

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

May 5, 1998

Upon Recess of BMA

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll. There were fourteen Aldermen present.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Klock, Reiniger, Sysyn, Clancy, Pinard, Shea, O'Neil, Girard, Rivard, Pariseau, Cashin, Thibault, Hirschmann

Messrs.: K. Clougherty

Mayor Wieczorek addressed item 3 of the agenda:

Communication from Bradford Cook, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of School Committee submitting proposed FY99 budgets for the Manchester School District.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted that the communication from the Board of School Committee be referred to budget discussions.

Alderman Hirschmann asked would a public hearing be required again.

Mr. Clougherty stated he wanted to draw the Board's attention to what had been submitted by the School Department; that when Governor Shaheen was present talking about the ABC Plan she had mentioned that the \$69 million appropriation and the \$84 actually spent, the budget presented by School is asking for an appropriation of \$88 million, so what they are proposing and as I understand it and asked the Superintendent today, but it seems like they want all of the \$88 million to be budgeted to school rather than it is now where certain dollars are put in the Solicitor's Office or the Personnel Office or the Parks and Recreation Department or the Highway Department; that from a logistics standpoint if the Board is going to entertain that we need to start almost immediately dealing with the departments to restructure the budget proposal that is before you to start carving out the health nurses and Officer Friendly and things like that because that is going to be not an inconsiderable amount on the part of the City's departments, and bring it to your attention that what is being requested is a little bit different than what you may

have seen in the past and it's a full all in budget proposal and from a finance and accounting standpoint we can accommodate you either way and the accounting system can do it either way, but we need to have some direction from you on a preliminary basis, if nothing else, so that we can work with the departments and start prepping them for something like that.

Alderman Wihby stated I think what happened with the \$1.1 and the \$1.4 shows us that it is time that we start putting the benefits in the budgets that they belong in and if they can do that easily enough for us, Finance, I think we should start this year in doing that and get everybody under where it belongs...all the benefits - dental, health, and everything else so that when someone's asking...for instance, Library asked for two part-time positions yesterday at \$40,000, my question to him was does that include the benefits or not, is there another 30% I have to tack on on the other end or is \$40,000 and I'm going to take back 30% because it goes back into the non-departmental, so I think we should start doing it the right way, your Honor.

Mayor Wieczorek stated you're absolutely right. As a matter of fact, that's one of the things I would hope we would address during this budget period so that we have a better handle on what the total expenses are in a particular department.

Alderman Wihby asked can Finance do that in time during our budget deliberations.

Mr. Clougherty replied if you want us to put all of the different restricted items into each department we can do those calculations and present it to you; that I think the issue it presents with School is whether they would then, once they have that appropriation go out and select their own providers and I think those are the types of issues you're going to have to take a look at on some of these things going forward just with School. With the other departments I may work and you may want to provide them with that opportunity and that's something that again as you go through the next month we can do the calculations, take a look at it, but we want to make sure that you know all of the ramifications of doing some of these things too.

Mayor Wieczorek addressed item 4 of the agenda:

1997 CIP Budget Authorization:

5.50201 Library Literacy Volunteers of America - Revision #2

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted that the 1997 CIP budget authorization be approved, subject to final approval of the related resolution.

Mayor Wieczorek addressed item 5 of the agenda:

1998 CIP Budget Authorizations:

4.20106 Motor Vehicle Prosecutor - Revision #1

5.10258 Livingston Park Capital Improvements - Revision #3

7.30279 Relocate Airport Drive

7.30280 Construct Bridge for Taxiway "E"

Alderman Girard moved that the 1998 CIP budget authorizations be approved, subject to final approval of related resolutions. Alderman Rivard duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Aldermen O'Neil and Cashin duly recorded in opposition to items 7.30279 and 7.30280.

Mayor Wieczorek addressed item 6 of the agenda:

Resolutions:

"Amending the 1997 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$8,258 for the 1997 Community Improvement Program 5.50201 Library Literacy Volunteers of America Project."

"Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the 1998 CIP 4.20106 Motor Vehicle Prosecutor."

"Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of (\$30,000.00) Thirty Thousand Dollars for the 1998 Community Improvement Program 5.10258 Livingston Park Capital Improvement."

“Amending an Amending Resolution ‘Authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of (\$21,790,000) Twenty One Million Seven Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars for various Airport Authority Projects’,” so as to revise the funding source for the 1998 Community Improvement Program 7.30279 Ammon Center Parking Lot Project from \$540,000 MAA Cash to \$540,000 MAA Bond.

On motion of Alderman Girard duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted that the Resolutions be read by titles only, and it was so done.

Alderman Pinard moved that the Resolutions ought to pass and be Enrolled. Alderman Rivard duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Reiniger stated the \$30,000 for Livingston Park as a private donation from the Oval Society asked do they have a say in how that is spent, if they have certain notions on how the track should look, how they want it done, do they have any say.

Alderman Wihby replied that is for the upgraded running track surface.

Alderman Reiniger asked does the Parks Department tell them how the money is spent or do they have a say in who does it or how it’s done or how is that.

Mr. Clougherty stated it is my understanding that the plans that were put out for the project were for a certain level of track; that this allows that track to be upgrades and that’s something that the Oval Society wants and that the City is in favor of so it is going to go for something specific, but it is something that they all agree to.

Alderman Reiniger stated my question was more of who controls the money and how it is spent, is it still the Oval Society.

Mr. Clougherty replied it’s the City.

Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried with Aldermen O’Neil, Cashin and Thibault duly recorded in opposition to the last Resolution in the amount of \$21,790,000.

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

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A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee