

**COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION/  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

**October 15, 1996**

**6:45 PM**

Chairman Pariseau called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Ald. Pariseau, Elise, Shea, Hirschmann

On motion of Alderman Elise, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA-91:A-3 Paragraph 2(c) to discuss licenses to operate taxicabs.

On motion of Alderman Elise, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to re-enter into public session.

Chairman Pariseau addressed item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from Deputy City Clerk Bergeron, requesting that consideration be given relative to changing the taxicab ordinance in order to clarify the intent to comply with NIDA standards in the City's drug testing programs.

There was no discussion. On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Elise, it was voted to approve changing the taxicab ordinance.

Chairman Pariseau addressed item 6 of the agenda:

Copy of a communication from the Federal Communications Commission advising of the adoption of an Amendment to Continental Cablevision's Social Contract.  
(Note: available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office and forwarded under separate cover to Committee members.)

On a motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to open the topic for discussion.

Ald. Pariseau asked if anyone was present representing the Cable Company. Ald. Pariseau said that the important elements of the contract include an estimated \$1.7 million in subscriber refunds in the form of subscriber bill credits as well as equipment improvement and asked if the item was informational only. Consensus was that it was informational only.

Ald. Pariseau said he had another question. The report also stated that cable programming service tier increases will be capped at \$1.00 per year for each of the next two to four years. Are we looking to increase basic services for each of the next three years? Ald. Pariseau asked if the Committee would table the item and have someone from the Cable Company address a future meeting.

Alderman Shea moved to table the item, seconded by Alderman Elise. Motion passed.

On motion of Alderman Elise, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to remove item 7 from the table for discussion: Motion passed.

Discussion relative to the establishment of a Board of Directors for Channel 40 as governed by the Continental Cablevision contract. (Tabled 4/16/96 - authorization of the Cable Advisory Committee submitted by Ms. Sullivan enclosed.)

Ald. Pariseau asked if the Committee had received any names yet for the Committee. He said we were supposed to get two names from the public, two from government, and two from education. Dr. Grace Sullivan explained that she has been contacting potential volunteers to serve on the Committee, but had not yet finalized a complete list. Ald. Pariseau stated that he thought the Aldermanic members should include Ald. Elise and Ald. Reiniger, as a lawyer. For education, maybe the Superintendent. Dr. Sullivan acknowledged that these were people who had been under consideration among a number of possible candidates. She also explained about the interrelationships that cable television and the schools were developing and expressed the hope that Committee members would include

people who had some technical skills to help in developing the new technologies as well as a strong interest in the School of Technology program. Ald. Pariseau stated that he thought Dr. Sullivan should prepare a list of names for the Cable Advisory Committee and the Administration Committee could then make a recommendation to the Mayor and Aldermen.

Ald. Hirschmann asked why a new committee was needed. What was wrong with the way things were being done now? Dr. Sullivan said that she appreciated Ald. Hirschmann's feelings that things were going well and didn't need to be changed, but that the contract with Continental required the appointment of this Committee and that the school needed the Committee to help negotiate the next contract with Continental.

Ald. Hirschmann asked who was negotiating now? He stated that he didn't like building more committees and boards when things were working smoothly now. Ald. Pariseau stated that some years ago the Board of Mayor and Aldermen made the Administration Committee the negotiating committee. Dr. Sullivan said that this Cable Advisory Committee would be doing the research to make recommendations to the Board. This is what is needed going into negotiations. And this Committee was set up by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for that purpose.

Alderman Shea moved to table this item so that Dr. Sullivan could prepare a list of names for the Cable Advisory Committee and provide that list to Administration so that a recommendation could be made to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The motion was duly seconded by Ald. Elise. Ald. Hirschmann opposed the motion. Motion passed.

Ald. Shea moved that item 8 be taken off the table. Seconded by Ald. Hirschmann:

Communication from Alderman Reiniger requesting the Committee review the matter relative to numerous complaints from residents of River Road regarding disturbances created by outdoor entertainment at the Inn at Amoskeag Falls.

(Tabled 8/27/96 - communication from Alderman Reiniger dated 9/19/96 submitting proposed amendments enclosed.)

Ald. Pariseau recognized Ald. Reiniger to speak on this item. Ald. Reiniger explained that the proposed amendment was drafted by the City Clerk's

Office. The intent of the ordinance change was to give the Police Department and the City the authority to set certain restrictions on businesses which might otherwise create disturbances in their neighborhoods. Ald. Pariseau asked if this would be part of the licensing ordinances. Ald. Reiniger said it would.

Ald. Shea moved that the proposed changes be sent to the City Solicitor for his review and to return it to the Committee with his recommendation. Motion was duly seconded by Ald. Hirschmann. Motion passed.

The Chairman stated that if there was no further business, a motion would be in order to adjourn. Ald. Shea moved to adjourn, duly seconded by Ald. Hirschmann. Motion carried.

A True Record. Attest

Clerk of Committee