Alderman Long every other day trying to get information. What about this; what about that. We've got a very serious vote coming up in November, and there is not a lot of information, nor is that a lot of time. They could be selecting a construction manager as early as tomorrow. So, there is not a lot of time on this,

and the bond number has to be right, and if we don't get it right, we do have opportunities later, but we don't have the opportunities for the rebates on the interest later. Thank you.

Mayor Gatsas stated before we leave, we've got the \$64,000 question that we are waiting on, Chief, if you would come forward.

Mr. David Mara, Chief of Police asked is this about Thanksgiving being on Thursday? At the last meeting the Mayor and many of you asked me to take a look at the issue of when Halloween should be. At first, when I looked at that, I said to myself, 'Since the 1970's we've done it at the time that we have been, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM'. My first reaction was that we are different from the rest of New Hampshire. We are an urban area. Goffstown, Bedford...we've heard all of these different times that were outlined and at first I thought there was no reason to change it. Then I started doing some more checking. I checked across the country. Gary Simmons assisted me. He checked with a lot of different departments. I actually made a phone call. I called the Chief of Police in Lowell and talked about what problems they have. What I was concerned about what children crossing the street, mostly the inner city area, the compact part of the city. I was nervous about that. I did make some calls. I did check extensively in Massachusetts. I tried to check with cities our size and I found that we are the only ones that had it at those hours. What I've decided to do for this year is schedule Halloween from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, with the caveat that I'm going to have a couple of extra patrols out there, a couple of extra officers in cars, and I will be monitoring this very carefully to see how it goes. I can tell you that public safety is what I'm worried about. I'm going to ask my officers what their concerns were out there. The bottom line is I'm going to see what happens. We'll post the change on our website. I see that the Union Leader is here.

Alderman Greazzo stated thank you, Chief, for your consideration. I'm sure the children of Manchester will be more than happy to celebrate Halloween on Halloween night.

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

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk