COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

April 23, 1996 **6:30 PM**

Chairman Robert called the meeting to order.

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

3. Communication from Richard Houle, PBS, recommending the Committee consider reserving the one parking space available for the City Coordinator position.

Ald. Wihby moved to table this item until it was decided if they were going to have one. Ald. Domaingue duly seconded the motion.

Ald. Reiniger noted that he felt it vital to the city to have the position and would urge the board to fund it.

Chairman Robert called for a vote. The motion carried.

4. Communication from Clean-Flo Inc. relative to a basic plan to reclaim our City's lakes (Door's Pond, Nutt's Pond, and Crystal Lake).

Chairman Robert recommended referral to Parks and Recreation to review it. On motion of Ald. Clancy, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted to refer the communication to the Parks and Recreation Department for review.

5. Communication from Danais Realty offering to sell the City a parcel of land (Map 655, lots 16, 16A, 16B, 16C & 16D) on behalf of Thornton & Thornton PA for the sum of $65,000.00 plus forgiveness of the outstanding tax debt which now exists in the sum of $10,000.00.

On motion of Ald. Clancy, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted to refer the communication to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Board of Assessors.

6. Communication from Christine Fonda, NH Division of Historical Resources, inquiring if the City wishes to comment on whether the Victory Park District should be considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Ald. Reiniger moved to send a letter in favor of the nomination noting that the Historic Association was a driving force behind it, were very much in favor of it, and it was to coincide with their 100th anniversary of the association, and it was the 150th anniversary of the city. Ald. Domaingue duly seconded the motion.

Ald. Wihby commented when we do something like this, he understood they were saving the building but asked were we not putting some hardship on the property owners. Chairman Robert stated that was his understanding.

Ald. Domaingue stated the letter notes that "...any owner or partial owner of private property chooses to object to listing..." and then explains how to go about doing that. She would assume that if you were an owner and did not want the property listed, it was a hardship, you could make that clear and she had no problem with this.

Chairman Robert asked if they wished to do it without the input of the two historical organizations. Ald. Domaingue stated she had no problem with the input but felt they should move on it.

Ald. Reiniger commented again that the Manchester Historic Association was a driving force behind it, and had been coordinating it with building owners.

In response to question from Ald. Wihby, Mr. MacKenzie stated he was aware of the nomination but did not have any particular comment, he understood the Historic Association was involved with the nomination but did not know if the Historic District had any input yet.

Following brief discussion on perhaps tabling, Chairman Robert called for a vote. The motion carried with Ald. Wihby duly recorded in opposition.

7. Communication from Paul Kerry, NH Performing Arts Center, requesting financial assistance to continue the Center's major educational/cultural program called "The Living Classics."

On motion of Ald. Clancy, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted to refer the communication to the budget deliberations.

8. Communication from David Plante, PSNH, requesting to acquire an additional piece of easement from the City to accommodate running more aerial fiber optic cables to the US Sprint Facility on Candia Road.

Discussion ensued as to fair consideration offer. On motion of Ald. Domaingue, duly seconded by Ald. Wihby, it was voted to refer the communication to the Board of Assessors for review/determination of a price of fair consideration.

9. 1996 CIP Budget Authorization
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On motion of Ald. Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted to approve the authorization.

10. Amending Resolution and budget authorization allowing for acceptance and expenditure of additional funds in the amount of $52,135 from the State of NH for Lead Poisoning Prevention.

Ald. Clancy moved to approve the resolution and authorization. Ald. Wihby duly seconded the motion. The motion carried.

11. Amending Resolution and budget authorizations allowing for acceptance and expenditure of additional grant programs for the Police Department as follows:
Innovative Community Policing Grant ($15,243.76)
Public Housing Community Policing ($136,000.00)
Bicycle Officers Winter Equipment ($3,096.00)
Gerontology Officer Training ($550.00)

On motion of Ald. Reiniger, duly seconded by Ald. Clancy, it was voted to approve the amending resolution and budget authorizations for these programs.

12. Amending Resolution and budget authorization decreasing $25,000 in cash funds from the Traffic Department's Coordination Study and adding a new program, Traffic Signal LED Replacement Program in the amount of $25,000 in cash funds, and authorizing expenditures for same.

Ald. Wihby moved to approve the amending resolution and budget authorization. Ald. Domaingue duly seconded the motion.

Ald. Clancy requested Mr. Lolicata address the committee.

Mr. Lolicata stated originally they got $25,000 for a coordination study, they worked something out with Mr. Sharma of Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission and they will do it for us. They had maintained the money since last July to go into a new field of LED signals which was based upon light emitting diodes and the biggest thing was the savings factor of electricity. Mr. Lolicata noted they were trying something in two places in the city to see how much they can save, and these funds would allow to purchase them, come up with a cost factor for the city and hopefully indulge in a bond in the future for all the lights. Mr. Lolicata noted that the state had already gone into this, there were three or four companies that had approached the city in the last half year, they were waiting for the best buy, and had purchased a couple in the interim and the $25,000 could go toward this and would be a good cost savings for the city overall, they were hoping to save at least a third of the electricity bill for each intersection.

Ald. Clancy asked how many they could buy for the $25,000. Mr. Lolicata responded they didn't know because they were working on a red light and they have now come out with a green light within two years they were talking almost $200 per unit. They figure the bulbs will pay for themselves within three years, they have a guarantee of five years or more, and they have been used on the west coast with reported savings of up to 52 percent on the electric bill. Mr. Lolicata noted that if you looked at the intersections here in Manchester at over $100 per month there was a big savings involved here, and he wished to initiate it so they can start trying them out and getting into it.

Ald. Domaingue noted that Mr. Lolicata commented on a five year life and Mr. MacKenzie's communication talks about a ten year life. Mr. Lolicata noted that they were guaranteed for five years, the expectations from Oregon is ten years or more.

Ald. Domaingue questioned if it was the intent to go out and buy with the $25,000 or to put it with an additional increment and doing the entire program.

Mr. Lolicata noted that he would not go into a full program until he got conclusive results on the savings of each one. It was noted that they could purchase about 125 bulbs.

Chairman Robert called for a vote on the motion to approve. The motion carried with none recorded in opposition.

13. Amending Resolution allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of $89,275.00 in State Department of Education grant funds for the School Department's School to Career System project.

Ald. Wihby moved to approve the amending resolution and expenditure. Ald. Domaingue duly seconded the motion.

In response to questions from Ald. Reiniger, Mr. Benard advised that it was a project for the local district, which would allow students attending the high schools to go through a program where they would have 40 or 50 different businesses that have recommended this program and would be pursued in terms of mentoring our youth so they have objectives and goals as they go through their high school years. It might be to go right to work afterwards, or get involved in an associates degree, which they were tied in with New Hampshire Technical Institute, or a four year college, but they would have an objective and not just floundering around not sure where they were going, it was a great program.

Chairman Robert called for a vote. The motion carried.

14. Communication from Planning Director relative to a proposed endowment to the Derryfield School Summerbridge Program relating to the Enterprise Community Grant and suggesting application as an expendable trust.

Ald. Clancy moved to approve. Ald. Domaingue duly seconded the motion and indicated she had a question.

Ald. Domaingue asked if this was an increase in the number of students currently being served by the Summerbridge Program. Mr. MacKenzie stated this would be an increase and be a guarantee of enrollments of city kids into the Summerbridge Program. In response to further question, Mr. MacKenzie advised that it would be four students as a minimum, they indicated they would likely serve more but that was a minimum, it would guarantee in perpetuity that kids could go there, so they were taking interest off the endowment and paying for the program. The cost of serving four kids is more than the interest but they are guaranteeing four kids. It was previously funded through private contributions, grants, individual contributions, they had been trying to find funds to continue it and it has been an ongoing program for a while.

Chairman Robert called for a vote. The motion carried.

15. Communication from Planning Director reference: Actions necessary to do summer construction of heating/ventilation at West, and Central and West High Science Labs.

Ald. Wihby moved to the recommendations listed as follows:

1) That the committee recommend that the proposed FY97 CIP program be modified to move $500,000 from School Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) in the FY98 to the SCIP in FY97 budget.

2) That the committee recommend that the Board at their May 7 meeting commit to the funding of the FY97 SCIP portion of the CIP program

3) That the committee recommend that the Board at their May 7 meeting authorize the staff to proceed with contracts for the West High Science Labs and West and Central heating and ventilation.

Ald. Domaingue duly seconded the motion.

In response to questions from Ald. Domaingue relative to the Board trying to have the projects completed this year, Mr. MacKenzie advised that basically they were trying to do since the city will probably not go out for another bond issue for another two years, they were kind of looking at the CIP program as almost a two year budget. As long as they hold the two year budget relatively constant there would not necessarily be any tax impact from this change, as long as everybody understands that they cannot add additional funds to the 98 for other projects. Mr. MacKenzie noted that May 7 in effect was the drop dead date to do the projects this summer. They would try to get to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on May 7 the actual contracts so the Board could approve those and guarantee that the contractors could go ahead.

Ald. Clancy questioned the construction contractor. Mr. Houle advised meridian construction.

Chairman Robert called for a vote on the motion to approve the recommendations presented. The motion carried with none recorded in opposition.

16. Communication from Planning Director advising of the referral of the FY97 CIP Program, noting his understanding is the review will commence on May 1st, and to contact him if there are any questions in the meantime.

On motion of Ald. Clancy, duly seconded by Ald. Wihby, it was voted to schedule a meeting for such purpose on May 1, 1996 at 5:30 pm and to receive and file the communication.

17. Discussion of centralized fleet maintenance/garage measures referred through the Mayor's budget proposal to the Committee.

Chairman Robert noted on the communication from the Mayor there was items 1, 2 and 3 and suggested they take number 1 first.

> 1) Creation of a Solid Waste Enterprise with the implementation of a "Bag and Tag' system as the primary financing mechanism.

Ald. Domaingue moved to deny. Ald. Wihby duly seconded the motion.

Chairman Robert commented that this was not an endorsement of the program by himself but asked if they could give the full board an opportunity to say yes or no to this program.

Ald. Domaingue noted they would when the report goes before the board. In response to question, the clerk advised a report would be submitted to the board based on any action taken.

Ald. Reiniger noted in his conversations with Dover, it had been an amazing success, with very little garbage dumping, a dramatic decrease in the amount of garbage taken out of the city and the city had saved a lot of money. Ald. Reiniger noted he did not see why it would not work in Manchester and so supported it.

Ald. Wihby noted that either way it would still come out to a 9 percent, it was either a fee or 4 1/2 percent on the rate, it was the idea of whether or not it works. Ald. Wihby noted he was in favor of it when he started hearing the landlords being opposed to it he had second thoughts, he assumed they would be in favor, if you put it on the tax bills they would pay it, if you put it on a fee then the tenants would pay it. Ald. Wihby noted he was surprised to hear they were against it. Ald. Wihby noted everyone that had called him, he explained it to them, and they all just said they were not ready and didn't want it, they understood it would probably save money but it was a headache and no one called and in support. Ald. Wihby commented he went through in detail with all of his callers in terms of numbers of bags used, tax bill, etc. and they were not in support, the money was not an issue.

Ald. Clancy stated he was against it because it was like a fee, with a cost of $4,441,000. and the people of his ward didn't want it. Ald. Clancy felt it had been pushed onto them too quickly, and the education is not there right now, maybe down the road but right now people don't want it.

Ald. Reiniger stated there would be a savings with the program because as more people recycle and there is a reduction in the tonnage taken out the city will realize a savings.

Ald. Domaingue commented that it depended on how many members you had in your family, whether your married, single, renting or in a home or new homeowner. Ald Domaingue noted that there was no question that if the proper educational program were put into place the residents would want to participate in seeing their waste stream reduced. However, the manner in which this was brought in, under a great deal of pressure regarding the budget itself rather than approaching it from reducing the waste stream as the potential direction for this program, all speaks to the need to educate the community. Ald. Domaingue commented that they had a recycling program initiated in the fall which she had not had an opportunity to review the numbers on and now they were looking for the Board to vote on this program without having that input, she was not comfortable doing that to the taxpayers that she represents. Ald. Domaingue noted an overwhelming majority of people that called her said absolutely not.

Chairman Robert called for a vote on the motion to recommend denial. The motion carried with Ald. Reiniger duly recorded in opposition.

2) Centralized fleet maintenance/garage measures

Ald. Clancy stated there was a communication there and he spoke to people from the MTA, and suggested that they start bringing the cars to the MTA to have them serviced for grease, oil, tune-ups, etc. and the price was fair at around $23 an hour and the city was paying $45 hour elsewhere.

Mr. Houle advised that the idea was jointly developed with Sean and Richard for the Mayor. They were talking two groups of departments, those that have garages and those that do not. There were 492 vehicles in those that have garages and those that do not were Building, City Clerk, Health, Info Systems, Mayor's office, PBS, and School. The first recommendation for both groups is the adoption of a vehicles maintenance reporting standard, a national standard that we all track vehicle repair costs in a similar manner. This ties in with the city's new computer and software should be coming down the line in another year. Second they were talking about the 55 cars without garages, implementation of a flee maintenance program at the MTA

for these vehicles. As Ald. Clancy stated, what was being proposed by the MTA is quite reasonable, an oil change for $18, basic labor rates of $23 per hour, which included all of the overhead. Mr. Houle noted with the understanding that they can have a purchase for service on one of these vehicles elsewhere at a muffler shop cheaper, there was no problem. Mr. Houle noted part of it he did not see an opportunity to fund this year, the MTA has also offered a site for storage of vehicles which has a $60,0000 price tag that could come in a little less than that, and a third recommendation was the establishment of a municipal fleet maintenance advisory committee to review fleet policies and prepare recommendations for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to consider.

Chairman Robert questioned Ald. Clancy as to what he wished to move on.

Ald. Clancy stated his desire to move on the whole recommendation.

Mr. Girard noted that the mayor's office had been in contact with the Highway Department about building the storage lot at the MTA. The Highway Department because the land fill will be open until July and we did not have to use those contract costs does have money and has been asked by the mayor to build that lot at the MTA in conjunction with this proposal, so that part of what they were looking to do currently they have employees whose departments don't have garages driving their vehicles back and forth every night, and every morning to work. What they wanted to do was store all vehicles at this lot overnight so that when an employee comes to work in the morning they leave their car at the this lot, take the city car and when they go home they drop the city car off and take their own car. Mr. Girard noted it gets us around some of the IRA problems they had in having to tax employees for driving their cars back and forth because the IRS considers that beneficial income. Mr. Girard noted that the Highway Commission had agreed to building that site at the MTA, and the funds are in their budget and they are prepared to go ahead.

Ald. Domaingue seconded the motion to approve all of the recommendations.

Ald. Domaingue asked of the 55 vehicles referred to on the second half of the first page, those were all being taken home currently, and were they all living in Manchester. Mr. Girard responded not all of them. Mr. Houle stated no, he would provide her a detailed report. Ald. Domaingue commented that she would like to see a report later on.

Ald. Wihby stated he thought there were too many vehicles and would like to see a 10 to 15 percent cut on the vehicles, sell them, take the money and put it in MER and do work on the equipment. He did not think they needed 547 units in the city of Manchester.

Mr. Girard noted this was phase I of what the mayor was looking to do with central fleet, one of the reasons why this recommendation includes establishing a committee of public and private sector people to look at the city's fleet practices, is so they can move in the direction that Ald. Wihby has indicated. The mayor is not a fan of 547 units, and he thought that the committee would have a major task developing vehicle policy, everything from who should have vehicles to what types of vehicles they should be. The people who have vehicles are erratic and varied, and Ald. Wihby's concerns have been considered by the mayor and would be phase II of the project.

Ald. Wihby felt if they are going to send it to a committee they should instruct them that they are looking for them to set up and cut either 10 or 20 percent or what decided upon, but let them know what they are gearing for and what we are looking for them to do while they are putting it together.

In response to question, Ald. Wihby stated they should recommend the committee and the second phase of this and when an advisory committee meets one of their jobs in looking over this whole thing is to take the recommendation of a 10 or 20 percent cut and work on it to cut down the vehicles in the city.

Ald. Wihby moved to amend the motion to include that the advisory committee also look into cutting 20 percent of the vehicles in the city. Ald. Domaingue duly seconded the motion.

Ald. Clancy commented on the cars are going out of town at night feeling that was not right, if they work in town they should live in town and he did not think the city cars should be leaving the city.

Mr. Girard noted that they would be parking them at MTA under the recommendations and also noted that the reason most employees were taking the cars home were because the departments had no place to securely park the vehicles at night, it was not for the benefit of saving them their own expense, but to prevent the cars from being vandalized, and if you speak to the departments they will tell you that is why they are doing it, it was not necessarily an abusive situation.

Chairman Robert called for a vote on the motion to amend the motion. The motion carried to amend.

Ald. Wihby moved to approve the recommendations as amended. Ald. Clancy duly seconded the motion. The motion carried.

18. Communication from Richard Houle, PBS, reference: Surplus Police Cruisers.

Ald. Wihby stated if they were going to be cutting back he wasn't sure they would want to do this, if they wanted to add a pool car that was fine but they would still be asking they cut 20 percent.

Mr. Houle stated when they talked about servicing the existing fleet at the MTA they want to minimize the amount of down time by people who drive the vehicles. They were asking for one additional pool car to be used for emergencies, at the moment they had two.

Ald. Clancy noted he had no problem with that.

Ald. Wihby stated he had a problem, they were adding another car and then tell the committee to cut 20 percent he thought they should decide what is needed and let them decide if it is one to be cut or used.

Mr. Girard stated he agreed with Ald. Wihby but noted in the interim they had the problem of servicing these cars and dealing with emergencies and only having two pool cars to do it with. One thing heard loud and clear from departments when developing the proposal they did not have a problem with it so long as their car was out of service for maintenance or other reason the health or building inspector needing to be on the road had a vehicle. There was a concern of not having enough cars available to sue for maintenance or emergency repairs they would be hampering departmental operations. Mr. Girard noted that these pool cars would be used if a vehicle was being brought in for regular maintenance, if a car broke down and he thought that would be it.

Ald. Wihby noted as long as they were not saying to that committee that they had to keep the additional car, when they are looking into the policy of cutting if they want to cut that one they should be able to.

On motion of Ald. Clancy, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue it was voted to approve the request, with the condition of review by the advisory committee.

19. Communication from Richard Houle, PBS, reference: PBS Operating Budget.

Chairman Robert noted that the request was for $150,000 in the CIP, to do work with, he did not see why they could not give him everything authorized so he would not have to return.

Ald. Reiniger moved to approve the recommendation to authorize everything. Ald. Wihby duly seconded the motion.

Ald. Wihby questioned if they had any money from the previous year carried over. Mr. Girard noted that $166,000 included all that was available.

Ald. Domaingue asked if it was the committee's understanding that if Mr. Houle does not use all $166,000 he would return whatever is left.

Mr. Houle responded it would be carried forward in the CIP program.

It was noted that the actual figure was $165,348.

Chairman Robert called for a vote of the motion to approve. The motion carried.

TABLED ITEMS

On motion of Ald. Reiniger, duly seconded by Ald. Clancy, it was voted to remove the following item from the table for discussion.

20. Reports from SPOT Team regarding:

(1) Request for discussion of policy on return of properties to former owners. (See enclosed communication from City Clerk's office.)
(Tabled 3/26/96 pending report from City Solicitor relative to review of the laws of redemption of properties.)
(Note: Response from the City Solicitor's Office enclosed.)

(2) So. Mammoth Road (Atty. Kennedy for J. King and Ronald Doucet requests)
Note: Recommendation of staff is to declare surplus to City needs and dispose through public auction. Two requests from adjacent property owners have been received, one of which was owner of the property together with two other parties. (See communication from Planning.)
(Tabled 3/26/96)

Ald. Reiniger noted Atty. Kennedy was there to answer any questions, but with respect to item 2, he moved that they offer the property first to the owner, Mr. King, for back taxes and interest.

There was no second to the motion.

Ald. Wihby moved number 2, to go to auction as recommended by the SPOT team, declaring surplus to city needs and dispose through public auction. Ald. Clancy duly seconded the motion.

Ald. Reiniger commented that he felt it made the city look bad because at the same time we are raising taxes we are turning around when people have a hard time paying we are sticking it to them, he didn't think it was fair. Ald. Reiniger further noted if someone within a certain amount of time finds the money to pay the back taxes and interest so the city doesn't loose out it seems only fair and apparently this is a procedure done in Laconia, we don't have an ordinance in the city to specifically deal with it. He could not in good conscience send it to public auction.

Ald. Wihby noted that there was another abutter interested in it. He did not think it was fair to let one person get it, they should go out to bid.

Ald. Reiniger commented that it seemed to be a property rights issue.

Chairman Robert called for a vote on the motion to approve the staff recommendation of item 2. Ald. Wihby and Clancy voted yea. Ald. Reiniger and Domaingue voted nay. Chairman Robert vote yea and the motion carried.

Chairman Robert returned discussion to item 1 discussion of policy on return of properties to former owners.

Chairman Reiniger suggested the committee may want to look at the Laconia ordinance before making a decision of its policy, explore how other cities do it and how its worked there before coming to a final conclusion.

Mr. MacKenzie noted that the committee had requested the solicitor to review the matter to see if there was any provision that the city could turn back properties or sell it back to previous property owners and he indicated there was none under state statute. Mr. MacKenzie thought that this community has done it before several years ago, but in those situations the situation was a little different, there was a homestead property, a house actually on the property where people were living in it, and had back tax problems so that was the policy several years ago and to his knowledge the city had not done that for a number of years, but he thought it would be preferable to do it on a uniform basis if the city wanted to adopt an ordinance related to that, they could look at other cities but there was no state statute .

Ald. Clancy noted that there was one than one owner of the King request, so he felt it was best to have it auctioned off as surplus.

Chairman Robert noted that they had moved that to the recommendation but in trying to address number one Ald. Reiniger had suggested they do some research.

In response to questions, Ald. Domaingue was advised that the Kings had 2 1/2 years to pay the back taxes.

Following brief discussion where Ald. Wihby noted that they had always gone along with the recommendation of the SPOT team in that, Ald. Reiniger moved that they have the city clerk look into what other communities do specifically with giving the previous owners the first option to purchase. There was not second to the motion.

On motion of Ald Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Clancy, it was voted to receive and file the communication. Ald. Reiniger was duly recorded in opposition.

Chairman Robert called a brief recess.

21. 397 Spruce Street, request of Beverly Fosher
Note: Recommendation of staff is to table this item. The subject property, while taken through tax deed, is not clearly the City's parcel due to FDIC, Banc One and a new mortgagee involvement. At present, if the mortgagee elects to pay the taxes, the property will not be available for sale by City; if the mortgagee elects not to pay the taxes the property can then be sold as surplus through public sale.
(Note: tabled 3/26/96 per staff recommendation.)

Mr. MacKenzie advised that Joan Gardner had been working with FDIC on this property and it was believed they were taking it back.

The clerk advised that there was a communication received from DOVE Development Inc. this afternoon regarding this property distributed to members. The letter indicated they were the holder of mortgage as successor of the FDIC and were requesting to purchase the property back for the taxes that were due, etc.

Mr. MacKenzie suggested the item remain on the table as he would feel more comfortable if they received a notice from FDIC stating that they own the property, we had control of the property and therefore the city could not take it by tax deed.

This item remained on the table.

22. Request of the Building Commissioner to demolish the Pine Island 4-H Center.
(Tabled 12/5/95 in Committee on Lands & Buildings)

A handout was distributed to members of the committee.

Chairman Robert noted that the communication indicated the county was going to pay to demolish the building. Ald. Domaingue noted that it did not say how much they would pay to demolish the building.

Mr. Girard noted there had been a desire to take the building down because it is hazardous and now it is no longer covered by the County's insurance. It is our understanding that the commissioner prior to receiving this letter was telephoned by the county's office, they asked him for three quotes for the demolition of the building and based on prior commitments made they are willing to fund the demolition based on the quotes that Commissioner Gaudreault sends over.

Discussion ensued where Ald. Domaingue noted concern with making sure that the county intended to pay for the entire demolition cost and wanted to see that in writing.

This item remained on the table.

On motion of Ald. Domaingue, duly seconded by Ald. Wihby, it was voted to remove the following item from the table.

23. Communication from Jay Taylor, Industrial Agent, requesting the Mayor be authorized to execute a Confirmatory Option to Purchase (Right of First Refusal) satisfactory to Blue Cross, subject to the review and approval of the City Solicitor.
(Tabled 2/27/96)

Ald. Domaingue moved to receive and file with the understanding that if no action is being taken the Mayor is not authorized to execute and confirmatory option. Ald. Reiniger duly seconded the motion. The motion carried.

On motion of Ald. Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Clancy, it was voted to remove the following item from the table.

24. Communication from Toni Pappas, Chairman, Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners relative to the Pine Island 4-H Center.
(Tabled 2/27/96)

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

On motion of Ald. Wihby, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted to remove the following item from the table for discussion.

25. Communication from Kathleen Giacoponello, Business Manager, Hillsborough County, advising of payment in the amount of $107,000 which represents the settlement on the Pine Island facility as a result of the fire that occurred on October 21, 1995; and further expressing concern relative to liability issues directly attributable to the burnt-out structure and discussions relative to the money being isolated for future use at the Pine Island site.
(Tabled 3/12/96)

Ald. Domaingue noted the last time they discussed this issue the Mayor's office was going to work with the alderman from ward 8 to get a communication going on behalf of the committee asking where that was. Mr. Girard stated the communication had been reviewed and since the last time they had spoken there had been no changes to it yet.

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

26. Discussion regarding 9.9 percent EPD billings.
(Tabled 2/6/96)

This item remained on the table.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Reiniger noted that the NH Philharmonic was offering a space lease for the elderly center for a savings of 30 to 40 thousand dollars. So the made the offer and he was willing to go back and negotiate with them further something more specific he didn't want to do that without a sense of the committee and we should respond to their generous offer in some way. Mr. Girard noted that they will assist Ald. Reiniger as he may request.

Chairman Robert suggested they work on it and return at the next meeting. Ald. Wihby noted that Elderly Services should be involved also. Ald. Reiniger stated that would be part of the process.

On motion of Ald. Domaingue, duly seconded by Ald. Clancy it was voted to have Ald. Reiniger pursue with the mayor's office and elderly services with the committee's concerns.

There being no further business to come before the committee on motion of Ald. Reiniger, duly seconded by Ald. Robert, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Lisa R. Beaver
Clerk of Committee