

**COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC & PUBLIC SAFETY**

**March 3, 1998**

**6:00 PM**

**Aldermen Clancy, Reiniger, Pinard,  
Bldg.**

**School Administration**

**Cashin, Hirschmann**

**196 Bridge Street (3rd Flr. Conf. Rm.)**

Chairman Clancy called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Clancy, Reiniger, Pinard and Cashin.  
Alderman Hirschmann arrived late.

Alderman Clancy first addressed Item 13:

**TABLED ITEM**

13. Communication from the Chairman of the State Liquor Commission suggesting that the Bureau of Enforcement could instruct liquor license applicants for an on-sale license within the City of Manchester to proceed to the Office of the city Clerk to receive instructions on obtaining health and fire permits required under Administrative Rule, LIQ. 702.03. (Tabled 7/15/97 pending further report from the City Clerk's Office and the Police Department.)

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

Sean Thomas, Mayoral Assistant, advised that there was a House Bill #1480, which had been introduced by Representative Leo Pepino, former aldermen, after conversations with the Liquor Commission to address this situation. The bill's title was "allowing a city or town to petition the liquor commission to revoke the license of a licensee located within a community." It was what the liquor commission would approve of. This bill had passed the House and was now going into the Senate. A hearing was expected within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Thomas noted that he would send out copies to the aldermen the next day (a miscommunication between he and Chief Driscoll -- Mr. Thomas thought a copy of the bill was going to be here for them).

Following brief discussion, on motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to recommend that that Board of Mayor and Aldermen support House Bill 1480.

Chairman Clancy addressed item 3:

3. Report of Planning, Highway, Traffic, Police regarding Pepperidge Drive proposal (submitted 11/97 by neighborhood traffic committee).

Mr. Lolicata advised that the referenced departments had met and reviewed the proposal presented in November, and found that it would not work. It was noted that this traffic issue would be addressed in the next two items as well.

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to receive and file this report.

Chairman Clancy addressed items 4 and 5 together:

4. Communication from Alderman Rivard requesting the Committee instruct Planning, Highway, Traffic and Police to meet to investigate traffic calming measures for the Pepperidge Drive area, and if not feasible submitting opinion on restoring traffic circulation to what is typically throughout the City.
5. Communication from Pepperidge Drive area neighborhood traffic committee submitting updated information on traffic calming measures, the Cambridge report and other data/proposals, requesting to meet with the Committee on Traffic and appropriate staff regarding same.

The clerk was requested to read the communication from Alderman Rivard. The communication read as follows:

While campaigning for my Aldermanic seat, many residents of the Pepperidge Drive area voiced concerns over the traffic circulation through this residential area. I am aware of the long-standing issues of speed and traffic volumes, along with the many attempts to address these issues. However, I feel that one more attempt is necessary to address these issues in a logical manner.

For this reason, I am requesting the committee on Traffic to instruct the Traffic, Police Highway and Planning Departments to meet with the idea of investigating traffic calming measures for the area. If this is not a logical approach, I would like their opinion on the City restoring the traffic circulation back to the way it typically is throughout the City.

I would appreciate being notified of the date and time of this meeting in order that I may be given the opportunity to attend and voice my thoughts on the matter.

Deputy Clerk Johnson noted that she had spoken with Mr. Zott of the neighborhood committee who had advised they had additional information on the traffic issues, and she had suggested they submit them to this Traffic Committee for referral to the departments along with Alderman Rivard's letter.

Alderman Clancy noted that several of the area residents were in attendance. Following brief discussion on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to refer both communications to a staffing group of Planning, Highway, Traffic and Police with the understanding the Alderman Rivard and the Chair and Co-Chair of the neighborhood committee would be invited to participate in the discussions relative to traffic calming, with recommendations to be forwarded to the Committee on Traffic for consideration.

Chairman Clancy addressed item 6:

6. Communication from Fire Chief Kane advising that the current contract with the City's emergency ambulance service provider, Rockingham Regional Ambulance Company, is due to expire on December 31, 1998 and suggests negotiations and/or draft request for proposals begin. (Note: at 2/10/98 meeting of Committee on Administration, it was voted to recommend that negotiations commence with Rockingham.)

Alderman Clancy commented that Rockingham Ambulance had been doing a fine job in his opinion and recognized the Deputy Clerk. Deputy Clerk Johnson advised that this item had been referred to both the Committee on Administration and the Committee on Traffic/Public Safety. The reason for referral to the Traffic and Public Safety Committee was for consideration of public safety issues. For example whether the current contract provided sufficient service or whether something could be tightened for better service in the next contract for services. Deputy Clerk Johnson noted that the Committee on Administration was the committee which would deal with the administrative issues such as negotiations on a new contract or bidding processes.

Alderman Clancy noted it was his understanding that negotiations were to be done with Rockingham, that he felt they had done an admirable job and requested Chief Kane to address the committee with any issues they had.

Chief Kane stated it was his understanding, as the clerk had explained, that the public safety issues were to be addressed by this committee and the contract issues were to be addressed by Administration Committee. In response to questions, Chief Kane advised that the current service was excellent, they had a good working relationship with Rockingham and had no problems to report. Chief Kane saw no need to add anything into the contract at this time and commented that a staff group would conduct the negotiations for the Committee on Administration.

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to advise the Committee on Administration that the Traffic and Public Safety Committee had no additional requests to place into the contract or negotiations, there were no concerns at present unless something was brought up by the staff group in the negotiation process. Alderman Cashin was duly recorded as abstaining.

Chairman Clancy addressed item 7:

7. Communication from Ralph Sidore regarding parking needs for 150 Dow Street, indicating an interest to lease space in the Bedford Street lot at a rate lower than what is currently set.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to refer this item to Mr. Taylor of MDC for consideration in the discussions relative to millyard parking issues.

8. Communication from Lloyd Basinow requesting that the Board declare 1,255 units of public housing within the City limits to be "Drug Free Zones".

Brief discussion ensued relative to this item where concern was expressed by the Police Department on whether or not there were separate statute considerations in terms of enforcement.

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to table this item pending report from the Police Department.

Chairman Clancy addressed item 9:

9. Communication from Jon Erdahl, General Manager of WGIR AM/FM, requesting the use of Arms Park and the Bridge Street Bridge for their 7th Annual Memorial Day Weekend fireworks display scheduled for Sunday, May 24, 1998, with a rain date of Monday, May 25, 1998.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to approve the request under the supervision of Police, Fire, Highway and Traffic.

Chairman Clancy addressed item 10:

10. Request for no parking signs on Notre Dame Avenue, behind Catholic Medical Center, for the Annual CHIPS Challenge 5K and 1 Mile Family Fun Run on May 2, 1998, subject to meeting requirements set forth by Police.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to approve the request subject to the approval of Police, Fire, Highway and Traffic. Alderman Cashin was duly recorded as abstaining.

Chairman Clancy addressed item 11:

11. Communication from Sam Reddy, Executive Vice President of the Home Builders & Remodelers Association of NH, requesting the closure of Pleasant Street from Elm to Franklin Streets from March 9-16, 1998, for the placement of a modular home for their 1998 NH State Home Show.

In response to questions, the committee was advised that this was an annual event which had been approved in past years.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to approve the request subject to approval of Police, Fire, Highway, and Traffic.

Chairman Clancy advised that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda which needed to be addressed.

#### TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT AGENDA

##### **STOP SIGNS**

**On Hoyt Street at Tilden Drive, nwc, sec  
Alderman Rivard  
On Carnegie Street at Russell Street, nec  
Alderman Klock**

##### **RESCIND NO PARKING (UNLIMITED)**

**On Rogers Street, east side, from Harvard Street to Hayward Street  
Alderman Shea**

##### **NO PARKING LOADING ZONE (8AM-5PM MON-FRI)**

**On Lowell Street, north side, from Elm Street to a point 40 feet easterly  
Alderman Reiniger**

##### **NO PARKING LOADING ZONE (8AM-9PM)**

**On Orange Street, north side, from a point 140 feet west of Union Street to a point 75 feet westerly  
Alderman Reiniger**

##### **RESCIND PARKING 1/4 HOUR (8AM-9PM SEVEN DAYS A WEEK)**

**On Orange Street, north side, from a point 140 feet west of Union Street to a point 75 feet westerly  
Alderman Reiniger**

##### **RESCIND PARKING 2 HOURS (METER # 374)**

**On Lowell Street, north side, from Elm Street to a point 40 feet easterly  
Alderman Reiniger**

**RESCIND PARKING 1 HOUR (8AM-6PM)**

**On Manchester Street, south side, from a point 90 feet east of Chestnut Street to Pine Street**

**Alderman Reiniger**

**NO PARKING (8AM-NOON MON-SAT)**

**On Coolidge Avenue, west side, from a point 195 feet south of Cartier Street to a point 120 feet southerly**

**Alderman Thibault**

**NO PARKING ANYTIME:**

**On Alsace Street, east side, from a point 455 feet north of Bremer Street to a point 85 feet northerly**

**Alderman Thibault**

**On Hayward Street, south side, from Beech Street to Beech Westback Street**  
**Alderman Shea**

**On Manchester Street, south side, from a point 90 feet east of Chestnut Street to a point 65 feet easterly**

**Alderman Reiniger**

**HANDICAP PARKING ONLY**

**On Manchester Street, south side, from a point 155 feet east of Chestnut Street to a point 25 feet easterly**

**Alderman Reiniger**

**RESCIND TRUCKS PROHIBITED:**

**On Nashua Street, from Maple Street to Bridge Street**

**Alderman Sysyn**

**PARKING 1 HOUR (8AM-6PM)**

**On Salmon Street, south side, from Bay eastback Street to Chestnut Street**

**Alderman Reiniger**

**On Manchester Street, south side, from a point 180 feet east of Chestnut Street to Pine Street**

**Alderman Reiniger**

**PARKING 2 HOURS (8AM-6PM)**

**On Chestnut Street, west side, from Spruce Street to Cedar Street**

**Alderman Reiniger**

The clerk noted that the stop sign on Carnegie Street had previously been approved by the Committee.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Cashin, it was voted to approve all Traffic Department Agenda items presented except for the discussional item, which would be taken up later in the meeting.

Chairman Clancy addressed **NEW BUSINESS**.

Chairman Clancy advised he had received a request of Neighborhood Housing for a cross walk on Union Street near the park at the intersection of the back street toward Green Street.

Mr. Lolicata advised that he had no problem with doing the cross walk at the intersection. He had previously had a problem because they were looking to do the walkway in the center, not at an intersection.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Cashin, it was voted to approve the request.

A communication from In-Town Manchester was presented relating to a classic car event "Time Travelers"

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to approve the requested authorizations as follows:

- 1) That the Time Travelers be given exclusive use of Elm Street, between Merrimack -Bridge Streets on Friday, June 5, 1998 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- 2) That the Time Travelers be given permission to make arrangements with the Manchester Police Department to place barriers in designated areas, and close the street to all motor traffic not affiliated with the event, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- 3) That the Time Travelers be given permission to make arrangements with the Manchester Police and Traffic Departments to provide notice and ensure that all parked vehicles are removed from the designated area by 6:30 p.m.
- 4) That the Time Travelers be given permission to use the parking lot in Arms Park on Saturday, June 6, 1998 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

These approvals were granted under the supervision of Police, Traffic, Highway and Fire departments.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Permit Parking at the Police Department Parking Lot**

##### **Lt. Tessier - MPD**

Lt. Tessier addressed the committee advising that the Police Department had been utilizing a parking area on Merrimack and Chestnut Streets adjacent to the federal building for a number of years. He noted that some department employees have passes to park in the garage, and others do not. Some of those employees park in the lot. He noted that they were having problems where there were no defined spaces in the lot and it was felt if they did so they could accommodate about 32 vehicles. Lt. Tessier commented that some officers were parking in the center of the lot and causing a log jam or blocking others from leaving at the end of their shifts. To alleviate the problem the department was requesting the lot be assigned to Police Department with the authorization that permit or sticker parking be conducted to allow the department to ticket and tow the vehicles as may be needed. They would provide the decals or permits to employees of the department to park in the lot and if someone did not have a permit or decal they could then be towed.

In response to questions, Lt. Tessier advised that they did not have enough permits in the garage for all employees; that they had about 100 employees on any given shift, and that it was only police department staff utilizing the lot at this time.

In response to questions raised by Alderman Cashin the deputy clerk advised that the City Hall/Annex and other city employees were provided parking in the garages and paid \$20. for the access card; and did not presently pay for the parking.

Following brief discussion, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Cashin, it was voted to approve the request of the Police Department for decal or some form of permit parking in this lot.

#### **Additional New Business**

Alderman Pinard noted the traffic problems in the area of Weston School requesting a study be done. Discussion ensued where Ron Johnson of Parks & Recreation advised that they were looking to do some improvements to the school grounds and had intended to address some of the traffic flow problems in this project. It was noted that Angelo's had formerly agreed to provide pick up/drop off access for parents.

Following discussion, Chairman Clancy requested the Traffic, Police and Parks departments to get together and review the situation and further advise as necessary.

Report on parking percentages:

Mr. Lolicata advised that he had reviewed the numbers with Mr. Taylor and others and they felt comfortable that 85% for the garages, and 80% in the lots for leasing or monthly parking were adequate range to still allow for daily parking for the public. In response to question, the Deputy Clerk advised that in the parking garages there were areas held aside until a certain time (9:30) to allow shoppers or public access to prime spots. Mr. Davis of In-Town Manchester addressed the Committee concurring with the clerk and the recommendations outlined.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Cashin, it was voted to approve the recommendation of the 85/80 percent lease options.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee