

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC

FEBRUARY 26, 1996

6:30 PM

Chairman Sysyn called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

PRESENT: Alderman Sysyn, Reiniger, Soucy, Domaingue, Robert

MESSRS: Lt. M. Tessier, T. Lolicata, E. Beleski, R. Girard

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 3 of the agenda:

Chairman Sysyn advised that the first purpose of the meeting shall be organizational in nature, and requested the Clerk to provide a brief overview regarding typical issues addressed by the Committee.

Clerk Bergeron explained that the Committee was responsible for reviewing parking and traffic matters and for approving licenses for the use of municipal parking lots, as well as those issues which had been addressed by the Committee on Public Safety in the past, including issues dealing with matters of public health, safety, security and liquor licensing.

Chairman Sysyn recognized Mr. Girard.

Mr. Girard stated that a formal description of the Committee's responsibilities was being process by his office, the City Clerk's Office and the City Solicitor's Office at the present time and hoped to be bringing those descriptions back to the Board as soon as possible for final adoption. It basically included what the Clerk had outlined but in more of a "job description" format.

Alderman Domaingue asked Mr. Girard for clarification of what he meant by "my office".

Mr. Girard interrupted and stated the Mayor's Office.

Alderman Domaingue thanked him stating that she wanted to be sure that there wasn't another branch of government that the Committee was dealing with.

Chairman Sysyn asked if the report would be available for the next meeting.

Mr. Girard replied hopefully.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 4 of the agenda:

Ratify and confirm poll conducted December 28, 1995 relative to extending the leasing of 17 spaces in the Middle Street Parking Lot to be manned by McQuades from December 31, 1995 to February 29, 1996 at \$2.00 per space per month.

Chairman Sysyn stated this had already been taken up by the full Board and asked if it should be voted on again.

Clerk Bergeron advised that the item was on the agenda and probably should be addressed to complete the Committee's formal vote.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to ratify and confirm the poll.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 5 of the agenda:

Ratify and confirm poll conducted February 2, 1996 relative to a request by the City Clerk to bag meters in the Franklin Street Parking Lot with signage "Parking for Voters Only" for voters of Ward 3 on February 20, 1996 for the Presidential Primary".

On motion of Alderman Soucy, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to ratify and confirm the poll.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 6 of the agenda:

Proposed regulation submitted by the City Clerk's Office at the request of the Traffic Director and Police Department.

SECTION 24. PARKING PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN PLACES

(g) The driver of a vehicle shall not park any non-permitted vehicle between the hours of seven a.m. and five p.m. on any day Monday through Friday in any permit parking only area. The following described areas are hereby designated permit parking only:

Arms Parking Lot (Mungall and Arms Streets)
Bedford Parking Lot (Bedford and Spring Streets)
Myrna Parking Lot (North Commerical Street near
Brook Street)
Seal Parking Lot (Commerical Street and Phillippe Cote
Drive)

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to move this item for discussion.

Alderman Robert asked if those parking lots were all located in the Millyard.

Chairman Sysyn replied yes.

Alderman Robert asked if they did close them off to the general public would they lease them out to deal with the parking problems in the Millyard.

Mr. Lolicata stated that was different and was because of the problems they were having down in the Millyard in regards to the Police Department giving tickets. These lots were designated permanent parking only lots and know they needed a law where the Police Department could go into that lot and issue tickets. The other lots they have are open to the public and have meters. In talking with Assistant Chief Driscoll some time ago his officers weren't able to go into the lots and check for permits and issue tickets and this would authorize them to do so. Those four particular lots were going to be leased parking lots only. They were getting rid of the gates currently there as they were being vandalized and by removing the gates they could issue permits and the Police Department could do their job.

Alderman Domaingue asked who was responsible.

Mr. Lolicata replied he was and as soon as the full Board passes it he will take care of it.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to approve item 6.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 7 of the agenda:

Communication from Ron Pappas requesting a carnival license to be utilized at Stark Landing on April 11-21, 1996 for the 3rd Annual fundraiser for the Central High School Football team.

On motion of Alderman Soucy, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to approve item 7.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 8 of the agenda:

Communication from Lisa Stanton, on behalf of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Manchester, requesting permission to hold the July 4th celebration with Clyde Beatty - Cole Brothers Circus at the Riverfest lot location (Hobo Jungle) on June 21, 22, and 23, 1996.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to approve item 8.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 9 of the agenda:

Communication from Alderman Elise requesting immediate assistance relative to safety issues in the vicinity of West Tower.

Alderman Soucy stated she believed that had been taken care of.

Chairman Sysyn agreed.

On motion of Alderman Soucy, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to receive and file item 9.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 10 of the agenda:

Communication from Alderman Reiniger submitting proposed City penalties and revisions to existing City ordinances.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to move this item for discussion.

Alderman Reiniger stated Assistant Chief Driscoll had been working with him in changing the penalties and doing revisions to the existing ordinances and that he was requesting more time as they were still working on the final proposal.

Alderman Robert asked if he could know what the changes were and what hasn't been changed. He stated he would like to know what it was originally so that he could compare the two.

On motion of Alderman Soucy, duly seconded by Alderman Robert, it was voted to table item 10.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 11 of the agenda:

Ordinance submitted by Alderman Reiniger relating to Chapter 15 of the City Code as follows:

“An ordinance imposing restriction on parking in designated residential districts and authorizing the conditional issuance of parking permits to residents of such districts.”

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to move this item for discussion.

Alderman Reiniger stated this was an item that was backtracked from last term. It was sent to Bills on Second Reading and sent back. They grouped them because neighborhoods adjacent to business districts B-1 to B-4 would be enabled by this and that they would need to petition their Aldermen to have a permit parking system. Under this ordinance there would not be a situation where it would be permit parking only along a section of street. The signage they currently had showed one or two hour time restrictions, but it would waive those restrictions for participating individuals. He was

prepared to make two changes, one being the issue of whether or not it should be city wide and after conversations with the Police Department and the City Clerk's Office he would be happy to recommend that they move forward with two areas of the city being the downtown area and the area encumbering part of Alderman Cashin's ward. The other issue would be who would administer the program as the current wording reflects the City Clerk's Office and he would recommend that the Police Department administer it.

Alderman Soucy asked what the objections were from Bills on Second Reading, beside the issues he just addressed.

Alderman Reiniger stated his recollection was that their objection was if it was city wide it could effect the high schools and then enforcement was another issue.

Chairman Sysyn asked how the Police Department was going to handle this.

Lt. Tessier stated through discussions he had intended to use his parking control officers in the greater downtown area. They were set up with hand held computers and hopefully with the upgrades in software they could do it. If the program was to expand into outer areas then his intent would be to continue using parking control officers in a mobile form. They could physically go down and put the plate numbers into the computer and then two hours later go back and do the enforcement aspect. It was more efficient to use the parking control officers in this capacity then to use a route officer who would write down the plate number, but probably not get back there on a regular basis to enforce it.

Chairman Sysyn asked if individuals would have to fill out cards.

Alderman Robert stated he could see it going city wide. He further noted that maybe it was a good idea to start with it on a small scale to see how it worked and if it does what problems were going to be associated with it.

Mr. Lolicata stated in the last four years he would have liked to implement this in Alderman Cashin's ward because they have no other answer for that area. As far as the other city areas his concern was the signage. They had special signs and nothing was working in the area of Mount Calvary and

possibly this could help. If they were going to utilize this program elsewhere they would have to scrutinize it very carefully and there would need to be cause to have it set up in different areas of the city.

Alderman Robert stated he knew he would be dealing with spitting matches between neighbors as they were going to make a lot of people happy and others unhappy.

Chairman Sysyn stated she wanted to hear input from Alderman Cashin.

Alderman Cashin stated Tom has explained it pretty well. There had been problems down there for four years and everyone knew about it. What was happening was that residents couldn't park in front of their home without getting tickets and they were looking for some type of permit to allow them to park without receiving tickets.

Lt. Tessier stated the problems he saw was the north end route for his parking control officers as it was a slow route. He felt it was workable during the day time, but the problem usually occurs around 5:00 PM and at that time his parking control officers are gone.

Alderman Cashin stated the businesses were the ones causing the problems and then they should hire two police officers to patrol the area.

Lt. Tessier interjected for the businesses.

Alderman Cashin asked if they could handle the problem and see what happens as they could have the route car check on the area.

Lt. Tessier stated the officer who was working the detail were employed by that particular establishment in question and they would have to release that officer to go more into the neighborhoods. There was a time when they did do that when they had an extra body. Some establishments in the past have been somewhat receptive to working with the Police Department and he would be willing to approach them on this issue.

Alderman Cashin stated it was his understanding that the ordinance stated it was dictated by the Police Department how many officers were needed for a

detail and if the Police Department felt more was needed then they could put on additional people.

Lt. Tessier replied that was correct.

Alderman Cashin stated if they couldn't do it now, why don't the Police Department recommend it.

Lt. Tessier replied he was willing to do that.

Alderman Cashin stated he appreciated whatever he could do.

Alderman Reiniger stated this program was one that he recommended based on the experience of many cities. It was for people who lived adjacent to downtown business districts who have time restrictions placed in front of their homes for the turnover of the businesses. This was a program to make these areas of the city more friendly to residential people and to enhance the property values as there was quite a few landlords who couldn't rent out their apartments due to parking problems. He agreed with Alderman Robert that it was a good way to try out the program on an experimental basis in a limited area to see if it can work.

Chairman Sysyn stated that she didn't have a problem with it as it would help out many people, but they may meet resistance.

Alderman Reiniger stated it had been a problem in the downtown area for a long time.

Chairman Sysyn agreed as she knew what kind of problems that were occurring around Central High School.

Mr. Kearney asked if a time limit would be good for the neighborhood.

Chairman Sysyn replied they had one.

Mr. Kearney asked if it was enforced.

Alderman Cashin stated that was the problem as residents park in front of their own home and receive a ticket. He didn't see where this would cause

any more labor for the Police Department. All he was asking for would be for those residents to have a permit to put on their window so that the Police Department would not issue them a ticket.

Lt. Tessier stated he agreed with him and some of the discussions he has had with individuals from Cambridge who had stated their parking complaints went up as the permits went into effect. Homeowners would see a car parked in front of their house and call the Police Department to complain, but it was a problem they would have to work out.

Alderman Cashin stated even if that should happen the Police Department should be able to handle those calls.

Lt. Tessier replied that was correct.

Alderman Cashin stated the only point he was trying to make was that there wouldn't be any additional work or nobody would have to be taken off their routes to get the job done.

Lt. Tessier stated if the businesses would allow the officers to go out in the neighborhoods as opposed to them being on the grounds, which they have done in the past, there wouldn't be a problem.

Alderman Domaingue stated in listening to the conversation she has heard Mr. Lolicata discussed the cost and couldn't help think about the cost to the city in terms of safety if they don't respond to the real concerns for the people who want to live in our city or in an apartment. She was really troubled in what she was seeing in that it would be additional time for the Police Department in that they will have to put in additional money for signs, but if they couldn't make the city friendly then they were going to have a much higher cost problem and they needed to do whatever they could to help the people who wanted to live here to feel safe.

Alderman Soucy stated she was wondering about the other areas in the city.

Alderman Cashin stated the parking was already there and they weren't adding any additional parking. All they were doing was to allow those residents to park without receiving tickets.

Lt. Tessier stated one of the things that was discussed would be the publicity. The only people concerned would be the ones in those specific neighborhoods.

Alderman Reiniger stated he would make a motion to amend it to reflect two changes, one to the geographical area and the other being the Police Department administering the program.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was vote to amend the ordinance to include the downtown and west side area and to have the Police Department administer the program.

Clerk Bergeron asked Alderman Reiniger if he had the specific sections he wanted to amend.

Alderman Reiniger noted which sections they were.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 12 of the agenda:

Communication from Jay E. Taylor, Industrial Agent, requesting approval to enter into an agreement with Realworld Corporation whereby the City of Manchester would agree to hold forty (40) parking spaces in the Myrna Lot on a first refusal basis for a term coincident with the term of their lease at 670 Commercial Street.

Mr. Taylor stated the Myrna lot had a total of 145 spaces and they were looking to encumber about 80 of those which would leave 65 unencumbered. If the agreement passes they would be able to go back to the students and tell them if they want these spaces now they would have to start paying for them. If they didn't want the spaces then we could take them back.

Mr. Girard stated he had a map which spoke to which lots they were discussing.

Alderman Robert asked if they would have a hard problem renting or leasing the other spaces.

Mr. Taylor stated there would still be 60 spaces and Realworld was looking to try and lease some spaces from Public Service for additional parking.

Mr. Lolicata stated in the Millyard they had tenants from Elm Street leasing spaces, so there was plenty of spaces available.

Chairman Sysyn noted they had two new businesses coming in.

Alderman Domaingue stated she wanted to know if they would require the whole lot.

Mr. Taylor stated the company had about 130 spaces on site. Realworld was requesting the city to give them a few more spaces, but wasn't looking for the entire lot and felt they wouldn't need the entire lot as most of their business would probably be confined to evening hours.

Alderman Domaingue asked whether they would still be leaving adequate spaces as they would be locked into those spaces and another company may come in and require parking.

Mr. Taylor stated he couldn't guarantee it as it depended on the size of the company coming in. It would be unlikely to have a huge company coming in down in the Millyard.

Mr. Girard asked the Committee to consider the people in the Myrna Shoe building were actually buying the entire building, not leasing the space.

Chairman Sysyn noted the company had put a lot of money into the building in doing renovations.

Alderman Reiniger stated he strongly supports the proposal and it was critical to the city in saving the structures in the Millyard. He felt it was a great way, in the short term, to help in rejuvenating the area.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to approve item 12.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 13 of the agenda:

Communication from the Amherst Street Business Owners, submitting a proposed parking arrangement on Amherst and Vine Streets.

Mr. Lolicata stated he hadn't heard much about this and the only problem he saw was with the proposed angled parking.

Alderman Reiniger noted Vine Street was a wide street.

Chairman Sysyn stated it could be dangerous near the parking garage where there was also an island in the street.

Mr. Lolicata stated it was where the courthouse was and that Mr. Duffy also had a request before the committee.

Mr. Girard stated Mr. Duffy was looking into leasing spaces in the garage.

Mr. Lolicata stated he could go along with it, but would place 30 minutes in lieu of 15 minutes as they do need parking in that area.

Chairman Sysyn asked Mr. Lolicata what he felt about the angled parking.

Mr. Lolicata stated there was room, but they would have to take out the island. They could possibly put angled parking with meters in there because of the width, but there needed to be some extensive work done before they did anything. He further stated he hadn't see this before this evening and needed to take a look at that area.

Alderman Reiniger stated he was at a meeting where some concerns were brought up and hoped that this change could be done at the same time as the courthouse was opening.

Chairman Sysyn stated she didn't think they could get the Vine Street meters, but could possibly get the meters on Amherst Street.

Alderman Domaingue asked how long would it take the Traffic Department to look into it.

Chairman Sysyn stated they could do the parking meters on Amherst Street and they should pull out the Vine Street angled parking until they get some answers.

Alderman Domaingue asked if Chairman Sysyn wanted to separate the two.

Chairman Sysyn asked Mr. Lolicata if they could separate the two items and approve Amherst Street.

Mr. Lolicata stated they could, but they may also want to consider the 30 minute parking in lieu of the 15 minute parking they had proposed.

Alderman Domaingue stated she would amend it to 30 minutes.

Mr. Lolicata stated they wanted to reinstate the parking meters to one hour, but they may want to consider two hour limits.

Chairman Sysyn note most people run in and out in that area.

Mr. Kearney stated they should find out how much the Vine Street parking garage was being used to find out how many spaces were free.

Mr. Lolicata stated in part three of their letter he would have nothing to do with it as it was more a private situation dealing with Stan's Masury Store.

Alderman Domaingue stated she agreed with Mr. Lolicata.

Chairman Sysyn agreed.

Alderman Reiniger asked if they should move on items one and two of the letter.

Lt. Tessier stated his experience dealing with businesses was they preferred a shorter time of parking and agreed with Mr. Lolicata that the 15 minutes maybe a little too short.

Chairman Sysyn asked Lt. Tessier what he felt about 30 minutes.

Lt. Tessier stated it was fine and they needed to educate the public as soon as the courthouse opens. His recommendation was whatever the committee decided should be in place before the courthouse opens.

Mr. Lolicata stated there was a loading zone on the street so they would have problems with vehicles going around those that were unloading. They could make it a one-way street, but then they would be getting more involved.

Chairman Sysyn asked if currently there was parking.

Mr. Lolicata stated they would have to rescind the one loading zone, and try to keep something on one side of the street all the way up and put in the one or two hour meters.

Lt. Tessier stated he liked the meters as they were easier to enforce. They couldn't eliminate one of the loading zones without working with the businesses in that area.

Alderman Soucy stated with all do respect to the businesses down there, wouldn't it make sense for Mr. Lolicata and Lt. Tessier to sit down and look at the entire picture to see what needs to be done before they make decisions.

Alderman Domaingue asked about the concerns in opening of the courthouse. Could they do a phone poll once the Traffic and Police Departments review the information.

Mr. Lolicata stated they could look at all the information and let them know.

Alderman Soucy stated it would be easier to look at the whole situation in lieu of breaking it into parts and doing it right the first time.

Alderman Reiniger asked if they should set a deadline.

Chairman Sysyn asked if the courthouse was opening March 27th, in which someone replied the 25th. She further stated that they could do a telephone poll if the committee wasn't going to meet within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Lolicata stated he was looking for answers as to what the committee wanted him to do.

Mr. Girard stated they need to look at the parking garage usage and he wasn't aware if there were any deals made for parking.

Mr. Lolicata stated he wanted to have it all done at once.

On motion of Alderman Soucy, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to table item 13.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 14 of the agenda:

Copy of a communication from James Doucet requesting restitution for costs incurred as a result of water damage to his cellar due to the heavy rain storm on October 14, 1995.

Chairman Sysyn noted this item was being removed from the agenda.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 15 of the agenda:

Communication from Patrick Duffy, Commissioner, NH Department of Administrative Services, requesting resolution to parking spaces for Manchester District Court.

Alderman Robert stated from what he gathered, Mr. Duffy wanted the committee to give the court parking spaces and was it the responsibility of this committee to do so.

Mr. Lolicata stated when he, John Snow and Jay Taylor were working on the parking situation, they gave no indication to anyone about free parking. Mr. Snow had even stated that the city should charge them just like everyone else. There was nothing said nor was there any written agreement with these individuals. He had spoken to the Mayor who felt the same way.

Alderman Domaingue stated since Mr. Duffy refers in his letter to the agreement made with the City of Manchester, they should request he produce it in writing.

Mr. Girard stated they had already asked Commissioner Duffy to forward a copy of the agreement as none of the individuals who were involved in the discussions had any copies. Commissioner Duffy was not able to produce any such written documentation. As far as the Mayor's position, he felt they shouldn't be providing it for state employees when they don't provide it for city employees. If they didn't want to lease the spaces then they could park at the Harnett Lot.

Alderman Robert asked if Mr. Duffy could look into leasing the spaces or does he have to pay for his own.

Mr. Lolicata stated he would give him the same offer he offers the entire city.

Alderman Domaingue noted she didn't object, but shouldn't they be communicating to Mr. Duffy in that regard.

On motion of Alderman Soucy, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to send a communication to Commissioner Duffy stating unless he could provide written documentation of an agreement he would need to pay the same rates for parking in that area.

Mr. Girard stated for a point of order and since by ordinance, whereas the Traffic Committee has the final authority on any of these matters, but doesn't it need to be recommended to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen who would then send a communication to Commissioner Duffy on this matter.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 16 of the agenda:

Communication from John Erdahl, General Manager, WGIR requesting use of Arms Park and Bridge Street for their 5th Annual Memorial Weekend fireworks display on Sunday, May 26, 1996, with a rain date of Monday, May 27, 1996.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to approve item 16.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 17 of the agenda:

Communication from Patrick S. Gosselin, Race Co-director, of the 13th Annual CHIPS Challenge 5K and 1 Mile Family Fun Run scheduled Saturday, May 4, 1996, requesting permission of "No Parking" signs on Notre Dame Avenue, behind CMC, for the morning race.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to approve item 17.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 18 of the agenda:

Communication from E. Scott McQuade on behalf of fourteen downtown merchants expressing their gratitude for the city having the courage and belief that downtown retailing can survive and prosper, and hoping that a long-term solution can be agreed upon relative to free short-term parking.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to receive and file item 18.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 19 of the agenda:

Communication from Roxanne Turner, Executive Director, NH Philharmonic Orchestra, requesting parking passes be issued to the Victory Parking Garages for one month of free parking to recipients of the Philharmonic Greater Performer reward system.

Alderman Reiniger noted they operate on a shoe string like other cultural groups in the downtown area.

Alderman Soucy asked if they were registered as a non-profit.

Alderman Reiniger stated he believed they were.

Alderman Domaingue asked how many parking passes they were looking to have issued.

Alderman Reiniger replied one.

Alderman Domaingue asked one parking pass for one month only.

Alderman Reiniger stated he felt it was one person, per month, so they were only looking for one spot.

Alderman Domaingue stated she would like to reiterate what Alderman Soucy had stated about whether they were non-profit.

Alderman Soucy stated if they were a non-profit and only looking for one space she would say no.

Alderman Domaingue interjected and asked if the currently had one space.

Alderman Reiniger stated it was non-profit and that it was a very extensive cultural group.

Alderman Soucy asked if they could request clarification that they were looking for one space, was it available and if they one wanted it for one year.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to request clarification from the NH Symphony Orchestra to see if they wanted only one space for one year and to look at the availability of the spacing.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 20 of the agenda:

Communication from Sarah Gnerre Tilley, Director of Development, NH Symphony Orchestra, requesting permission to hold an 8K road race on March 16, 1996, on the old Andy Derry course which is near the Airport and the Executive Health Center.

Alderman Soucy asked for clarification on the location.

Lt. Tessier stated it was on Perimeter Road where part of it was in Manchester and the other part in Londonderry.

Alderman Robert stated he didn't have a problem, but wanted to make sure that all permits and approvals were done.

Alderman Soucy noted that it had stated in their letter they submitted information to the Airport Authority.

Clerk Bergeron noted it was part of the procedural aspects in obtaining a license or permit.

Mr. Taylor stated it would give these people permission to use Perimeter Road, but it doesn't imply that they have to submit to the Town of Londonderry to use their property, so they may have trouble there.

Alderman Robert noted that Perimeter Road belong to the Airport Authority.

Mr. Taylor noted that a good portion of it was in Londonderry and the committee couldn't give them permission to do something in Londonderry.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to approve item 20 subject to permits and approval by the Airport Authority and the Town of Londonderry.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 21 of the agenda:

Communication from Carl Panzieri, President, Jim Trombly Plumbing and Heating, Inc. relative to parking in downtown Manchester.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to receive and file item 21.

Alderman Domaingue asked if as a committee they were doing something or as a group to increase parking spaces for businesses in downtown Manchester.

Chairman Sysyn replied she thought the downtown area needed spaces. She asked if they were going to do angled parking on Elm Street in the near future so there would be more spaces.

Mr. Girard stated one of the items that came out of the LDR study group was about the improvements and they were preparing a final draft for the Highway Commission. The Highway Department, through the budget process, has submitted a request to CIP in addressing some of the recommendations from the study.

Alderman Domaingue stated it wasn't just increasing the number of spaces on Elm Street, but also the availability of parking.

Chairman Sysyn noted that people want to be able to park on Elm Street right in front of the business and not have to walk from a parking garage. They needed to promote the parking in the downtown area.

Alderman Soucy stated that Chairman Sysyn was correct in people wanting to park in front of the businesses and not in garages.

Mr. Girard stated there was a lot of misunderstandings about the actual cost to park in parking garages. The Mayor's Office had received many complaints from individuals who felt the parking garages were too expensive.

Alderman Domaingue stated the city wasn't making it user friendly and they weren't communicating with the citizens.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 22 of the agenda:

Communication from Mike Pelletier requesting a change to the towing policy during snow emergencies.

Alderman Robert stated he could sympathize with Mr. Pelletier, but in the district that Mr. Pelletier describes he felt that people were being victimized and he disagreed. It had been his experience when there had been many snow storms, as in this past December and January, they had to be aggressive. There was an element where people wouldn't find a parking place no matter what and then the plows couldn't get around, the piles of snow builds up and the streets get real narrow. He would like the Police Department to be aggressive in this area as he has been with his constituents and has even discussed eliminating the alternate side parking ban. What they had decided to do was to call the snow emergency a little earlier and be more aggressive with the parking situation and it seems to have helped out. People need to be responsible for their own places and he currently supports the way that the Police Department was currently handling it.

Mr. Beleski stated when the Highway Department called a snow emergency, they had an agreement with the Police Department in which an hour prior to

the snow emergency they would try and remove as many vehicles as possible off the street.

Alderman Robert stated Mr. Pelletier felt this was an oppressive government operation, but it works.

Lt. Tessier stated when there was a snow emergency they have had made changes in trying to accommodate people. No vehicle would be towed without a police officer being present and the police officers would have their blue lights on throughout the process and the wrecker drivers would have on their amber lights.

Alderman Robert noted that police officers have also gone down the streets using their PA systems telling citizens to move their vehicles.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to receive and file item 22.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 23 of the agenda:

Communication from Evelyn Bernier, Principal, St. Anthony School, requesting permission to close off a section of Silver Street from Hall to Belmont Streets on Friday, May 31, 1996, in conjunction with their student appreciation day from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

Alderman Robert asked what happened when they closed off this street.

Chairman Sysyn noted there wasn't much traffic at that time of day.

Alderman Robert asked if they had to get permits.

Mr. Girard noted that they need to receive permission from the Police and Fire Departments to block off the streets. This was for a school activity day and they needed the space as there were many of students who would be crossing the street from the church to the school.

Alderman Robert asked if they needed horses.

Alderman Soucy noted that the Highway Department would drop off the horses.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to approve item 23 subject to the approval of the Police, Fire and Traffic Departments.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 24 of the agenda:

Communication from Thomas King, President, St. Patrick's Parade Committee of Manchester, Inc., requesting permission to paint (in green latex paint), a giant shamrock at the intersection of Elm and Hanover Streets to commemorate the city's first St. Patrick's Day Parade in over 75 years on Sunday.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to approved item 24.

Alderman Robert asked Mr. Lolicata when the shamrock would be removed.

Mr. Lolicata stated it was going to be removed.

Chairman Sysyn replied that it would just wear out

Alderman Robert asked if they were starting a precedent with any organization who wanted to do something along this idea that they could do it.

Mr. Lolicata replied no.

Alderman Robert asked if the city would incur any type of liability.

Mr. Lolicata stated he would suggest two things. First, they should have something in writing in which the Parade Committee would take full responsibility of any liability and that they remove it as soon as possible.

Alderman Soucy stated they would need to be notified of this.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 25 of the agenda:

Chairman Sysyn advises that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda which needs to be addressed as follows:

STOP SIGNS:

ON ALLAMIMO STREET AT GREELEY STREET (WESTERN END) NEC
ALDERMAN HIRSCHMANN

ON ALLAMIMO STREET AT GREELEY STREET (EASTERN END) SWC
ALDERMAN HIRSCHMANN

ON FLINT STREET AT SOUTH BEECH STREET, SWC
ON FLINT STREET AT CALEF ROAD, NEC
ALDERMAN PARISEAU

NO TRUCKS ALLOWED:

ON ERIE STREET, FROM BOYNTON STREET TO SOUTH MAIN STREET
ALDERMAN CASHIN

NO PARKING ANYTIME:

ON ALMOND STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM BOYNTON STREET TO A POINT
105 FEET WESTERLY
ALDERMAN CASHIN

ON CANDIA ROAD, NORTH SIDE, FROM THE SOUTHBOUND CONNECTING
ROAD TO THE UNDERPASS TO LOVERING STREET
ALDERMAN SOUCY

ON CANDIA ROAD, SOUTH SIDE, FROM LEE AVENUE TO A POINT 40 FEET
EASTERLY
ALDERMAN SOUCY

ON DUBISZ STREET, BOTH SIDE, FROM BROWN AVENUE TO THE DEAD END
ALDERMAN PARISEAU

ON QUEEN CITY AVENUE, NORTH SIDE, FROM ELM STREET TO A POINT 275
FEET WESTERLY
ALDERMAN PARISEAU

RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME:

ON QUEEN CITY AVENUE, NORTH SIDE, FROM ELM STREET TO A POINT 225
FEET WESTERLY
ALDERMAN PARISEAU

NO PARKING LOADING ZONE:

ON BEECH STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM A POINT 75 FEET SOUTH OF AMHERST
STREET TO A POINT 45 FEET SOUTHERLY
ALDERMAN SYSYN

PARKING 1 HOUR (8AM-6PM):

ON MAPLE STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM CONCORD STREET TO A POINT 70
FEET SOUTHERLY
ALDERMAN SYSYN

ON CONCORD STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM MAPLE STREET TO A POINT 50
FEET EASTERLY
ALDERMAN SYSYN

RESCIND HANDICAP PARKING ONLY (UNLIMITED):

ON BRUCE ROAD, EAST SIDE, FROM THE SMYTH ROAD SCHOOL MAIN
ENTRANCE TO A POINT 40 FEET NORTH
ALDERMAN ELISE

PARKING 15 MINUTES (8AM-4PM):

ON LAKE AVENUE, NORTH SIDE, FROM MANHATTAN LANE TO A POINT 40
FEET EASTERLY.
ALDERMAN REINIGER

RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME:

ON LAKE AVENUE, NORTH SIDE, FROM MANHATTAN LANE TO A POINT 40
FEET EASTERLY
ALDERMAN REINIGER

NO TRUCKS ALLOWED 9:30PM-7:00AM:

ON MAMMOTH ROAD, FROM CILLEY ROAD TO CANDIA ROAD
ALDERMAN SOUCY/ALDERMAN SHEA

NO PARKING LOADING ZONE:

ON MASSABESIC STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM HALL STREET TO A POINT 30 FEET EASTERLY
ALDERMAN CLANCY

RESCIND PARKING 1 HOUR:

ON MASSABESIC STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM HALL STREET TO A POINT 30 FEET EASTERLY
ALDERMAN CLANCY

DISCUSSION:

PAINT - FEDERAL MANDATE

Alderman Robert asked regarding no trucks allowed on Mammoth Road where the problem was coming from. He wanted to know what businesses were operating trucks at that time and was there another way for them to get around.

Mr. Lolicata stated he doesn't know, that any truck would still be allowed to go if they were making deliveries.

Alderman Soucy stated that the people living in those areas could be hearing more of the traffic because of the condition of the roads.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to approve the Traffic Department Agenda minus the federal mandate on paint.

Mr. Lolicata stated back in November or December there was a federal mandate with regards to going to a water base paint. They had a new stripper on order to perform and put the paint out but it needs to be stainless steel in order to put this paint down. He has one or two vendors which sell the soluble paint which he could use. He has not heard that this has been held off until April 1997. The northeast region will have a hard time with this paint and will lose a few months worth of painting. They are trying to come up with a new alkali paint. The new stripper needs to be stainless steel so it take all types of paint. With the mandate coming closer he's concern as he will need new equipment in order to handle it. When it comes to the small machines, he's not sure what he will do, but wanted them to know that he will need a new machine to handle the water soluble paint.

Mr. Girard asked if there was a particular piece of federal legislation that was advising us of this federal mandate and was there a bill. Has anyone from the city notified the delegation that this will be a problem.

Mr. Lolicata replied that he has with New England Traffic Supply. There were different things coming in like the BOC with the EPD Department and that he would try to obtain a copy of the bill for him. They were trying to get some other type of legislation to do something for the cities and towns.

Alderman Domaingue asked what the cost of a new machine would be.

Mr. Lolicata replied a new stripper would be between \$160,000 to \$170,000, which would last between ten and fifteen years. Their current one was in good condition and they could probably receive a good trade-in value.

Alderman Domaingue stated the way she understood it was they were going to need a stripper anyway.

Mr. Lolicata interjected that it was due next year under the MER program. Instead of investing \$45,000 to \$50,000 to keep it going for a few more years, they should just get a new one.

Alderman Domaingue asked what they did with the ones that were traded in.

Mr. Lolicata replied that the company would replace the parts that were needed and probably resell them.

Alderman Domaingue replied that she had a problem in answering to federal mandates that aren't thought through in regards with financing. The state can do whatever they want, but maybe all the other towns should stand up to the federal government and let them know that they don't need anymore financial headaches.

Alderman Soucy and Mr. Lolicata agreed. Mr. Lolicata further replied that he should have more information once he goes to the seminar in Franklin dealing with this federal mandate. He just wanted to have the committee aware of this federal mandate and that he was due for the new stripper next year.

TABLED ITEMS

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to remove item 26 from the agenda.

Communication from Paul Porter recommending that upon departure of the State Security Offices, the City provide the same level of security for City Hall Annex and City Hall.

Alderman Robert felt that nobody else receives that type of security nor was it provided to any other departments and whereas the security was there only for the courthouse he felt it shouldn't be continued. If they were going to provide security for other departments then they could look at the issue, but otherwise they should receive and file the communication.

Alderman Soucy asked why it was tabled to begin with as were they waiting on any additional information.

Alderman Robert replied that this was table last year in the Committee on Public Safety.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue, it was voted to receive and file item 26.

Alderman Soucy asked if the Police Department was the only secured city facility.

Lt. Tessier replied that Information Systems had security and that some of the other city facilities, such as Health Department probably had a limited security. The only reason the security was in the Annex was for the court and was manned by court personnel.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to remove item 27 from the table.

Communication from Timothy Hislop, Cactus Jack's, relative to concerns related to traffic on South Willow Street, particularly at 782 So. Willow Street access suggesting a break in the island with a second alternative being a U-turn at the lights in front of Cactus Jack's.

Alderman Domaingue asked Mr. Lolicata for an update on this communication as Mr. Lolicata was supposed to ask the State their reaction in breaking through medians and in providing a U-turn sign at that intersection.

Mr. Lolicata stated at the last meeting they asked him to look into the situation. In talking with the State, which conferred with the Highway Department, there was federal money involved which was being used at the present. As far as the U-turn was concerned there was no turn whatsoever outside of a complete renovation to allow U-turns. There were only two done in the city done under the auspices of the State on South Willow Street. He concurred with the State and Highway Department and felt it was something the city shouldn't do or shouldn't get involved in doing as there was safety concerns.

Chairman Sysyn noted she remember when they could cut through Papa Ginos.

Alderman Soucy asked if that was still opened.

Alderman Domaingue stated she met with the people from Cactus Jack's and the new owners of Lusias had blocked it as they were advised by their insurance company to do so. Their concern was with the traffic being able to be accessed from the other side of South Willow Street and with traffic

speeding northerly down South Willow Street who didn't see the first entrance and tried for the second entrance it was right there at there door and they were afraid for insurance reasons for pedestrians trying to walk into the restaurant. They had been advised to go to the Building Department to get a sign for the first entrance. What she would request that it be put in writing so if they choose to follow-up they could contact the person Mr. Lolicata spoke to at the State level.

On motion of Alderman Domaingue, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to send a letter to Cactus Jack's relative to Mr. Lolicata's discussion with the State.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Robert, it was voted to remove Item 28 from the agenda.

Communication from Lorraine Pinard an employee of NYNEX, 770 Elm Street, inquiring how she can get handicapped parking at the side entrance of the building located on Pleasant Street.

Alderman Robert stated he wanted to get a review from Mr. Lolicata.

Mr. Lolicata stated he was asked to give Ms. Pinard a call and explained to her that on Pleasant Street they don't give out handicapped parking spots. He explained to her about handicapped parking and how the one spot on Market Street was being taken by one car all day and there were State regulations allowing this. This person only comes in for a certain time and when she arrives she can't get as close as she wants to. He suggested she talk to her employer regarding the situation in possibly allowing her to park in the garage or on some personal property.

Lt. Tessier stated he would like to share an observation regarding handicap parking that came to light during the Riverfest celebration. Through the Traffic Committee they had specifically allocated from Granite Street to the Riverfest entrance parking for handicap parking which was always filled. He had a problem with a young man who was severely handicapped and his parents had no place to go because of the parking. There was no allocation in the law for levels of handicap and that the laws state a person can park at

a meter all day. He doesn't feel allocating a special slot for a handicap person will be a solution to the case as if they can get to a metered spot they can park there.

Mr. Lolicata stated he had explained to her that she could park at a metered spot for free.

Alderman Soucy asked if there was anything that could be done regarding the one handicap spot on Market Street as when she has come to City Hall it was always the same vehicle which according to a conversation with Mr. Bernier felt it was a NYNEX employee.

Mr. Girard replied that it was a NYNEX employee as Captain Pischetola had tracked down the plate and had spoken to the woman and asked her to be more conscience of the situation.

Alderman Domaingue stated that was the intent of those spaces.

Alderman Soucy stated that was true, but it was just that one space for anyone who was coming to City Hall to use.

Mr. Girard noted that there were two similar spaces on Stark Street.

Alderman Domaingue inquired as to whether the city needed to provide more handicap access.

Mr. Lolicata stated they could do that, but then they have people who weren't completely handicapped and would take advantage of the spot and park there.

Lt. Tessier stated presently in the State of New Hampshire you could get two types of handicapped permits. One was a permanent permit while the other was a temporary one. He didn't want to judge who was more handicap then another, but the problem comes up when they could have a handicap zone for 15 minutes or one hour, but his understanding was that federal law would prohibit that.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to receive and file item 28.

Alderman Domaingue asked if the Chairman would open discussion for new business. Alderman Sysyn said she would. Alderman Domaingue stated that she was concerned about the use of Goffs Falls Road as a shortcut for construction vehicles and other trucks and voiced her concern about the speed at which some of those vehicles traveled. Alderman Soucy also expressed concern about increased speeding in residential areas. Lt. Tessier stated that the aldermen could consider banning truck travel on Goffs Falls Road in an effort to redirect the trucks onto Route 293, but he added that the problem might be alleviated when mall construction ended. Regarding speeding problems in residential areas, he stated that once the motorcycles are out the Police Department would direct the patrols into problem neighborhoods.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee