

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

November 1, 2010

7:00 PM

Mayor Gatsas called the meeting to order.

Mayor Gatsas called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Kendra Guzman, Cesar Ponce and Austin Eaton. Their teacher, Beth Kennedy, was also with them and an interpreter, Cheryl Dibble.

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

Mr. Craig Haney, Union Street, stated:

I have one question. I'm not sure if I can ask a question of you. On the consent agenda, item J, there is an item for a peddler's license. Can someone explain that issue to me?

Mayor Gatsas replied this is really not an exchange of questions and answers. It is for you to come to express your comments to the Board. We can certainly have someone from the Clerk's Office address your question.

Alderman Shea asked Your Honor, may I have executive privilege to read a letter that I think all the Aldermen were given? Just to update the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, at the October 19th meeting there was a woman seated in the audience by the name of Mary Moran. When Representative Garrity left I said that he was from Ward 7 and I wasn't sure about Mary Moran. I would like to read a letter into the record acknowledging who this lady is and who she represents. This letter was addressed to me on October 20th and it states, "Dear Alderman Shea, I attended the aforementioned meeting last evening in support of Mr. Peter Kelleher, Representative Garrity and the Harbor Homes Homeless Veterans Shelter Initiative presented to the Board at meeting. At that time it occurred to me that several of the Aldermen were unaware of my support role. Therefore, I wanted to take a few minutes to introduce myself and to provide business cards. I am the Director of the New Hampshire Office of Veterans' Services and as such have worked with Mr. Kelleher, State Representative Barnes, State Representative Garrity and numerous others on initiatives on veteran's assistance. I was part of the State Homeless Veteran's Committee that developed a four year plan to end homelessness in New Hampshire that Mr. Kelleher mentioned last evening. I also provided assistance to Senator Barnes and Representative Garrity with permission to study the need for supportive housing for homeless veterans as a result of the 2010 House Bill 1387. As the Mayor stated at last evening's meeting, we are

aware that this is a significant problem in other states also. We believe that any initiative taken in New Hampshire can be a model for other states to follow. We also feel strongly that as there is a growing population of women veterans so we must make preparations to facilitate this population of veterans should the need occur. We will continue to work with this effort and fully support his initiative. We ask for your support as well. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this noble and worthwhile issue. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns in this or any other matter. Respectfully and sincerely, Mary Moran, Staff Sergeant U.S.A.F. Retired Director.” Therefore, Your Honor, we acknowledge who she is and I thank you for the privilege tonight.

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

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

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk