

**COMMITTEE ON  
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**April 29, 1997**

**6:15 PM**

Due to the absence of Chairman Robert, the Clerk called the meeting to order.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to appoint Alderman Reingier as Chairman pro-tem.

The Clerk called the roll.

**Present:** Alderman Reiniger, Clancy, Domaingue  
Alderman Robert arrived late.

**Absent:** Alderman Wihby

**Messrs.:** Robert MacKenzie, Richard Houle, Fred Rusczek, Jay Taylor,  
Bill Jabjiniak, Kevin St. Onge, Ron Ludwig, Paul Porter, Joan  
Gardner, Sean Thomas

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Reiniger stated if you desire to remove any of the following items from the Consent Agenda, please so indicate. If none of the items are to be removed, one motion only will be taken at the conclusion of the presentation.

- A. 1996 CIP Budget Authorization:  
6.1000 HOME Project - Revision #3
  
- B. An amending resolution and budget authorizations allowing for substitutions of funds by decreasing the 1995 CIP 6.40409 Elm Street Redevelopment; and increasing the 1997 CIP 8.30340 City Hall and Annex Renovations; and by decreasing the 1996 CIP 8.30340 ADA Compliance/City Hall-Annex Renovation and decreasing the 1997 CIP 8.30397 ADA Compliance; and increasing the 1997 CIP 6.50220B Central Business District Improvements.

- C. An amending resolution allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of grant funds for various School Department projects by adding the FY97 School to Work Program - \$71,420; NH Health Care Transition Fund Community Grant Program - \$100,000; Manchester School Community Pediatrician Collaborative - \$5,000; and CAST - Summer Youth Program NHJTC - \$80,565.
- D. An amending resolution and budget authorizations allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of State grant funds for various Health Department Projects by increasing the 1997 CIP 2.20704 STD Clinic - increasing the budget from \$23,000 to \$29,000; the 1997 CIP 2.20706 Tuberculosis Control - increasing the budget from \$19,350 to \$20,350; and the 1997 CIP 2.20714 Lead Poisoning Prevention - increasing the budget from \$100,000 to \$176,136.
- E. An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of grant funds by adding the 1997 CIP 4.20107 Universal Hiring Program - \$300,000 (U.S. Dept. of Justice).
- F. An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of an 80% state reimbursement grant for design costs associated with the Kelley Street Rehabilitation Project by increasing the 1997 CIP 7.10108 Annual Bridge Maintenance and Inspection Project - \$8,000 State DOT increasing the budget from \$30,000 cash to \$38,000 (\$30,000 cash, \$8,000 State).

**HAVING READ THE CONSENT AGENDA, ON MOTION OF ALDERMAN DOMAINGUE, DULY SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CLANCY, IT WAS VOTED THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Reiniger addressed the following item of new business so as to allow Mr. Rusczek, Health Officer, to address the Committee

An amending resolution and budget authorization allowing for the acceptance and expenditure of State grant funds for the 1997 2.20708 HIV Prevention - \$32,500 (increasing the budget from \$132,500 to \$165,000 State).

Mr. Rusczek stated just as we have with some of our other proposals, we have an opportunity to increase the level of funding for HIV prevention activities. Some of the outreach activities that link to our public health have, in the past, been completed by ALPHA under a State contract. Because the target population which started out with ALPHA initially being a Hispanic population, they decided not to continue their contract, so that leaves us without the outreach component for HIV activities and so we find it necessary to submit a proposal to the State and, if successful, it will increase our State funding from \$132,500 to \$165,000.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to approve the amending resolution and budget authorization pending State approval.

Chairman Reiniger arrived indicating to Alderman Reiniger that he continue serving as Chairman pro-tem for the remainder of the meeting.

Chairman Reiniger addressed item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from the Industrial Agent and Director of Planning submitting their recommendations relative to the disposition of 1037 Elm Street.

Mr. Taylor stated the idea behind this request is the fact that with all of the various activities that are happening Downtown and the renewed interest in some of the buildings and facade improvement program and all of the other things going on, the Reconstruction of Elm Street, the Renovation of City Hall, there has been some renewed interest in this property which is 1037 Elm Street which for those of you who are not familiar is at the corner of Concord and Elm Streets and has been called the Chase Building and directly across from Hampshire Plaza. It is a building which the City originally acquired by tax deed and has had for some time and not sure how long we've had it, but maybe 8 or 10 years. Bob has had some requests about what we're going to do with it, I've had a couple, and I guess collectively we felt that this may be a good time to try to get this building rehabed and back into productive tax-paying use and doing it by the pure means of public auction seemed to us like maybe not the best way of getting the results that we are looking for. So, we are suggesting in this instance that we go through an RFP process with some specific parameters within which we would like to see the property developed or redeveloped and see what kind of a response we get from those who have indicated an interest in doing something with the building. Now, this is a little bit of a departure from the normal process because I guess statutes

require that properties taken by tax deed are required to go out on an auction basis, but, we are going to be talking with the City Solicitor's Office to see if there is some way we can do this RFP without getting ourselves in trouble legally.

Mr. MacKenzie stated just to go into a little bit more detail as to why we think it's appropriate to do it in this fashion if you look at Elm Street a number of properties have sold recently and turned over a couple of times, but there has been no major investment in those buildings. We think it is a time that people might be interested in investing in the Downtown, so we feel that going out for proposals, the Board could evaluate a number of proposals since I think there is interest at least by a half-a-dozen firms. If we could get someone who is willing to come in and invest in the building in a major way, renovate the building, bring some activities Downtown, it does a lot of things for the City in the long run and for the Downtown, it increases the tax base, it increases the activities in the Downtown and it does put it back on the tax rolls. We could not guarantee that coming in with proposals would give you the most money upfront for the City, but we feel that the long-term economic best interest to the City is to go out for proposals and try to get some major renovation to the property.

Alderman Clancy asked what are you planning on having like a storefront downstairs like it was originally and apartments upstairs.

Mr. MacKenzie replied there has been a couple of options bandied about and that is one of them. Clearly, I think one group might have been interested in perhaps retail/commercial with a restaurant on the first floor and then offices up above. It would likely be one of those two either retail/commerce on the first floor and housing or some type of offices above.

Alderman Clancy asked did I see something in the paper where they quoted a price of \$65,000.

Mr. MacKenzie replied, I guess I haven't seen that, have you.

Mr. Taylor replied I think that's the Bond building across Concord Street. I think what we wanted to point out here is that when you put restrictions and I think we've talked about this before, when you put restrictions on the uses of property can be put to, to some degree that has a tendency to depress the price that you might get at a public process and we wanted to make sure that everyone understood that going out for an auction while it might bring you the most money upfront in terms of direct return, doesn't necessarily guarantee you the long-term benefits that I think everyone is looking for here and we wanted to make sure that everyone understands that, so that we may not get as large an offer with the

restrictions we're talking about putting on if we just put it out for anybody to bid on. We wanted to make sure that everyone understood that in the beginning.

Alderman Clancy asked what was it assessed at.

Mr. Taylor replied, I have no idea.

Mr. MacKenzie stated, I know there are back taxes on the property and that is why it was taken for tax deed and that has accumulated quite a bit over the years. I don't think I have the exact assessed value, but it is a fairly large building, about 40,000 square feet. Certainly, if we could find a major investment of over a million dollars that would benefit in the long-term in terms of the tax base.

Alderman Domaingue stated even with Request for Proposals, we could still, not necessarily make a decision to do that, but at least we would have more information or would we be committed once we said yes or no.

Mr. Taylor stated the RFP process would allow the City to reject any and all proposals if that was its desire. It doesn't commit us to do anything.

Mr. MacKenzie stated we would expect that we would bring the actual proposals back to this Committee perhaps with a staff recommendation on one of them or none of them, but this Committee would then generally be the one that would select the best proposal.

Chairman Reiniger stated I think this is a very sound proposal, thank you.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Robert, it was voted to recommend that the 1037 Elm Street property be disposed of by Request for Proposals as recommended by the Industrial Agent and the Director of Planning.

Chairman Reiniger addressed item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from the Director of Planning submitting his recommendations relative to the sale of city surplus land off Currier Drive at Tax Map 860, Lot 21 as follows:

that the CIP Committee approve of the sale of Tax Map 860, Lot 21 to abutters Bourque and Capobianco for the previously agreed upon price with the following conditions applying to the sale: (1) that the parcel is not be to considered a building lot; (2) that the abutters act

as “tenants-in-common” in acquiring the property; (3) that these tenants-in common petition for quiet title at a future time; and (4) that they then subdivide and consolidate the new lots to their individual residential parcels.

Alderman Robert asked is this the conservation land we had been talking about up there.

Mr. MacKenzie replied this is a landlocked parcel that you can't get to it right now, it's adjacent to the Hooksett Town line off of Currier Drive. The CIP Committee worked on it maybe two years ago and the staff has been working on it, it's been a tough parcel and it's come back. I would note that since this recommendation came in to the Committee that there has been a change in ownership of one of the abutters and that has necessitated a change in the recommendation. We do have a written recommendation that wasn't on the agenda, but I do have copies and I don't know if the Committee would want to consider that now or wait until the next time.

Alderman Clancy stated consider it now.

Alderman Robert asked was that the parcel that we were looking at one day with all the tires and the gates.

Mr. MacKenzie replied, no. It's in the same vicinity, but this is another parcel. It's the same type of land though in that there is no street frontage to it. It has no real value to the City at this point because you can't get there, it's not a buildable lot.

Alderman Robert stated I know we spoke about conservation land or the possibility of conserving the other parcel, this one couldn't be part of that.

Mr. MacKenzie stated the interest back several years ago by the Committee and by the Board was to dispose of as much surplus property as possible and get it back on the tax rolls and that is why we have been working on it. There has also been an interest by those owners, the abutters who do have frontage, to acquire just for their own protection. So, that what the wishes of the Committee several...a couple of years ago.

Alderman Robert stated when you say they are going to consolidate these parcels into their own lots or whatever asked are we to assume that they are going to be building on them in the future at some point.

Mr. MacKenzie replied right now they are in a Zoning District R1-A, so the lots that they have they have a house on right now. There are three abutters that would like to buy this one parcel and we're recommending that it be subdivided so that each of those abutters get a portion of the City land. The Zoning only allows them to put one house on there and that house is already there. So, even though they might put a shed up out back on this property there is no room for additional development because there is no more street frontage

On motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Robert, it was voted to recommend sale of City-surplus land off Currier Drive as submitted by the Planning Director in his revised recommendations.

Chairman Reiniger addressed item 6 of the agenda:

Disposition of 113 Spruce Street.

(Note: the Board of Assessors have suggested a price of \$7,500.)

Alderman Robert asked is that all that we can get for it.

Ms. Gardner stated there was an auction held on October 28, 1995 and did not get the minimum bid, there had been someone who bid the \$10,000, but when asked later had indicated he did not want the property.

Alderman Clancy stated the reason he was told that the person who bid the \$10,000 did not want it was because the house on the corner of Spruce and Pine Streets which is now vacant owned land to the rear and the guy who was going to buy it thought he was going to buy it from The Pericles Club to Barry Avenue and after he found it wasn't he did not want it. I could probably get \$7,500, maybe \$7,000 right now.

Ms. Gardner stated as a result of it being a tax-deeded property it was supposed to be disposed of through public disposition so everyone can have access to the property unless there is a special circumstance whereby an ordinance would then be required.

Mr. Porter stated The Pericles Club was interested in it at the time and when we went to auction the bid got up to \$10,000 and they had backed off earlier. In speaking with Jim St. Jean he said part of the psychology of auctioneering is at least to get people to bid. So, we felt rather than put it on at the \$15,000, at least if you start getting the bid going at \$7,500 which I would say it definitely should, there's no way of knowing, but at that point it'll start the bidding and then you can

have people bidding for it and it could very easily get up to the ten or twelve thousand dollars. It's not per se, as I recall a buildable lot because of the size and The Pericles Club wanted it for their parking, so that basically is kind of the history of what had happened the last time and Jim St. Jean did recommend that when we do go to auction set the minimum lower than what you would really like to get at least to get people into the bidding.

On motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Robert, it was voted to recommend that the minimum bid for the property be reduced from \$10,000 to \$7,500 and direct the Tax Collector to rebid the property through public auction.

Chairman Reiniger addressed items 7 & 8 of the agenda:

Communication from the Assistant Airport Director seeking the Board's approval of a ground lease for an expanded air cargo ramp developed by Cargex Manchester Limited Partnership for a term of 27 years with an option to extend for two successive additional terms of five years each.

Communication from the Chairman of the Manchester Regional Industrial Foundation submitting a copy of the Foundation's FY1996 Annual Report.

Alderman Domaingue asked if there were any representatives from the Airport present.

The Clerk noted there were none.

Alderman Domaingue stated items 7 and 8 were almost linked; that there was an issue I almost thought might come to bear upon this, so if there is no one here...I had asked to have item 8 moved to the Committee because I had several questions regarding the Manchester Regional Industrial Foundation.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to table items 7 & 8 and requested the Clerk to forward a letter to Airport representatives to attend the next scheduled Committee meeting.

Chairman Reiniger addressed item 9 of the agenda:

Communication from Gerry Coulter, Pine Grove Cemetery, requesting permission to obtain a surplus vehicle from the City to replace the worn out 1980 Pontiac Lemans which needs to have extensive repair work done to it.

Mr. Houle stated there were some surplus Police vehicles which Mr. Coulter could choose from or from whatever might become available in the future.

On motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Robert, it was voted to approve Mr. Coulter's request to obtain a surplus vehicle.

Chairman Reiniger addressed item 10 of the agenda:

Communication from Deputy Chief of Police Robinson requesting approval to add a government surplus 1985 Chevy Blazer 4WD 2-door to be utilized for Drug Interdiction work to the Police Department fleet.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to approve Deputy Chief Robinson's request to add a government surplus 1985 Chevy Blazer to the Police Department fleet.

Chairman Reiniger addressed item 11 of the agenda:

Communication from the Director of School Food/Nutrition Services requesting permission be granted for the purchase of a 1989 Chevy 4x4 pickup truck.

Alderman Robert asked do these people need it or did they pick up something cheap.

Mr. Thomas stated my understanding is it is for delivery between their supply house and School Food & Nutrition, it's going to be shared between the two functions and Mark Hobson has informed the Mayor's Office and Dick Houle that they would be handing in the vehicle by June.

Alderman Clancy asked what vehicle would they be turning in.

Mr. Thomas replied, I think they're going to turn in a cruiser, right now they're using a cruiser and a van to do their deliveries and it's inadequate, I think.

Alderman Robert asked will they be adding to the fleet.

Mr. Thomas replied it would not be an addition to the City fleet.

Mr. Houle suggested that that be made part of the motion that the vehicle be approved subject to replacing the existing vehicle and not adding to the fleet.

Alderman Robert stated I know that Mr. Houle is working on vehicle standardization and I think we're getting away from that. I don't know if your work on that is complete yet or not, but did you have an idea of what sort of vehicle you would like to see for that.

Mr. Houle replied, I think it would have been a van, but we didn't look at that specific responsibility. We looked at mechanics, but probably in hindsight we didn't look at this specific function at what the vehicle should be.

Alderman Robert stated in moving forward the Special Committee on Fleet and Central Garage is looking at something like this and we should let these people know that there may be something coming and they might want to check with us before they buy something. The Special Committee is going to be recommending the adoption of standard vehicles.

Alderman Domaingue stated in light of Alderman Robert's concerns, I'm wondering whether we have sent any kind of communication to the departments letting them know that they ought to send the request here before purchasing vehicles, is that understood.

Mr. Houle replied that information has been communicated within the past two years on at least two occasions that no vehicle is to be purchased except as, as a gift without authorization from this Committee and it's under that basis that we have an arrangement with the City Clerk's Office that unless there is authorization they can't register the vehicle.

Alderman Domaingue stated maybe what we ought to do is communicate from the Committee that any future requests for vehicles will be turned down, any future purchased vehicles will be rejected.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to approve the request of the Director of School Food/Nutrition Services to purchase a 1989 Chevy 4x4 pickup truck subject to replacing the existing vehicle only and not adding to the fleet.

Chairman Reiniger addressed item 12 of the agenda:

Response from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery relative to

Aqua Golf, Clean-Flo Proposal at Nutts Pond in Precourt Park.

Alderman Robert stated I have been talking to both parties and this wasn't the format that I was hoping to have this discussion in and I may have left Mr. Sheppard at a disadvantaged position. I don't believe that he really knew that this item was coming up tonight. I was in the process of making arrangements with him to discuss this, set a time that would be comfortable for him to come in and hash this out, I'm not sure if he's prepared or not.

Chairman Reiniger asked are you suggesting that it would be better to reschedule this item.

Alderman Robert asked if Mr. Sheppard was present.

Mr. Sheppard's brother indicated he was in attendance on his brother's behalf.

Alderman Robert asked would you be prepared to discuss this in depth this evening.

Mr. Sheppard replied, I think if you want to get into all of the fine details, you may want to table it at this point and give everyone a little more time to become prepared.

Alderman Robert stated I apologize for not getting back to Mr. Sheppard in a timely manner. My intention was for you people to get into the details, so we could respond to the concerns.

Mr. Sheppard stated we had tried contacting a few of the Aldermen last night to see if this item could be tabled, but were having a problem with that and asked if it was possible to table this at this time.

Alderman Robert stated Mr. Sheppard felt that he did not get a fair shake, he did not think that all of his points had been aired properly and I just wanted to give him that opportunity.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to table item 12.

Alderman Domaingue asked is Mr. Ludwig here for something else tonight.

Mr. Ludwig replied, no.

Alderman Domaingue stated, I guess my only observation is that Mr. Ludwig was kept waiting 30 minutes and if we knew we wanted to table it maybe in the future we ought to arrange if there is a question of anything on the agenda of tabling and we know the parties are not going to be here like tonight, we ought to allow for our directors to get out of here rather than sitting here and waiting. Thank you.

Chairman Reiniger stated Alderman Clancy and I have been receiving a lot of calls about the condition of the flagpole at Kalivas Park and I think it's a point for the public to know how much it would cost to replace it and maybe Mr. Ludwig while he is present could update them on the issue.

Mr. Ludwig stated flagpoles are important to all of us and some of the parks are not in good condition with Kalivas being one. I think I gave you some misinformation previously. I had thought about Mr. Bronstein's donation at Bronstein Park and I believe that with the installation we were closer to probably \$2,400 rather than \$1,500 and that is what it would cost to put a fiberglass pole up in Kalivas Park, it's a steel pole. For us to take it down and have it sandblasted, cleaned, primed, painted, and reinstalled would more than likely exceed that price. Sandblasting is an expensive per-hourly cost and we don't do it, so we'd have to remove it and take it to a place locally. But, that's not really the kind of money we carry in our budget given the fact that the Parks Capital Improvement budget probably is in the vicinity of \$15,000-\$20,000 for the year.

Chairman Reiniger asked if you could just look at it and report back, we'd appreciate it.

Chairman Reiniger addressed item 13 of the agenda:

Copy of a communication from Kevin Flynn, News Director, WZID/WFEA, advising of their need to test access to the recording system to be used at the temporary location of Board meetings during the restoration/renovation project of City Hall.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to receive and file the communication from Mr. Flynn as this matter was currently being addressed with respect to the City Hall Renovation Project.

Chairman Reiniger addressed item 14 of the agenda:

Communication from Nury Marquez, Executive Director of ALPHA requesting an increase over the Mayor's proposed funding for FY98.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to receive and file the communication from Ms. Marquez as this request had already been addressed in the FY98 CIP budget process.

Chairman Reiniger addressed item 15 of the agenda:

Communication from Marlene Piaseczny Hawley and Mark Piaseczny expressing their concerns regarding the proposed renovations linking City Hall to City Hall Annex and the effect it will have on vehicular traffic on Hampshire Lane.

Mr. MacKenzie stated we have been working with representatives of that business on several issues; that they have had concerns about certain other issues in the City. On this particular one, we have brought forth to the Traffic Committee recommendation for a loading zone on Stark Street which would provide the easiest access for them to load certainly during construction and after the City Hall Project. I believe that Marlene has called and talked to me several times and I think they just want to receive in writing that that has been done and I think we will probably be able to get that as an Ordinance change from the Traffic Committee since that action was taken. There were several other concerns not related to the City Hall Project that I have been working with them on, as well.

On motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to receive and file the communication from the Piaseczny's.

Chairman Reiniger addressed item 16 of the agenda:

Communication from Robert and Elizabeth Poirier relative to a run-off water drainage problem on Whig Drive.

Alderman Robert suggested it be added to the Chronic Sewer & Drain Project listing and have the Highway Department look at it.

Mr. Taylor stated I have a conflict here, I should note upfront, but my father happens to own a house on Whig Drive which is why I am familiar with the situation. The neighbors have petitioned the Highway Department to get some dilapidated curbing replaced under the 50/50 Program and my understanding is there is money in the budget to do that, so they are in the process of and I believe all of the neighbors have provided the City their share of the funds to accomplish that. They were going to try to do an overlay of the street, after the curbing is put in to do an overlay over the existing pavement because the pavement's in very bad shape. There is a drainage problem, there is some drainage that comes out of one of the abutters property and it runs down the street, across the street to a catch basin which is probably 75 feet away and it's causing an ice problem in the winter, the pavement's all broken up as a result of it, and this gentleman Mr. Poirier is simply saying that to do an overlay of the street without fixing the drainage problem is an absurd waste of money. I don't think it's going to be a terribly expensive proposition. I know Steve Tierney's been up there and looked at it, but I don't know what the costs are, I have no knowledge of that, I just know that that is basically the situation.

Alderman Domaingue stated if we just recommend this to the Chronic Sewer & Drain they're going to put it on the list and in the meantime as Mr. Taylor has pointed out, they're going to go ahead according to this letter sometime after July of this year with the overlay. I think we need to send some kind of communication of urgency that if they're intending to do the overlay and the granite curbing then this needs to be addressed if they can within their budget at the same time.

Alderman Clancy stated there is no sense in doing one without the other.

Alderman Domaingue stated otherwise, postpone that other work until they can.

Alderman Clancy asked does that mean that this will jump some of these other people who have been waiting for years.

Alderman Domaingue replied, I am not suggesting they do that, but rather we let the Highway Department make that decision and send a communication which states what will this cost and can you do it at the same time and if not, what time frame can you do it in.

On motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Robert, it was voted to refer the communication from the Poirier's to the Chronic Sewer & Drain Project at the Highway Department.

### **TABLED ITEMS**

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

Communication from Al Lindquist, A & A Resource Mgt., Inc., requesting the City's assistance to expedite a closing on property located at 241 Crosbie Street which the City held at public auction in 1995.  
(Tabled 6/10/96)

Alderman Domaingue asked could we remove this item from the table and refer it to the Tax Collector's Office, would that be appropriate.

Attorney St. Onge stated it is my understanding that Assistant Solicitor Arnold is still working on this matter with both the Tax Collector's Office and the IRS. My understanding is communication was issued from Tom recently regarding this address to try to resolve the impasse. So, my suggestion would be to leave it on the table and when Attorney Arnold returns from vacation he can perhaps address it more fully.

On motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to retable item 17.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to remove item 18 from the table for discussion.

Discussion with representatives from The Sargent Museum relative to their proposal to acquire and renovate City-owned property located at 88 Lowell Street.

(Originally tabled 7/9/96 - remained on the table 9/30/96 and requested Mr. Taylor to pursue going forward with the formation of an agreement for consideration by the Committee.)

Mr. Taylor stated with regard to the museum, we met with the President of the museum, their legal counsel, Tom Arnold and I to discuss the Purchase & Sale Agreement which they have had for some time. There are maybe a half-a-dozen items that were discussed that there seemed to be some differences of opinion as to which direction to go in and we left it that the attorneys would try to reword some of the wording in the agreement on these items and try to come to some consensus that we could come back to this Committee with a recommendation. My understanding is that that process is on-going, but my impression of the items that were in question was that there were not any that appeared to be of sufficient magnitude that would kill the deal and I continue to be optimistic that we can come to some sort of a closure on this thing, it's just going to take a little more time, so I think we should continue to try to move along as best we can and when we have something that is concrete we will come back to the Committee and make a full report.

Alderman Domaingue asked before retabling this item, can we just eliminate this portion of it and have them come back.

Mr. Taylor stated we're going to come back under any circumstance anyway, so it would be up to the Committee to take it off at this time.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to receive and file the communication from The Sargent Museum.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Robert, it was voted to remove item 19 from the table for discussion.

Communication from Jay Taylor regarding improvements to the corner of Bridge and Elm Streets property.  
(Tabled 8/27/96)

Mr. Taylor stated I think we could remove this item entirely at this point because whatever we do subsequent to whatever action is taken we will have to come back

here anyway and having it sit there probably makes no sense, so you could safely take item 19 off, but having this item sitting here doesn't make a lot of sense to me here, so it can be removed.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to receive and file the communication from Mr. Taylor.

Communication from Donald Tomilson requesting the Committee review the current ordinance relating to deduct water meters, and suggesting it be amended to provide the same relief from excessive sewer charges for commercial and industrial establishments, as now applies to residential irrigation systems.

(Tabled 10/22/96 pending further report.)

This item remained on the table.

On motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to remove item 21 from the table for discussion.

Communication from Alice Bellemare advising that neighbors in the vicinity of Candia Road suggest that a thru street from Mammoth Road to Lovering or Page Streets would cut down heavily on speeding and traffic on Candia Road.

(Tabled 12/10/96 pending a response from Alderman Soucy.)

On motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to receive and file the communication from Ms. Bellemare.

Communication from Alderman Sysyn requesting the Committee review the issue of the community center under the Enterprise Community funding.

(Tabled 3/11/97)

Mr. MacKenzie stated we will have a report back to the Committee at its next meeting, the Enterprise Community Advisory Board has been working hard on this and they have tentatively selected a group and I think things are falling in place.

He noted that there had been some issues raised by Alderman Sysyn which we are trying to address.

This item remained on the table.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to remove item 23 from the table for discussion.

Communication from Tom Irving suggesting the new track facility at Livingston Park be named in honor of his uncle, Robert H. Irving.  
(Tabled 3/11/97)

Alderman Domaingue stated item 23 could be removed from the table as he is a constituent of mine and the Parks & Recreation Commission is looking into this matter and into long-range options as how to name that park and if I keep in touch with them there isn't a need to keep it tabled.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to receive and file the communication from Mr. Irving.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to remove item 24 from the table for discussion.

Communication from members of the Manchester Child Care Committee requesting to meet with City officials to discuss the problem associated with the transportation of school children from Manchester schools to their respective after-school programs.  
(Tabled 3/11/97)

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to forward a letter to Dr. Jack and Mr. Roy inviting them to attend the next scheduled meeting of the Committee in order to address concerns expressed by MCCC; and further that this item remain tabled.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Alderman Clancy asked if Mr. MacKenzie could update the Committee on the sidewalk program.

Mr. MacKenzie stated I know that things are moving along, Highway has been out reviewing sites and I think they're going to be able to get to a good chunk of that

list that was prepared both the CD side and Bond side and I think things are gearing up for construction this summer.

Alderman Clancy stated I got a call today from a gentleman who lives on the corner of Lake Avenue and Mammoth Road expressing his concern that a little curb work was being done, maybe about 15 feet from his house and he asked if they were going to be putting curbing down on Mammoth Road. I told him it was listed, but told him I didn't know where it was for this year from Nelson Street to Lake Avenue.

Mr. MacKenzie replied that is not on this year's list because it's not close to a school, we did identify it as a project that would come back next year because it is adjacent to Stevens Park which is a very active park with a lot of Little League and kids going there, so it's clear to me that it will come back on the list for next year's funding.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee