

COMMITTEE ON BILLS ON SECOND READING

October 5, 2010

5:45 PM

Chairman DeVries called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen DeVries, Lopez, Arnold

Absent: Aldermen Corriveau, Shaw

Messrs: B. Stanley

Chairman DeVries addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. Ordinance Amendment:

“Authorizing the Mayor to dispose of certain tax deeded property situated on Island Pond Road, Manchester, New Hampshire known as Map 611, Lot 4A.”

On motion of Alderman Arnold, duly seconded by Alderman Lopez, it was voted that the ordinance amendment ought to pass.

Chairman DeVries addressed item 4 of the agenda:

4. Ordinance Amendment:

“Amending 70.54 Permit Parking in Lieu of Coin Deposit and Parking District of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by changing Lake Avenue between Elm and Chestnut from District 26 to District 27.”

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman Arnold, it was voted to discuss this item.

Alderman Lopez said I think it's important to have a brief explanation from the Parking Manager explaining District 26 to District 27, Lake Avenue, between Elm and Chestnut Streets. Could you just enlighten me a little bit for the public?

Ms. Brandy Stanley, Parking Manager, replied sure. What this ordinance does is it changes the rate on one block of Lake Avenue between Elm and Chestnut Streets. Currently it is at \$.50 per hour, Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 5:30PM. This ordinance changes it to \$.75 per hour, Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 8:00PM, and that is consistent with the ordinance that was passed for the new Lake Avenue lot. Without this ordinance change, we would probably need to purchase an additional two parking meters. If we change the street to match the rates of the parking lot, then we can use those two meters for both the street and the lot. That's something that we do with the Middle Street parking lot. We don't have any meters inside, but because the parking lot has the same rate as the surrounding streets, the meters serve both the inside and the streets around the parking lot.

Chairman DeVries said I just want to note that Alderman Corriveau and Alderman Shaw have joined the Committee.

Alderman Lopez asked so District 26, \$.50 per hour zone, that's all going to be marked by a big sign or something?

Ms. Stanley responded yes, we'll change the signage and change the programming on the meters.

Alderman Arnold said I have a quick question for the Clerk. Am I correct that this item came out of the Public Safety, Health and Traffic Committee with a unanimous vote?

City Clerk Matthew Normand replied no, this is a new item.

Alderman Arnold asked because it has been vetted by another policy committee?

City Clerk Normand replied I'm sorry, I misunderstood. The ordinances last night that were heard are not obviously the ordinances, but this particular ordinance in front of you tonight is in Public Safety.

Alderman Arnold said okay. If I recall it was a unanimous vote, but I was just hoping to confirm that. I think it was, but I appreciate the clarification that it has been vetted.

Chairman DeVries asked have the merchants that might be affected been contacted or has there been a discussion?

Ms. Stanley replied I don't believe we have contacted the merchants themselves. However, we are going to reach out to the cars that we know are there all day, every day. A lot of them, about 40% of the cars that are there, have on-street permits, and this would not affect them at all. There is another 20% to 25% that park there and pay the meter all day, every day. So what we're going to do is reach out to them to offer them the on-street permit, which would end up saving them money. The other license plates that we noted during the week that we had the count were only parked there once and they didn't repeat. So most of it is people that park there all day.

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman Arnold, it was voted that the ordinance amendment ought to pass.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee