

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**February 2, 2000**

**Upon recess of BMA**

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

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

**Present:** Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Levasseur, Sysyn, Clancy, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, Vaillancourt, Pariseau, Cashin, Thibault, Hirschmann

**Messrs.:** Bob MacKenzie, Randy Sherman

Mayor Baines addressed item 3 of the agenda:

Communication from the Manchester Police Athletic League requesting \$85,000 to purchase the parking lot adjacent to St. Cecilia's Hall at the southeast corner of Lake Avenue and Beech Streets contingent upon appraisal value.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated this item has been removed and referred to the Committee on Community Improvement.

Mayor Baines addressed item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from the NH Charitable Foundation requesting \$5,000 as startup monies to develop a comprehensive cultural plan for the City of Manchester; and further seeking additional funding in the next fiscal year.

Mayor Baines stated before we take that up, we do have two people in the audience who are ready to discuss that matter and I would like Anne Zachos and Alice DiSousa to step up to the microphone and address this matter.

Ms. Zachos stated I would like to thank you, Mr. Mayor and all of you on the Aldermanic Board for the privilege and the challenge of describing in a very few minutes a project that Alice DiSousa and I have been working on for some time. It is a project, which hopes to make a permanent contribution to the cultural life of our City. Alice DiSousa at my left is the Project Director and I am the volunteer and we are a part of a Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund initiative which, in 1997, awarded over \$500,000 to the NH Charitable Foundation to invest in

programs that encourage people to make art and culture and active part of their everyday lives. Manchester was chosen as one of three communities in the State and it was very appropriate that it be chosen because of the strength of our arts and our cultural institutions Manchester is outstanding, but also because of the vitality of our business climate and a lot of new energy and vision which was coming from grass roots organizations, the time seemed just right to be doing it. In Manchester for the last two years, this Lila Wallace Project, which has been named Art Builds Community, has made 16 awards to initiatives, which have included always as essential a number of characteristics: to reach undeserved audiences, to encourage new collaborations, to celebrate ethnic diversity and to focus on aspects of Manchester's history. In other words, we were funding projects, which would be relative to our citizen's experiences and even more important relevant to what they told us they wanted our City to become. From the beginning our goal, in addition to making a smaller grant, was to make a permanent difference if we could for the City of Manchester and we always hoped that we could create a community-based cultural blueprint for Manchester. If we did our job well enough, such a blueprint might be integrated into the City's Master Plan. That is where we find ourselves today. We have had two years of grant making and now we are embarked on a project, which we will finish, by the end of December of 2000. We have hired an expert on cultural tourism and planning and some of you in this room have heard of Bill Mosken. We have committed a significant amount of our own money; Lila Wallace funds. We have committed our time and our energy to reach, to listen and to respond to the citizens of Manchester and we furthermore have committed ourselves to reaching a permanent endowment for the arts and cultural events in our City, but it seems important to us that if this were going to be a plan that we all participated in, that we come to the City to ask for some financial support and we sent a letter to the Aldermanic Board, which I think you must have seen and have asked for \$5,000 for start-up money to kick-off this initiative. We have also asked for the opportunity to ask for additional funding in the next fiscal year as the work reaches completion in December. I have a short description of what Art Builds Community does in Manchester, but I thought maybe you would have some questions that you would like to ask Alice who does all the heavy lifting about what might happen with this project and why we think it is worth your consideration.

Alderman Shea stated I remember fondly, Anne, when you came to Hallsville as a volunteer and you are also volunteering now and anything that you are connected with, in my judgment, is a worthwhile, wonderful project.

Alderman Shea moved to give \$5,000 from contingency to the Art Builds Community project. Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Thibault stated I am looking at the last paragraph of your letter and you are asking for City funding now to kick off this initiative and say that our financial and moral support of this yearlong project is important and that you would like to reserve the opportunity to ask for additional funding in the next fiscal year. Do you have any projected figures for that? This is the thing that bothers me a little bit although I support this 100%.

Ms. DiSousa stated we would very much like to come back to you for a similar amount next year.

Alderman Thibault replied it says additional funding and that is what confused me.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I see on your letterhead that you are affiliated with Newport, Portsmouth, Greater Piscataqua Community, the Lakes Region, and Monadnock. What kind of funds do these communities give?

Ms. DiSousa replied the fiscal agent for this project was the NH Charitable Foundation.

Alderman Hirschmann responded which is on this letterhead.

Ms. DiSousa stated right and we actually are working under their 5013C number.

Alderman Hirschmann asked so this isn't really you.

Ms. DiSousa answered Anne is a volunteer and I get paid a stipend for doing this.

Mayor Baines stated let me clarify that. When you have an organization such as they are working with, you need a someone who has a non-profit status so typically you would work with an organization like the NH Charitable Foundation that has the 5013C and they only act as the fiscal agent for the project. In other words, they are the caretakers of the money, but the project is an independent project under the umbrella of that 5013C, but it is still a local project.

Ms. DiSousa stated every penny that we put into this project benefits the residents of Manchester. There is another project going on in Portsmouth.

Alderman Hirschmann replied I imagine that the \$5,000 will be well spent in Manchester and I don't have a problem with that. I just wanted to know because Portsmouth is on your letterhead do they get \$5,000 for their program.

Ms. DiSousa responded yes, the city of Portsmouth has committed to form a Steering Committee to do similar work there. There was funding giving to

Portsmouth, Newport and Manchester for the first phase of this and we saved some money out because we knew that we wanted to do this longer term thing so that when the project ends, the cultural life of Manchester doesn't end and that work continues. Anything that we do here has nothing to do with those other communities.

Alderman Hirschmann replied I didn't think it did. I just saw them on the letterhead and I wanted to know their involvement.

Ms. Zachos stated I think you would be interested to know that if this letter came next year at this time it would say underneath this or perhaps if it were alphabetical between Lakes and Monadnock, Manchester Regional Community Foundation because that, of course, is what is going to be happening here and it is going to be a wonderful thing for this City.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked are there any matching funds, either Federal, State or private available for this.

Ms. DiSousa answered yes. We have already committed 1/3 of the money we need from other sources. There is no Federal money, but we have private funds from foundations and the Art Plus Community itself has funded some of the start-up as well. Also, the cultural institutions have committed funding as well because they feel it is so very important to the City.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked what would the overall pool of money involved in this be.

Ms. DiSousa answered by the time we are through with the project a year from now, we will have spent about \$75,000.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I don't mean to sound like the Grinch, but you are talking big bucks now if you are up to \$75,000 and before I would approve anything that involves that much money, I would like to know how it is being spent and have some plan. When I was on the Finance Committee in Concord, we had a proposal similar to this come before us and it turns out that they were paying somebody \$60/hour as a consultant. I would like some assurances that nothing like that is happening here.

Ms. DiSousa replied I would be happy to give you the budget. I don't want to make any mistake about it. We are not asking the City for \$75,000. We will ask the City for approximately \$10,000 over two budget years and I would be happy to share that budget with you.

Alderman Pariseau stated I heard the words Manchester Regional. Who is the Manchester Regional in this project?

Ms. Zachos replied in this particular project, because...it doesn't figure in this but I was just trying to bring to your attention that within a year there will be a Manchester Regional Community Foundation that exists in this area but for our purposes, for this project, it is only for Manchester. All of the projects have to take place in Manchester and the work that will be done in terms of enhancing our cultural plans will be Manchester.

Alderman Pariseau asked so the \$5,000 you are requesting will stay here in Manchester.

Ms. Zachos answered absolutely. In fact, even the artists that we have engaged to do different projects...everything has to be done in Manchester.

Alderman Thibault asked in reference to the question that Alderman Vaillancourt asked regarding State or Federal funds, I don't think you gave an answer to that.

Ms. Zachos answered there are no State or Federal funds. This is from a private foundation made through the NH Charitable Foundation.

Mayor Baines called for a vote on the motion. Alderman Vaillancourt requested a roll call vote. Aldermen Pariseau, Cashin, Thibault, Hirschmann, Wihby, Gatsas, Levasseur, Sysyn, Clancy, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, and Shea voted yea. Aldermen Vaillancourt voted nay. The motion carried.

Mayor Baines stated I would like to assure the Aldermen that this is something I am very much involved with in terms of every aspect of the planning and I think this is a tremendous commitment and to have both of you with such credibility to bring to this project, I think this effort here is going to mean an awful lot for our City in terms of our effort to really unleash the vitality and the economics of our City through the Arts. You are going to be hearing a lot more about this. This is a very significant plan to make our City come to life through the arts and I commend you for your efforts and we look forward to working with you throughout this endeavor. Thank you very much for appearing before us.

Ms. Zachos stated I think we both want to say thank you very much to all of you and I want to respond to Alderman Shea. Those early years volunteering at a school such as Hallsville really got me started in this whole business and I have enjoyed every minute of it.

Deputy Clerk Johnson noted for the record that the \$5,000 will be paid for from contingency and a Resolution to that effect will be forthcoming.

Mayor Baines addressed item 5 of the agenda:

Bond Resolution:

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Six Hundred Sixty Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$660,168) for the FY2000 School District Lease programs (Portable classrooms at Hillside and Southside Middle Schools)."

Alderman Pariseau moved that the Bond Resolution be read by title only. Alderman Clancy duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Levasseur asked has this already been appropriated and these portable classes have already been added or what we are going to do in the future.

Alderman Sysyn stated it's already been done.

Mayor Baines stated the only thing we're doing now is discussing whether to read it by title only. In terms of the merits of the motion, we can discuss that once that's on the floor.

Mayor Baines called for a vote on the motion to read by title only. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Johnson read the Bond Resolution by title only.

Alderman Clancy moved that the Bond Resolution ought to pass and layover. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I am going to oppose this because a lot of mothers and fathers came to me about this last year and this item actually was tabled at one point. A lot of mothers and fathers did not want their children educated in portable classroom space. They felt that it was a detriment to the learning experience and a lot of them eloquently came and sat before us and said they didn't want their children brought up in this environment, so I am going to oppose this.

Mayor Baines asked can I ask Mr. Sherman to explain this a little further before we go...I don't think there's any objection to what you just said but I think there's some history behind this which I think the Aldermen and the public need to hear.

Mr. Sherman stated these portables were actually ordered and in place before school started. At that point, Dick O'Shea from the School Department had asked that this resolution be put before the Board. Once it got here, the Board did take this first initial vote on it and then Dick O'Shea again asked that it not be enrolled. Now, the resolution sat on the agenda until December when it was again asked by the School Department who said we are not going to use this, we'll just take the money out of our budget and we took it off the table. Now, that Mr. O'Shea is gone the School Department has looked at their budget again and they said well, in order for us to pay for these portables we need to do this financing. So, again, the portables are already in place and have been being used since September.

Mayor Baines stated I have just one clarification before I turn it over to the Board for discussion. This is a significant financial issue for the School District. If this Bond Resolution does not pass, you will be putting the School District at a significant problem with their budget, is that correct, Mr. Sherman.

Mr. Sherman replied that is correct.

Alderman Wihby stated that might be true, your Honor, but I guess I need a little bit more information from Randy. Randy, didn't we discuss this in the budget process and wasn't it decided that they were going to take it out of their budget.

Mr. Sherman replied I had recalled that as well, Alderman, that they had put this into their budget as to pay for cash.

Alderman Wihby asked wasn't it one of the things that we actually wanted them to do. Didn't we have a long discussion on this and we didn't feel comfortable with bonding it at the time and so we told them to.

Mr. Sherman stated yes, but I think the School Department has gone back after working through their teacher issue, after taking some hard looks at their benefit line items, I think that they are looking at a real tight budget. Even though they have than hundred million they're looking at a tight budget and this is a way to get them some additional financing.

Alderman Wihby stated when we gave them their budget we knew that we were giving them this money and that that money was going to be used for portables and not to come back...at least it wasn't envisioned that they were going to come back to us and ask us to do this. So, basically, we're giving them a budget and now they want more money on top of that budget because of bonding this rather than taking it out of their budget and they're going to spend it on something else.

Mr. Sherman stated I can't disapprove that.

Alderman Wihby stated so, in the future we can tell the School Department we're going to give you a hundred million and then they come back, bond half the stuff for another ten million and then do whatever they want. I don't think that's right, your Honor. We had a big discussion on this, we talked about we weren't going to let them do that, they agreed to do it when they got their budget, it was in their budget and they should have just watched their budget better. You wouldn't allow any department head to do this.

Mayor Baines stated again, let me just try to clarify without getting involved in the discussion about this motion. I have sat through a number of meetings relative to the School District and City issue and it's extremely complicated and the history of this is convoluted at best and there is not a high degree of clarity. I am here to tell you having sat through these meetings and looked at the financial situation that in my view this is a critical matter and that's all I can say to you and I'll leave it at that. This is a critical matter, I have analyzed it, I've talked to all of the parties involved, I've had them sit around the table, it's like dealing with a divorce case, to be honest with you, looking at how we're separated. So, this is a very important issue and I hope it gets a very thorough hearing.

Alderman Thibault stated I have a couple of questions, I guess from what you just said. Are you going to be including this in your budget this year.

Mayor Baines replied you're bonding this, it has to.

Alderman Thibault stated that's my first question, but my second question would be and maybe it doesn't pertain to this a hundred percent, your Honor, is when we made the Parkside Jr. High School Addition we were told that the portable classrooms that are adjacent to that would be removed, they are still there. Now, what is the process that is being taken to take those two portable pigpens out of there.

Mayor Baines replied the portable classrooms that are over there...are you talking about the ones next to Gossler School.

Alderman Thibault replied between Gossler and Parkside.

Mayor Baines stated they're not used for classroom space, they're used for storage space...let me respond to your question. Portable classrooms have been constructed all across this School District, I think to the great embarrassment of this City and the School District and that points to me with a lack of good planning and I've talked a lot about that. We're not going to solve...I've been on watch here for about one month trying to sort through these issues and the best advice that I

can give you trying to be the CEO of this City and also have a watch on the School side is to tell you that this is a very credible issue that is before you this evening and if you want to believe one side of the story...well, they say this is how it happened and Mr. O'Shea was involved in and then there's another group saying that that's not exactly what happened, the problem is here on the City side. All I can tell you through my objective/thoughtful analysis this is a critical issue, I've been here thirty (3) days, I'm telling you this is a critical issue that's on your agenda this evening.

Alderman Thibault asked, your Honor, can I follow-up on that. I'm not against this bonding, your Honor, I'm for taking those portable classrooms that are in between those two schools that look horrible to be removed.

Mayor Baines stated all I'll do is I promise to discuss that in my role on the School side.

Alderman Gatsas stated, your Honor, maybe Randy can help me out. The other portable classrooms that are around the City that we're talking about what is the status of those, are they leased, do we own them or what.

Mr. Sherman replied some of them have been bonded others have been paid directly out of their operating budget and these here will actually be done through a capital lease.

Alderman Gatsas stated we're leasing eight portable classrooms for \$660,000 a year

Alderman Wihby stated that's not a yearly lease, I assume.

Alderman Hirschmann stated that's the bonded amount.

Alderman Gatsas asked what's the lease amount per year.

Mr. Sherman replied until we actually sign-off on the lease...you're looking for the payment terms. I don't have those at this point; I don't have anything from the leasing company.

Alderman Gatsas stated I can tell you I drove by these, your Honor, there's eight buildings and probably at best 24 x 40. If you divide eight into six sixty, it's about \$80,000 a building. I think there's got to be a better resolution.

Mayor Baines stated the only thing I can tell you at this point in time there isn't a better resolution of this.

Alderman Pariseau asked is this a result or I guess, is it a result of the School Department's over expending their budget.

Mayor Baines asked are you asking me in terms of my ability to analyze this since I've been in office, the answer is no.

Alderman Pariseau asked why are they coming back.

Mayor Baines replied if I could sit here and give you the whole history of this, this issue alone is subject to all kinds of interpretations, that this issue was brought over on this Board side originally in this form, it was withdrawn for a variety of reasons, the School's always budgeted, from my perspective and my analysis of the situation that this would be a bonded item. This is how they planned their budget around it, I don't think there's much dispute about that right now from what I have been able to determine. So, the answer to your question is no.

Alderman Shea stated to put things into perspective the reason for the portables is the fact that the School Department now has a middle school. So, in order to accommodate the number of students that are coming from...that had come from the elementary level they had to put the portables at both Southside and at Hillside. Right now, there are probably upwards of about 26 to 27 students in each of the eight portables and if we were not to approve this this evening I'm not sure where they'd go, but I mean they have to go someplace. So, in order for us to make a commitment to the School Department since we as a body approved the middle school, we have to do this. It's a no brainer, how can we not do it. What are you going to do with the students, they have no place to go.

Mayor Baines interjected just a clarification on that. The portable classrooms... the middle school is just one piece of that puzzle. There was severe overcrowding at a number of the elementary schools, severe overcrowding. So, the portable classrooms added to the middle school allowed them to alleviate the overcrowding at the elementary level in addition to implementing the middle school concept. The only issue that's coming back to you today is that the School District asked...again, from my analysis for this to be put up as a bond issue many month's ago and now we're going back and correcting, from my perspective and my analysis an error, that's all we're doing now and this is not related to over expenditures on the School side.

Alderman Levasseur stated I haven't been through a budget process yet, but why can't we just take this \$660,000 and apply it to their side of the budget for this year, let them deduct it now from the budget that they are going to have for this

year and then that will solve the problem and we won't have to put it on the City side.

Mayor Baines stated I can answer that, but I'm concerned that I am getting into more of the debate on this issue which I'm really not comfortable doing, but I will answer some questions at the end of this.

Alderman Lopez stated just to understand if I may to the Finance Officer...when these agreements are sort of made is there any agreement in writing or is this all vocal.

Mr. Sherman asked what types of agreements are you speaking of, Alderman.

Alderman Lopez replied the subject that we're talking about...the six sixty.

Mr. Sherman replied the only agreements that you'd ever get in writing is what's in your budget documents. Now, these portables, this lease was not included in the FY2000 CIP budget. I had recollection as Alderman Wihby did that at one point it was talked about that they would just be taking this out of their operating budget. If School had a different impression of that, that's fine, I don't go to the School Board meetings. Again, I think, I tend to agree with the Mayor here this is a resolution that the portable are in, you can debate portables all night, but the portables are in and the School Department needs to pay them and they do not have this money in their budget this year.

Alderman Wihby stated that's fine to hear, your Honor, but I did do budgets and this came up and they were going to pay this out of their own budget, they weren't going to bond it, we talked about it and they said they were going to pay for it in their own budget. We all agreed that they had to have portables, that wasn't the issue. The issue was how they were going to pay for it, they promised they weren't going to have any additional FTE's in their budget and we know they have, they've hired additional people in the Administrative office and I was wondering how they were going to pay for these people. Now I know they're going to bond this \$660,000 and then they're going to fund all these other people that they said they were not going to add and I have my notes right here, your Honor, that Norm said "same FTE's for this year". Mr. Tanguay said the same FTE's for this year and if we look at their numbers you're going to see that they've added a lot of people in the Administration part, I'm not talking teachers, I'm talking at Bridge Street and I've been sitting here wondering when they were going to come to us with their problem and I guess here it is trying to cover it up by saying well, we just want to bond this and it's not big deal. This is a big deal. If any department came to us we would not allow them to do this, your Honor. And, to sit here and say well, there's a problem and I think there was a miscommunication, it was very

clear at the time what was happening, they were going to pay for it in their budget, we sat down, we gave them the amount they asked for that day, we gave them everything they wanted. I didn't vote for that budget, but they got exactly what they had asked for and they knew what they were going to have to do in that budget.

Mayor Baines stated let me respond to that again I've only been here for about thirty (30) days and there are tremendous issues related to the School side and the City side and maybe I should invite some of you to sit in on these meetings if you'd like to do so. When you get into dealing with schools we can say "they said, you said, we thought they said"...do you know who would be impacted by this, the kids, simple. Go ahead, don't approve it and then at the end of the year we're going to be hearing about no books, no supplies, no this, no that because the adults were responsible for coming up with a responsible resolution failed. Whatever the problem was. Whether the problem's on the School side or the Aldermen side, we are going to put, once again, the kids in the middle. I'm going to tell you this type of thing will not happen again. But, right now, it's a problem that came to me. I'm trying to resolve it in a fair and equitable way and all I can do is lay my credibility on the line to you people having analyzed it that this is the proper way to address this issue; that's all I can say to you.

Alderman Thibault stated, your Honor, I don't think anybody is questioning your credibility, far from that and I'd like to revert to what Alderman Wihby just said. There has got to be some documentation as to what the School Board said at that time. If, in fact, they felt that they could absorb it in their budget and now they're coming back to us and asking us to pick it up, I think it's something that should be looked at and you're right, Mr. Mayor, maybe we will have to pay it, but I believe let's get to the bottom of it before we just say yes, we will or we won't. But, let's find the documentation that went with these meetings and make sure that this Board knows exactly what it's getting into this time.

Mayor Baines in addressing Mr. Sherman asked can I ask a question in terms of what would the exact...we'd be talking about the School District coming up with the total amount of \$660,000 between now and the end of June, correct.

Mr. Sherman replied correct.

Mayor Baines continued by stating as opposed to the cost of the bond, which would be approximately...

Mr. Sherman stated actually to issue to the bond for this fiscal year would be nothing, they would not start making payments until next year.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I don't think it's fair to interject with the children comments, what happened up in the Legislature where they got \$38 million brought back down to the City, so their budget was \$100 million for the School District this year and this equipment was in their operating budget. Mayor Wieczorek knew it was in their operating budget and he tabled this and this was tabled and the Clerk will even verify this, this item was tabled because we knew there was a problem and we shouldn't be doing this. So, I'm just going to stay straight and vote no on this.

Alderman Pariseau moved to table this until the next meeting and have the School Department in here.

Mayor Baines replied let me just asking for the timing on this because this has been another critical matter since we've gone so far past the time that we've had these on our premises and not taken action on this.

Mr. Sherman stated it does take two votes. So, by tabling this all you are doing is...the first vote, the second vote would come up at the next meeting. By tabling what you've in essence done is moved final ratification of it out until March if the Board so chooses. So, you've just delayed it one meeting.

Mr. MacKenzie stated I did want to clarify because there seems to be some confusion. This is not a project that came through CIP, this is not a bonded project. The School is asking for authorization to lease these portables and they will be paying for the portables out of their own operating budget. It's just that rather than paying for them out of one operating budget they paid it out of three to five year's operating budgets. So, just to clarify this is not a project that would compete against other bond projects in the City.

Alderman Levasseur stated, your Honor, I still would like to know why we just can't take this money that they need now, we all agree that they are going to need this money...I'm sure you're sincere in your argument that it's at a critical stage, I believe you on that, I don't know why we can't just take this money and include it in your budget this year for them. This would be a good learning experience for them. It is their responsibility, the money's there, they've got a hundred million dollars. There's \$660,000 that they can include that they knew they had last year anyway.

Alderman O'Neil moved to the question requesting a roll call.

Mayor Baines stated before I accept that or decide to accept or not accept...the question that I had because of having been part of the last meeting because this

time has elapsed...more than six months if this delays this and we delay...will we be in jeopardy of being able to authorize these bonds.

Mr. Sherman replied Bond Counsel has signed off that we can authorize these. typically, I think what you're talking about is the fact that you're not supposed to authorize bonds after you've already spent the money, but where we had brought it in initially back in September they said "well, that's okay to bring these in later".

Mayor Baines stated so if we table this that would not affect that.

Mr. Sherman replied that would not affect that no.

Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion to table the Bond Resolution.

Mayor Baines called for a vote on the motion to table the Bond Resolution. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Baines addressed item 6 of the agenda:

Resolutions:

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars and Eighty Cents from Contingency to the Manchester City Library.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Ninety Thousand (\$90,000) Dollars from Contingency to the Human Resources Department.”

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to read by title only and it was so done.

On motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted that the Resolutions ought to pass and be Enrolled.

Alderman Levasseur asked how come we can't separate these two things so that if I have a problem with one and not the other we can just discuss one and not the other. Is that a procedural thing?

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered you could be recorded as opposed to one or the other.

Mayor Baines stated in the future, we could take them separately.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I think you can divide the question. A motion to divide the question is always in order.

Mayor Baines stated why doesn't the Chair just rule that we will take each item separately. The Chair so rules.

Alderman Shea moved that the first Resolution ought to pass and be Enrolled. Alderman Gatsas duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Baines called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Levasseur being duly recorded in opposition.

Alderman Pariseau moved that the second Resolution ought to pass and be Enrolled. Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion. Mayor Baines called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee