

## COMMITTEE ON BILLS ON SECOND READING

February 1, 2011

5:15 PM

Chairman DeVries called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen DeVries, Lopez, Arnold, Corriveau, Shaw

Mme: B. Stanley

Chairman DeVries addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. Ordinance Amendment:

“Amending Chapter 70: Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by amending Section 70.54 Permit Parking in Lieu of Coin Deposit establishing a monthly rate for downtown post secondary schools.”

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

Alderman Lopez asked Brandy, is there anything you would like to point out to us, maybe in the short term? What is the major change?

Ms. Brady Stanley, Parking Manager, replied I just want to point out to the Board that even though the current rate for UNH parking is now \$25 per permit per semester, which is every three or four months, we don't expect to get any additional revenue from this Ordinance change from UNH because it is going to result in a significant change in how they manage their parking. We don't think it will result in an increase in revenues specifically from UNH.

Chairman DeVries asked can you elaborate on that?

Ms. Stanley replied the way UNH currently structures their parking program is they mandate that their students purchase a parking permit per semester. It is a built-in fee to their tuition. As it turns out, after looking at their scheduling, the

bulk of their students don't attend every single day during business hours. Probably about 70% of their students only attend on the weekend and if they made it an optional fee that the students could purchase should they wish, those 70% who don't attend on a regular basis would not be purchasing permits.

Chairman DeVries asked do you expect that to see an increase in the metered parking?

Ms. Stanley replied we think we will see an increase in the metered parking because if it is \$30 a month and a student only attends school two days a week, it is cheaper to pay the meter.

Alderman Arnold asked this does this just apply to UNH?

Ms. Stanley replied that's correct. The way the Ordinance was written was that it would apply to all post-secondary schools in the downtown area which includes Mass College of Pharmacy, the New Hampshire Institute of Art, Seacoast Career Schools, Southern New Hampshire University, which also has some space on South Commercial Street, as well as UNH.

Chairman DeVries asked the request was made by whom initially? It just says the Traffic Committee in the letter. Was this an Aldermanic request?

Ms. Stanley replied this was requested by a couple of Aldermen and the Mayor because Seacoast wanted to enter into a longer term agreement and at that point it became known that there was a disparity in the rates charged to the various colleges.

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

Chairman DeVries addressed item 4 of the agenda:

4. Ordinance Amendment:

“Amending Chapter 71.13 Overnight Winter Parking of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester revising the times for overnight winter parking from 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.”

Chairman DeVries stated this is a technical correction of sorts. There was an error in a prior Ordinance as it was transcribed so this is taking our Ordinance back to prior Ordinance policy.

On motion of Alderman Shaw, duly seconded by Alderman Arnold, it was voted that the Ordinance Amendment ought to pass.

Chairman DeVries addressed item 5 of the agenda:

5. Ordinance Amendment:

“Amending Section 70.54 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by establishing a Library Parking Lot with a time limit.”

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

Alderman Arnold asked are the Library Trustees in favor of this?

Ms. Stanley replied yes. I haven't met with them personally, but the Library Director has met with them and they are in agreement.

Alderman Arnold asked it has been represented to you that they are in agreement?

Ms. Stanley replied yes.

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman Shaw, it was voted that the Ordinance Amendment ought to pass.

Chairman DeVries addressed item 6 of the agenda:

6. Ordinance Amendment:

“Amending Section 70.54 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by establishing a Line Drive Parking Lot and Permit Rates.”

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 Lopez, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee