

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**September 1, 1998
Mayor and All Aldermen**

**Upon Recess of BMA
School Administration Bldg.
196 Bridge Street**

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Mayor Wieczorek noted that items three and four were deleted from the agenda.

5. 1994 CIP Budget Authorizations:
 - 8.30330 Underground Storage Tanks Site Remediation - Revision #2
 - 8.30389 PCB Transformers Replacement - Closeout

The Deputy Clerk noted the Wilson School authorization had been removed from the agenda.

On motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to approve the budget authorizations, subject to the final approval of related resolutions.

6. 1995 CIP Budget Authorizations:
 - 3.30504 Science Laboratories - Central High - Closeout
 - 740370 Sanitary Landfill Closure - Revision #5
 - 8.30337 High School Locker Rooms - Closeout

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to approve the budget authorizations, subject to the final approval of related resolutions.

7. 1997 CIP Budget Authorization:

3.10301 Enterprise Comm. Neighborhood Resource Center -
Revision #1

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy it was voted to approve the budget authorization, subject to the final approval of the related resolution.

8. 1998 CIP Budget Authorizations:

- 2.20505 Tobacco Prevention - Revision #2
- 2.20704 STD Clinic - Revision #1
- 2.20705 Immunization Program Enhancement - Revision #1
- 2.20709 Homeless Health Care - Revision #1
- 4.10117 Domestic Violence Program - Revision #1
- 5.10263 Livingston Park Athletic Facility
- 7.50101A Sidewalk Construction Program - Revision #2
- 8.30340B City Hall Restoration - Revision #1
- 8.30341 City Hall Security/Audio/Visual/Other - Revision #2

Alderman Sysyn moved to approve the budget authorizations, subject to the final approval of related resolutions. Alderman Clancy duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Girard questioned 5.10263 Livingston Park Athletic Facility noting he had some concerns with this project at Committee. This is a project where a private donor came forward to assist the city with the renovations up at Livingston Park and at the time that that information was brought to CIP Committee back in March, my understanding of what the money was to go to was to assist the city with completing phase II projects which we could not finish because the economy changed and suddenly everything got more expensive. At the Committee, we learned that there have been changes to the renovations to the park that instead of building a storage facility, the building now proposed to be built with the donated funds is actually a locker room, a bath house, and is a building that is substantially bigger and more complicated than what the original plans had proposed, or were called for. The Parks and Recreation Director was concerned because he had not had an opportunity to develop a maintenance plan or to come up with any costs and believed it would have to be heated because of the water in the building, he believed it would have to be staffed because of the type of facility, and he had not yet developed any of the maintenance numbers on this project. He was not snubbing a private donor but he had reservations about giving the go ahead to build a building that as a member of the committee he had not been told was going to be built, do not have any maintenance information on, do not know how it alters the park project itself, and he would like to have some of that information before

casting a vote on this. Alderman Girard noted he had spoken with Mr. MacKenzie before the meeting and he had no further information, and he understood there was no contract signed between the city and the donor as of yet.

Discussion ensued where Alderman Clancy noted that all of the high schools had a field except Central, they needed a field just like the others so they would all be equal and have a field to practice on.

Alderman Wihby stated the amount of money they said this was going to cost is still the same amount of money as far as the field goes and all of the things that are in it. The only thing that might change, and they did not know if it would or not, was that Parks was saying they did not think they could handle the facility and that the donor is saying if they were going to have a facility there it should be kept and he agreed with him and everyone on the Board should agree with him on that. Parks was going to go back and develop some sort of a plan with using their person or someone else and they would have to come back to the Board for the Board to okay that. That was separate than what was done. Everything they said was going to be done with the amount of money that they said it was going to take is in this plan, it was not costing anything more other than when they come back and talk about the maintenance of the facility, and he would ask the Board when they do come back to support the maintenance of the facility because it was going to be a number one facility, it was going to be something they were going to be proud of, there is a donor involved and the best way to have someone walk away from the City or not come to the City or not choose to donate is to have an attitude like Alderman Girard's where you try to come up and grandstand in public, when he could have asked the questions. He was disgusted with the way it was headed. To imply that it was something that was deceptive to the Board, the amount of money was not the same or they were trying to hide, all they were saying was this was the plan from the very beginning when the donor became involved, the mayor was in the first meeting, there was always going to be a locker room there and nothing has changed except for Parks comments on the little maintenance things.

Alderman Girard stated he did not say the project was costing more money, I said that different facilities were being built.

Alderman Wihby stated this was not true.

Alderman Girard read from the March 9 CIP Committee minutes quoting Alderman Wihby “Basically this is going to take care of putting a building over there, a storage house, doing the rest of the paving, bleachers, scorecard, landscaping all of the different things that were going to be funded in the third phase.” He noted that he did not see anything about locker rooms, bath rooms, bath houses or anything else and that’s what the parks director has told him is being built there. Alderman Girard noted he mentioned this at committee, he spoke with the parks director and tonight with the planning director to see if there had been any further information on this and there hasn’t been, had there been he would not be raising it now and the concern he wish to point out was he did not know what the maintenance costs were going to be and was not sure what the building was going to be, and if asking a question about what it is going to cost the city to maintain a building whether we build it or somebody else donates money for building it is showing a disgusting attitude then so be it.

Alderman O’Neil stated he had been involved with the discussions with Alderman Wihby. They had a golden opportunity here and if they do it right there are probably more donors like the family that got involved with Livingston Park. We are starting a process with West Memorial Field, going to be in several phases over a couple of years, we do Livingston Park right somebody may step up for West Memorial, he sure there would be other major park improvements in the south end of the city. He asked that they not miss the opportunity here and do it right. He had discussions with Parks and Recreation and it was going to come down to heating the building, we do it to Gill Stadium now, and with minimal heat it saves painting it every year.

Alderman Hirshmann concurred noting it was a wonderful endowment, a wonderful gift and you don’t look at gift horse in the mouth.

Alderman Cashin noted they had the same discussion when Singer was making a donation and Alderman O’Neil is right if we are going to start second guessing the donors he did not blame them for not participating, but more importantly if the fourteen or fifteen of us can trust each other we really have a problem.

Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote. The motion carried.

9. 1999 CIP Budget Authorizations:

221699	Teen Drop In Clinic-Operational Assistance - Revision #1
410299	MHRA Summer Foot Patrols
510299	Neighborhood Playgrounds
510499	Fun in the Sun - Revision #1
510599	Parks Improvement Program - Revision #1
710199	Bridge Rehabilitation Project - Revision #1
831399	Parkside Middle School Improvements - Revision #1

On motion of Alderman Hirschmann, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to approve the budget authorizations, subject to the final approval of related resolutions.

10. Bond Resolution:

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$45,000 for the Lease Purchase of a new Card Access Security System for the Manchester Police Department.”

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Klock, it was voted to read by title only.

Alderman Thibault moved that the Bond Resolution ought to pass and layover. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

11. Resolutions:

“Amending the 1994, 1995, 1998 and 1999 Community Improvement Programs, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000) for the 1998 8.30341 City Hall Security/Audio/Visual/Other and in the amount of Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$280,000) for the 1999 831399 Parkside Middle School Improvements.”

(It was noted that the above resolution was presented as amended by the Board earlier this same date.)

“Amending the 1997 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the 1997 CIP 3.10301 Enterprise Community Neighborhood Resource Center.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for various Health Department Projects.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the 1998 CIP 4.10117 Domestic Violence Program.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for various School Department Grants.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the 1999 CIP 4.10119 Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority (MHRA) Summer Foot Patrol Program.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the 1999 CIP 510599 Park Improvement Program Project.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Ninety-Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Forty Cents (\$96,618.40) for the 1999 CIP 710199 Bridge Rehabilitation Project.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the 1998 Community Improvement Program 7.51010A Sidewalk Construction Program.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of \$120,800.27 from various bond projects to the 1999 8.31399 Parkside Middle School Improvements, and a transfer of \$220,000 from the bond project to the 1998 3.0341 City Hall Security Audio/Visual/Other.”

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to dispense with the readings. It was noted that the resolutions were presented as referred with new additions and amendment.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted that the resolutions ought to pass and be Enrolled.

12. Resolutions and Budget Authorization relative to acquisition of Hackett Hill

property:

“A Resolution authorizing the establishment of the Hackett Hill Property Acquisition and Development Account.”

“Authorizing Additional Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$1,210,000) for the 1999 CIP 650599 UNH Land Acquisition.”

“Amending the 1999 Community Improvement Program transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Four Million One Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$4,163,399) for the 1999 CIP 650599 UNH Land Acquisition.”

“A Resolution authorizing the Finance Officer to make certain advances of funds in support of the Acquisition of the Hackett Hill Property in the amount of One Million Four Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Six Dollars (\$1,432,666).”

“A Resolution Directing the Manchester Development Corporation (“MDC”) to (i) Assign or cause the Assignment to the City of All Right, Title and Interest in Any Mortgages Granted by University Center Associates (“UCA”) to MDC on Property Located in the Millyard, so-called, and (ii) Cause the assignment by MDC, Inc., of all Right, Title and Interest in a Certain Demand Note Issued to MDC, Inc. by UCA, in Connection With UCA’s Development of Property Located in the Millyard, Each of Which Acts is Necessary in Connection with the Acquisition and Development of the Hackett Hill Property, so-called, by the City.”

1999 CIP Budget Authorization:

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650599 UNH Land Acquisition - Revision #1

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to dispense with the readings. Aldermen Reiniger and Sysyn were duly recorded as abstaining.

On motion of Alderman Hirschmann, duly seconded by Alderman Wihby, it was voted that the Resolutions and budget authorization ought to pass and lay over and further that same be referred to public hearing on Wednesday, September 30, 1998 at 6:30 PM. Aldermen Reiniger and Sysyn was duly recorded as abstaining.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee