

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

April 1, 2003

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Pinard, O'Neil,
Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith and Forest

Absent: Alderman Thibault

Appropriating Resolutions:

“Raising Monies and Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2004.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester Aggregation Program the sum of \$820,634 from Aggregation Fees for the Fiscal Year 2004.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester Airport Authority the sum of \$42,676,942 from Special Airport Revenue Funds for Fiscal Year 2004.”

“Appropriating all Incremental Meals and Rooms Tax Revenue Received by the City in Fiscal Year 2004 and held in the Civic Center Fund, for the payment of the City's Obligations in Said Fiscal Year Under the Financing Agreement.”

“A Resolution appropriating the sum of \$2,952,578 from Recreation User Charges to the Recreation Division for Fiscal Year 2004.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester School District the sum of \$127,075,275 for the Fiscal Year 2004.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester School Food and Nutrition Services program the sum of \$4,850,750 from School Food and Nutrition Services Revenues for Fiscal Year 2004.”

“A Resolution appropriating the sum of \$15,040,695 from Sewer User Rental Charges to the Environmental Protection Division for Fiscal Year 2004.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester Transit Authority the sum of \$850,000 for the Fiscal Year 2004.”

“Continuation of the Central Business Service District.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Central Business Service District the sum of \$225,000 from Central Business Service District Funds for Fiscal Year 2004.”

"Approving the Community Improvement Program for 2004, Raising and Appropriating Monies Therefore, and Authorizing Implementation of Said Program."

Alderman O'Neil moved to dispense with the reading by titles only of the Resolutions as substituted. Alderman Forest duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Wihby asked by sending it to a public hearing the numbers can still change right. We are not stuck with these numbers?

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered no but you have to send the numbers to a public hearing.

Mayor Baines called for a vote on the motion to dispense with the readings. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

On motion of Alderman DeVries, duly seconded by Alderman Forest it was voted to refer the Appropriating Resolutions to a public hearing on Monday, April 28, 2003 at 6:00 PM in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall.

Resolution:

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Fifty One Thousand Dollars (\$51,000) from Contingency to the Special Projects Line Item in the Fiscal Year 2003 Building Maintenance Division Operating Budget.”

On motion of Alderman DeVries, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to read the Resolution by title only and it was so done.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Smith, it was voted that the Resolution ought to pass and be Enrolled.

Resolution:

“Authorizing the Expenditure of Excess Unexpended Series 1998 General Airport Revenue Bond Proceeds for Additional Capital Improvements in furtherance of the Manchester Airport Capital Improvements Program.”

On motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to read the Resolution by title only and it was so done.

Alderman Sysyn moved that the Resolution ought to pass and be Enrolled. Alderman Osborne duly seconded the motion. Mayor Baines called for a vote. The motion carried with Aldermen Lopez, Shea, DeVries and Garrity being duly recorded in opposition.

Communication from Joanne Shaffer, Second Deputy Finance Officer/Treasury Manager requesting authorization to expend funds from the EDP Replacement Account for a Sodium Hypochlorite Storage Tank.

On motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman DeVries, it was voted to authorize the expenditure of funds from the EDP Replacement Account.

TABLED ITEMS

7. Bond Resolution:

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases up to the Aggregate Principal Amount of One Hundred Ten Million Dollars (\$110,000,000), Which May Be Issued As General Obligation Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases, Municipal Revenue Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases or Any Combination of the Foregoing as the Mayor and Finance Officer May Determine, to Finance Costs Associated with the Manchester Schools Improvement Program and for the Payment of all Other Costs Incidental and Related Thereto.”

This item remained on the table.

8. Budget Authorizations:
410803 VAWA

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to remove this item from the table.

Chief Driscoll stated I am pleased to be here to speak with you about the Violence Against Women grant that was apparently on the last agenda. It is the fourth year we have had this grant. It comes from the Department of Justice through Burn Grant funding. It is administered by the Attorney General’s Office. It is a \$100,000 grant. It is matched by the City in the amount of \$33,000. For that the City gets two domestic violence advocates and a police officer. The domestic violence program here in Manchester is nationally recognized. It has had extraordinary success. It is in the budget and I would encourage you to support this. It is a most important program for the City of Manchester. It is a one-year grant. One year at a time. I suspect that for many years the State will continue to fund this as a result of the success of the program.

Alderman Gatsas stated the reason I tabled this is because nobody was here to answer the question of whether it was a start-up grant situation. Now that I here it is a continuation I am fine with it.

On motion of Alderman Gatsas, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to approve the CIP authorization for 410803, VAWA.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk