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COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

February 6, 1996

6:00 PM

Chairman Robert called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Ald. Robert, Wihby, Reiniger, Clancy, Domaingue

Messrs.: R. MacKenzie, J. Taylor, R. Houle, T. Arnold, F. Thomas, W. Jabjiniak

Chairman Robert addressed item 3 of the agenda:

Chairman Robert advised that the first purpose of the meeting was organizational in nature, and requested that the City Clerk provide a brief overview regarding typical issues addressed by the Committee.

Chairman Robert addressed item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from Robert Beurivage, Assistant Director, Manchester Water Works, requesting approval for the purchase of 6.9 acres of land currently owned by Joseph and Irma Weiss, located off Tower Hill Road in Auburn, NH for the amount of \$5,000.00.

Ald. Clancy asked what the purpose was for the purchase.

Mr. Porter answered that apparently Water Works owned the land surrounding the Weiss property, and felt it would be prudent to pick up that parcel also, it did not have a lot of value, except that if the Water Works owned the entire piece they would have no problems cutting across it.

On motion of Ald. Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Clancy, it was voted to approve the request.

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Chairman Robert addressed item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from Public Works Director requesting authorization to purchase two parcels of land to allow for reconstruction of Groveland Avenue.

On motion of Ald. Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Reiniger, it was voted to approve the request.

Chairman Robert addressed item 6 of the agenda:

Communication from Donald Duhamel requesting to purchase City property located to the west of McPhail Street. (Map 273, Lot 32).

On motion of Ald. Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Clancy, it was voted to refer the communication to Staff to report back to the Committee.

Chairman Robert addressed item 7 of the agenda:

Communication from Pauline Parent advising of her interest in purchasing City owned property abutting 216 Beaver Street, known as Map 246, Lot 1.

On motion of Ald. Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Reiniger, it was voted to refer the communication to Staff to report back to Committee.

Chairman Robert addressed item 8 of the agenda:

Communication from Jay Taylor regarding proposed disposition of Map 283, Lot 8, Boston Street.

On motion of Ald. Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted to approve the recommendation that the property be offered to the abutters for the sum of \$1.00.

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Chairman Robert addressed item 9 of the agenda:

Discussion of disposition of land on Pollock Drive.

On motion of Ald. Clancy, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted to approve the sale of the property located on James Pollock Drive.

Chairman Robert addressed item 10 of the agenda:

Communication from Tax Collector requesting authorization to return deposit of \$2,500.00 for 54 Ashland Street property.

On motion of Ald. Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted to approve the request to return the deposit.

Chairman Robert addressed item 11 of the agenda:

Communication from Anne Sanderson, NH Site Director, International Institute of New Hampshire, requesting information concerning the land and property located at 88 Lowell Street.

Mr. MacKenzie stated that the past Lands & Buildings Committee felt that because it was the first High School built in the state and the first in New Hampshire, they felt it should have some value and the City should try to keep it, there were also Amoskeag reverter rights on that property. The City staff had been looking at ways to preserve the building or get it back on the tax rolls.

Mr. Taylor stated that there were several parties interested in the property, one in particular was a publisher who was putting together detailed and extensive plans for the renovation of the building as well as a business plan to discuss what he planned to do with it.

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The publisher had expressed that he planned to spend around \$400,000.00 to renovate the property, Mr. Taylor felt that if there were a number of proposals for the property, no matter how detailed or not they might be, some sort of public process would have to be done in order to dispose of the property, and suggested that the Committee invite interested parties to come in and speak about what it was they planned to do with the property.

Chairman Robert asked Mr. Taylor if he would be willing to speak to the interested parties and let them know what was going on.

Discussion ensued regarding the choices available for disposal or renovation of the property.

Mr. Houle suggested that the Committee consider requesting that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen authorize requests for proposals for the building and formally entertain the proposal and move on whatever makes the most sense for the City.

On motion of Ald. Reiniger, duly seconded by Ald. Clancy, it was voted to refer the matter to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for consideration.

Chairman Robert addressed item 12 of the agenda:

Communication from Susan Lafond, Welfare Commissioner, regarding negotiations with Grace Church on potential exchange.

On motion of Ald. Reiniger, duly seconded by Ald. Wihby, it was voted to table the item until further information could be gathered.

Chairman Robert addressed item 13 of the agenda:

Communication from Ron Ludwig, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, advising that the Department has secured a surplus vehicle to replace one which was damaged in a recent accident and that any compensation received as part of an insurance settlement will be deposited back into the MER account.

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On motion of Ald. Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted to receive and file the communication.

Chairman Robert addressed item 14 of the agenda:

Communication from Terrence Casey, informing the Committee of his intent to conduct business "Standing Room Only" on the sidewalk adjacent to City Hall Plaza on or about March 1, 1996.

The Clerk advised the Committee that Mr. Casey was instructed by the City Clerk to approach the Lands & Buildings Committee for permission, and Lands & Buildings was now CIP, the reason for that was because he applied for a license as a hot dog vendor and wished to set up adjacent to City Hall, one of the requirements of a license would be to receive approval of the abutter, in this instance it was the City, this would be the first time the Committee would be acting on an issue of this type.

Discussion ensued regarding the particulars of peddlers and the requirements to conduct such a business.

Chairman Robert asked the Committee how they felt about asking Staff to formulate a policy regarding this matter, and if they could make an exception for this person until a policy is in place.

On motion of Ald. Clancy, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted to grant permission to Mr. Casey for 30 days pending a report from Paul Bergeron outlining a policy.

Chairman Robert addressed item 15 of the agenda:

1995 Budget authorizations:

- 3.30520 Beech Street School Roof Replacement Revision #1- Time Extension
- 6.40404 Greenstreets Projects Revision #4-Time Extension

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7.40370 Sanitary Landfill Management Closure

On motion of Ald. Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Clancy, it was voted to approve the authorizations.

Chairman Robert addressed item 16 of the agenda:

1996 Budget Authorizations:

- 6.40106 Manchester Historical Marker Project Revision #1-Time Extension
- 7.10214 Annual Traffic Program Revision #1-Time Extension
- 7.20102 MTA Capital Equipment Transit Bus Replacement Revision #1-Time Extension
- 8.30340 ADA Compliance/City Hall/Annex Renovations Revision #1

On motion of Ald. Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Robert, it was voted to approve the authorizations.

Chairman Robert addressed item 17 of the agenda:

A resolution amending the 1996 Community Improvement Program by adding Manchester Challenge Grant - \$500,000 10/1/95 - 3/31/96, \$628,002 4/1/96 - 12/31/96 (Federal Department of Education).

On motion of Ald. Domaingue, duly seconded by Ald. Wihby, it was voted to approve the resolution.

Chairman Robert addressed item 18 of the agenda:

A resolution amending the 1996 Community Improvement Program by adding Serve America FY 96 - \$3,000.00, School To Work FY 96 - \$80,000.00, and Challenge Consortium - \$100,000.00.

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On motion of Ald. Domaingue, duly seconded by Ald. Reiniger, it was voted to table the resolution pending further review.

Chairman Robert addressed item 19 of the agenda:

A resolution amending the 1996 Community Improvement Program by decreasing 1996 7.10217A Valley/Tarrytown/Massabesic Intersection Improvements - Sidewalks - \$20,000.00 CDBG and increasing 1996 7.10219 Municipal Infrastructure Improvements Project - \$20,000.00 CDBG (from \$475,000.00 to \$495,000.00), and related budget authorization.

On motion of Ald. Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Robert, it was voted to approve the resolution.

Chairman Robert addressed item 20 of the agenda:

A resolution amending the 1996 Community Improvement Program by adding 1996 4.10302 Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority Undercover Officer - \$50,000.00, and related budget authorizations.

On motion of Ald. Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted to approve the resolution.

Chairman Robert addressed item 21 of the agenda:

A resolution amending the 1995 Community Improvement Program by increasing 1995 2.20505 Youth Tobacco Use Prevention Program - from \$7,466.15 to \$17,466.15 - State of New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services, and related budget authorization.

On motion of Ald. Domaingue, duly seconded by Ald. Robert, it was voted to approve the resolution.

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Chairman Robert addressed item 22 of the agenda:

A resolution amending the 1994 and 1996 Community Improvement Programs by decreasing 1994 CIP 7.40371 Recycling Project - \$450,000.00 Bond and adding 1996 CIP 7.40372 Residential Solid Waste Drop Off Center - \$450,000.00 Bond, and related budget authorizations.

On motion of Ald. Clancy, duly seconded by Ald. Wihby, it was voted to approve the resolution.

Chairman Robert addressed item 23 of the agenda:

A resolution "Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) from 1994 7.40371 Recycling Project Construction Recovery Facility (amount transferred - \$450,000.00; original resolution - July 6, 1993; and original amount - \$1,290,000.00) to 1996 CIP 7.40372 Residential Solid Waste Drop Off Center.

On motion of Ald. Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Clancy, it was voted to approve the resolution.

Chairman Robert addressed item 24 of the agenda:

Communication from Jay Taylor, Manchester Economic Development Office, requesting approval of a Revolving Loan Fund proposal.

Mr. Taylor stated that one of the recommendations of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that came out of the GMDC task force was that they would consider beginning a revolving loan fund. In March of last year, the Board also approved an application by the Economic Development Office/City Coordinator, to apply to the U.S. Economic Development Administration for a \$500,000.00 grant to implement the revolving loan fund. The application was submitted and approved at the regional office level in Philadelphia, then sent to Washington where it was hung up in the budget discussions. One of the agencies that was proposed to be eliminated was the EDA, and the current administrators' view was that the money should go to

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mostly urban areas, so the money that was anticipated for the program may not be forthcoming. Given the length of delay the budget situation may cause, it was decided to proceed and try to set the program up using existing allocations which was assigned to the Economic Development Office in the amount of \$395,000.00, in order to play it safe, the program would be structured in a way that should the subsequent approval of the EDA come through the program would be able to use both monies. The objective of the program was to provide gap financing for small companies who were looking to do expansion but were unable to qualify for conventional financing.

On motion of Ald. Reiniger, duly seconded by Ald. Wihby, it was voted to adopt the recommendation, with a specified amendment on page 7.

Chairman Robert addressed item 25 of the agenda:

Discussion regarding 9.9 percent EPD billings.

(Note: Communication from City Clerk and Ald. Hirschmann enclosed).

On motion of Ald. Domaingue, duly seconded by Ald. Robert, it was voted to table item 25.

TABLED ITEMS

The following items remained on the table.

Item 26:

Communication from Frank Thomas, P.E., Public Works Director, requesting to replace some older equipment. (Note: tabled 8/29/95 in Committee on Transportation).

Item 27:

Communication from Ronald Ludwig, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Department, submitting a prioritized vehicle and equipment

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replacement listing for consideration by the Committee. (Note: tabled 11/20/95 in Committee on Transportation).

Item 28:

Communication from Francis J. Monnelly, Assistant Fire Chief, requesting funds to replace five (5) vehicles, in the Fire Department's fleet. (Note: tabled 11/20/95 in Committee on Transportation).

Item 29:

Request of Building Commissioner to demolish the Pine Island 4-H Center. (Note: tabled 12/5/95 in Committee on Lands and Buildings).

There being no further business to come before the Committee on Community Improvement Program, on motion of Ald. Robert duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue it was voted to adjourn.

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Clerk of Committee