

**COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY**

**May 5, 1998**

**6:00 PM**

Chairman Clancy called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

**Present:** Aldermen Clancy, Reiniger, Pinard, Cashin, Hirschmann

**Messrs.:** Chief Driscoll and Tom Lolicata

Chairman Clancy stated I just received a letter from this young lady here and her husband. Her name is Cora Der Koorkanian and I will let her speak first.

Mrs. Der Koorkanian held up a sign and stated this is the sign for the Manchester Women's Club that we would like to post throughout the City to show the existence of our club. Most of our work is toward education and right now we are giving out \$5,000 in scholarships around this town to Central, West and Memorial. We would like to post six of the signs at different parts of the City like off the Amoskeag Bridge, and off Exit 9 on Route 3. We would like your permission and we would like to use the posts that they already have.

Chairman Clancy stated we will refer that to the Traffic Department and I can't give you an answer right now. We will just refer it to the Traffic Department. I appreciate your coming and showing us what you have in mind and if it is a yes we will get back to you.

Alderman Cashin asked do you have the locations where you want these signs on that letter.

Mrs. Der Koorkanian answered no, I don't have the locations because I would like to use the existing posts.

Alderman Cashin suggested that Tom Lolicata call her to get the locations.

Mr. Lolicata asked is this for directions or just for showing people.

Mrs. Der Koorkanian answered we are showing people and whether they would like to...

Mr. Lolicata asked but related to a certain area.

Mrs. Der Koorkanian answered no. It would be just like Kiwanis or Rotary.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Communication from Michelle Belanger to Representative Sununu submitting a couple of suggestions relative to the current parking situation in the Millyard.

Chairman Clancy noted that Deputy City Clerk Johnson suggested that the item be referred to Jay Taylor because he is working on the Millyard.

Mr. Lolicata stated anybody who works downtown has to pay for meters too. I don't know what this committee is going to do, but the letter is a little bit off. It is only \$2.50 a day or \$12.50 a week. There is a little bit of exaggeration involved here, but if you want to refer it to someone that is fine.

Alderman Reiniger moved to have Jay Taylor send a response to Congressman Sununu and Michelle Belanger. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion.

Chairman Clancy called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from Sal Coco commenting on the firearms industry.

Chief Driscoll stated I would note that on tonight's agenda also there is a letter from the Concerned Taxpayer's Association on the same issue. Instead of doing this twice, we can do it once. I will pass the letter around if anyone hasn't seen it. About a month ago, the Police Department, after doing a careful analysis of our property in the evidence room, determined that we had to downsize and get rid of some of the property. We have consistently sold property and I make a real distinction between property and firearms. We have two evidence rooms in our building at this time. They are completely full. Anybody that has toured our building recently understands the space problems that we have. We continually

conduct auctions and auction off appropriate items. As a matter of fact, we are going to have an auction on May 9. We have never, in the history of the Police Department to my knowledge, auctioned off a firearm and I, as the Chief of Police, am very, very opposed to auctioning off a firearm, any type of firearm. There is a bill that is before the legislature now that will prohibit any state agency from running a program where they buy firearms or take in firearms and then turn around and destroy them. We have, I would say, 300 or 400 firearms in our building now. Maybe more of that. Some of them have been there for 20 or 30 years. We are a nationally accredited police agency. We follow the standard set by the National Accreditation Association in dealing with property. They set special standards for firearms, jewelry, drugs, money, silver coinage, anything like that and we have to secure them within a secured area. The management of this type of property and firearms is very, very difficult for us because we never got rid of them. We have a lot of them. We took it to the Police Commissioner and there was a *Union Leader* reporter there at that time. As a result of that there was an article written in the paper about it. I strongly believe that we should not take any type of firearm and put it back into circulation. As you people all know, a firearm, like a vehicle has a number on it and if the City of Manchester were to auction these guns or give them to a firearms dealer, we would become part of the pedigree of that firearm. Five years, ten years, fifteen years from now that firearm is used in a crime, someone is going to know that it was once owned by the Manchester Police Department. I can't urge you strongly enough to think that this is a bad idea to auction these guns. I was not real happy that it was in the paper, but we had no choice in that. We talked to him about it in an open discussion at our Police Commission informing them of what we intended to do. I will tell you it is not a political issue, it shouldn't be a financial issue. The City doesn't need money that bad and the people who are most interested in this issue are people that have an interest, the people that stand to gain, the firearms dealers. This gentleman that wrote you the letter is, in fact, a firearms dealer and he would love to be involved in turning these guns around. I don't support that and will never take a position that I will sell a firearm that has been used in a crime and turned into the Police Department. That is not a good policy as far as I am concerned.

Alderman Clancy asked how many do you have.

Chief Driscoll answered hundreds. I would say we have probably 400 or better.

Alderman Clancy stated but I don't think that every one of them has been stolen or been involved in a crime.

Chief Driscoll answered they are suicides, they are serious crimes, they have been taken in burglaries. There are very few, I would say less than 5%, where someone

will have it in their home and not want it. You know the husband dies and the woman doesn't want it.

Alderman Clancy asked so you have had these over a number of years.

Chief Driscoll answered we have had a lot of these firearms for as long as I have been there.

Alderman Clancy asked so this is the first time, to your knowledge, that you just want to get rid of them to make room.

Chief Driscoll answered if you remember, in fact in your packet tonight I think there is a picture and it shows that we have racks and racks of them. The value is insignificant as far as I am concerned. You shouldn't be looking at the value of them.

Alderman Cashin asked what are you going to do with them.

Chief Driscoll answered we would like to take them to a smelting plant and have them destroyed totally. Before we do that, we get a court order that allows us to do it.

Alderman Clancy stated I have heard both sides of it. Some people say maybe if they auction them off they could get X amount of dollars and put the money into the general fund and somebody said well if you are going to have certain gun dealers go down they are going to take out the better ones and bid on them. I said well it will be open to everybody so they will probably have a week or something like that to go down and look them over and put a bid on them.

Chief Driscoll stated that is the wrong way to do it.

Alderman Clancy replied I am just saying that it what I have been hearing. They are talking about money.

Chief Driscoll responded if one person gets hurt in the next 10 or 15 years with one gun that the City owned, that would be shameful. Our job or my job is public safety and to protect the citizens and my police officers and by putting those guns out back on the street, that has a negative impact and I truly believe that and encourage you to support my position.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I fully agree with the Chief and I am glad that he is back from vacation to give this testimony because I was personally mortified

when this was referred to this Committee. We spend so much money on Operation Street Sweeper and all these inner city things and all over the city, police money, to take guns off the street and stop crime and stop all these things. Why in the world would we ever want to put these guns back out in anybody's hands. If somebody is responsible and wants to purchase a firearm, they can go to a retail establishment and show their credentials and buy a weapon. This is what you call blood money. We don't need any money that would be construed from this sale. These should be destroyed and taken out of service. The person that wrote this letter is probably a gun dealer and these guy, they worship these things. These are weapons, like the Chief said, that have been involved in crimes, suicides, burglaries, stolen items. I think it would be very irresponsible and I was the only one that voted opposed to sending it here. I was shocked about that too. I think it is very wrong to put these back out on the street.

Alderman Pinard moved to support the Police Chief's position and have the guns destroyed. Alderman Reiniger duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Reiniger moved to deny the request. There has been some discussion as to whether it is proper to receive and file it that way when we go back to the Board we can move to deny the request and the whole Board can send a message.

Deputy Clerk Johnson noted the motion on the floor was to support the Chief and have the guns destroyed. If that is the case, we need to report that back to the Board. I suggest that the Committee request that the item be pulled off the consent agenda at the Board level and report that the recommendation is on hold because it is listed as a referral to the Committee.

Alderman Hirschmann moved to receive and file.

Alderman Cashin stated I think it would make a much stronger motion if you were to come out and say we recommend to the full Board that they support the Chief's recommendation and that they be destroyed.

Alderman Hirschmann moved to support the Chief of Police in his efforts to destroy the weapons. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion and withdrew his former motion.

Chairman Clancy called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Clancy asked are you going to get some money from the meltdown.

Chief Driscoll answered I don't think so. In fact, it might cost us a couple of hundred dollars to do that. I would be very pleased to be rid of them from a space standpoint and from a public safety standpoint and certainly won't request any money from the Board to do it. I have enough money in my budget that I can handle it.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from George N. Copadis, St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, requesting the closure of Kenney Street at Hanover Street and Hilton Street at Amherst Street from 10:00 AM until 11:00 PM from September 18-20, 1998 for their annual Glendi celebration.

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

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 6 of the agenda:

Communication from Gail Emerson regarding an incident on April 4, 1998, involving her son and his friends in the vicinity of Wolfe Park.

Alderman Cashin stated Wolfe Park is in my ward, but the people involved aren't. They don't live in the ward. The way the letter reads, I would hope that this didn't happen and if it did I am sure there must be a very good reason for it.

Chief Driscoll stated I will tell you at the start this was not one of the Police Department's finest moments. On April 4 at about 4 p.m., one of our new employees, a gentleman, answered the phone. He, in fact, misinterpreted what the Emerson boy said. He didn't realize that this act had just occurred in fact when he talked to the person. We have the tape and we have listened to the tape a number of times and analyzed it to try and figure out what happened. He was sitting side-by-side with a seasoned employee and he turned and asked the seasoned employee what he should do based on the information that he had. He misinterpreted the information. When he asked the seasoned dispatcher, he didn't ask the right question. As a result, he didn't get the right answer. Basically what happened is there was a group of 10 kids that came and approached four skateboarders. There was a conflict. There was a skateboard taken. The groups ran in different directions. The skateboarders went to use the telephone and called and nobody responded for a period of time. We eventually did respond after there was a second call. There was some damage done to their car. Certainly not something

we are proud of. It is something that happened. To insure that it doesn't happen again, we have already had installed a second communication set so that when we are training a person, for instance, Bill would be the trainee, he and I would both be connected so we are both hearing exactly what happened. I am just pleased that it was not more serious.

Alderman Clancy asked how much damage was done to the car.

Chief Driscoll answered a window and a cracked windshield.

Alderman Cashin asked has the Police Department communicated to these people exactly what happened.

Chief Driscoll answered yes. We received the letter on April 10 after the April 4 incident. I personally called her and acknowledged receipt of the letter and told her that I would look into it. Deputy Robinson and Deputy Duffey did, in fact, look into it. We got to the bottom of it. I won't comment on the employee because there are some serious problems.

Alderman Cashin asked did we admit that a mistake was made.

Chief Driscoll answered absolutely. We got back to her on April 17 and talked to her. She fully understands. We invited her to come to the station and talk with us. She said no what you have done is fine. She knows that it is on the agenda. As far as I am concerned and as far as she is concerned, it is a done deal. You learn from it and I don't think it will happen again.

Alderman Cashin moved to receive and file the item. Alderman Reiniger duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Hirschmann asked can anything done from a public relations standpoint.

Chief Driscoll answered I invited her to come down.

Alderman Hirschmann replied not just her, but everybody else that has heard that there might be a problem with getting a 911 response.

Chief Driscoll responded certainly anything we could do I would be please to do, but I don't know what your suggestion is. Help me out.

Alderman Hirschmann replied I don't know what I am asking. I don't know how many people know about this incident. When I read about it, I was mortified and my wife said geez if our 14 year old needs a policeman is he going to come. I said I think so. It was a mistake. It can happen.

Chairman Clancy called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 7 of the agenda:

Communication from Linda Gagne, St. Anthony's School, requesting permission to block off Silver Street, between Belmont and Hall Streets, for their annual Student Appreciation Day on Friday, June 5, 1998.

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

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 8 of the agenda:

Communication from Linda S. Garriott, Intown Manchester, requesting:

- 1) that the Downtown Farmer's Market management be given permission to "bag" all parking meters on Concord Street, between Pine and Chestnut Streets and the southern row of parking spaces in the Hartnett Parking Lot that run parallel with Concord Street on each Wednesday evening that precedes a Thursday market;
- 2) that the Downtown Farmer's Market management be given permission to coordinate the placement of barriers on Concord Street, perpendicular to Pine Street, and to close the street to motor traffic at noon for the Thursday markets; and
- 3) that no violations be made after 2:45 PM in the Hartnett Parking Lot on each "market" Thursday.

Alderman Reiniger moved to approve the request, subject to Police, Fire, Traffic and Highway approval. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Cashin asked if you are going to close Concord Street, how does this affect the library or does it affect the library.

Mr. Lolicata answered it doesn't affect it.

Mr. Davis stated I just want to say thanks to this Committee and certainly to Tom. We have worked very closely with him in getting the market set-up last year and he has been very helpful to us this year. It is just the same thing that operated last year. It has been great. The institutions in the area are supporting it and we appreciate your support to have it this year. We started with 15 members last year and we have 30 signed up for this year.

Chairman Clancy called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 9 of the agenda:

Communication from Jim Stanton, Pepsi-Cola Company, requesting that a two-sided sign with their company name and an arrow be placed on East Industrial Drive at the top of Pepsi Road.

Alderman Cashin moved to approve the request. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Pinard stated if you are familiar with Industrial Park Drive and Pepsi Drive, that old green sign, people go right by it so he just wants a double like the *Union Leader* sign.

Chairman Clancy stated well I will be truthful. I am not too fond of having signs all of the City. Something like that on East Industrial Park Drive for the *Union Leader* and Pepsi that is fine, but as far as this woman coming in and putting her signs up I am not too fond of that really. You know we are trying to beautify this City.

Chairman Clancy called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 10 of the agenda:

Communication from Peter Telge, Stark Mill Brewery, seeking information relative to hosting a Brew Festival in Arms Park on Saturday, August 29, 1998 from 2:00 to 8:00 PM.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated the City Solicitor mentioned to me that according to ordinance if they have a Brew Festival or anything dealing with alcohol it has to go before the Parks Commission by law. It is before this Committee because they want to use our park.

Alderman Cashin moved to refer this item to the Parks Commission and the Police Department for their recommendation. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion.

Chief Driscoll stated we would like to know more about it. We have spoken with Mr. Telge briefly and he hasn't given us a lot of information, but we would like to really sit down and talk with him about what he is going to do.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I spoke to him about it. I have been having meetings with him about having an Oktoberfest and this is another thing besides the Oktoberfest. He is in what is called the New England Association of Microbrewers. Every year they have this function at a different city and this year it is Manchester's turn so it would be his turn to be the sponsor so he is asking for Arms Park. He would need police protection and the whole bit. It would be a big thing.

Chief Driscoll stated typically any time the Parks & Recreation has granted alcohol in a City park they make them do it within a beer garden or something. Within a confined area so that kids don't have access. I guess there are a lot of unanswered questions that we need answered.

Some discussion took place regarding which Committee had what authorization authority.

Chairman Clancy called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 11 of the agenda:

Communication from The Way Home, Inc., requesting closure of streets under supervision of Police as may be required and requesting to place a banner across Hanover Street for their annual 5-K Run-Walk scheduled for October 18, 1998.

Alderman Reiniger moved to approve this request. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion.

Deputy Clerk Johnson clarified which actions are for this Committee.

Chairman Clancy called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 12 of the agenda:

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

**PERMIT PARKING ONLY:**

**In the Myrna Parking Lot, upper level on the east side, 8 parking stalls**

**Alderman Reiniger**

**In the Myrna Parking Lot, upper level on the west side, 7 parking stalls**

**Alderman Reiniger**

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

**On Laurel Street, south side, from Pine Street to Union Street**

**Alderman Reiniger**

**On Central Street, north side, from a point 50 feet west of Union Street to Pine Street**

**Alderman Reiniger**

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

**On Laurel Street, south side, from Pine Street to Union Street**

**Alderman Reiniger**

**On Central Street, north side, from a point 50 feet west of Union Street to Pine Street  
Alderman Reiniger**

**RESCIND PARKING 2 HOURS (METERS):**

**In the Myrna Parking Lot, upper level on the east side, 8 parking meters (#'s 6480-6487)**

**Alderman Reiniger**

**In the Myrna Parking Lot, upper level on the west side, 7 parking meters (#'s 6473-6479)**

**Alderman Reiniger**

**RESCIND PARKING 1 HOUR (UNLIMITED PARKING):**

**On Somerville Street, north side, from a point 95 feet west of Wilson Street, to a point 105 feet westerly**

**Alderman Shea**

**NO PARKING:**

**On Hanover Street, south side, from a point 475 feet east of Page Street to a point 130 feet easterly**

**Alderman Pinard (emergency act)**

**On Front Street, east side, from the south property line of 459 Front Street to a point 235 feet northerly**

**Alderman Hirschmann**

**On Taylor Street, east side, from Cilley Road to a point 40 feet northerly**

**Alderman Shea**

**RESCIND NO PARKING:**

**On Taylor Street, east side, from Cilley Road to a point 60 feet northerly**

**Alderman Shea**

**STOP SIGNS:**

**On Dyson Street at Granite Street, NWC**

**Alderman Cashin**

**On Putnam Street at Dubuque Street, NEC, SWC (4-way school zone)**

**Alderman Thibault**

**On Belmont Street at Silver Street, NWC, SEC (4-way school zone)**

**Alderman Shea**

**On Tiffany Lane at Wellington Rd., SEC**  
**On Aladdin Street at Tiffany Lane, SEC**  
**On Tiffany Lane at Westwind Dr., SWC**  
**On Westwind Dr. at Aladdin Street, NWC**  
**On Westwind Dr. at Wellington Rd., SEC**  
**On Eastwind Dr. at Aladdin St., NWC**  
**On Winward Lane at Aladdin St., NWC**  
**On Proctor Road at Lake Shore Rd., SWC**  
**Alderman Pinard**

**RESCIND NO PARKING (UNLIMITED)**

**On Putnam Street, north and south sides, from Dubuque Street to Dubuque east back street**  
**Alderman Thibault**

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

**On Mulsey Street, north side, from a point 45 feet west of Bedford Street to State Street**  
**Alderman Reiniger**

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

**On Payson Street, south side, from Bedford Street to State Street**  
**Alderman Reiniger**

Alderman Reiniger moved to accept and approve the agenda. Alderman Cashin duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Hirschmann asked about the four-way stop signs.

Mr. Lolicata answered anything you see with a four-way it has to be in a school zone. This Committee passed back in January four-ways in school zones only.

Chairman Clancy called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Reiniger stated I have been getting complaints about the back-up of traffic on Elm Street because of the light on Concord Street. It is causing problems for people using Mechanic Street to go in and out at busy times during the day.

Mr. Lolicata stated I don't understand.

Alderman Reiniger replied you have a light at Concord and Elm. I don't know if it is timed, but it is a long light and it causes back ups on Elm Street and people can't get out of Mechanic Street. I think we have to do something about it shortly.

Mr. Lolicata responded we looked into it before. I don't know if the loops are in there or if they have been cut but I think Jimmy explained it to you once. This goes back a few months. I don't know if anything has been done since then. There is still more work to be done on Elm Street. That is probably part of it. I am going to say that it is one of three places they have to cut loops or fix timing in other words. I will talk to Jimmy tomorrow.

Alderman Clancy asked so people coming out of the Y at noon time are having a hard time getting back to work.

Alderman Reiniger answered some of the business people who make deliveries told me that they have noticed people getting frustrated and just passing cars improperly.

Alderman Clancy stated that has always been a hard spot to get out of.

Alderman Hirschmann stated it is not on this agenda, but it is on our agenda for tonight to be referred here. The Waumbec Center is looking for 140 parking spaces from our parking guru.

Chairman Clancy asked 140 spaces for what.

Alderman Hirschmann answered Mr. Arthur Sullivan says that because he developed his building he could use 140 spaces from the City.

Chairman Clancy stated he has to get in line like everybody else.

Mr. Lolicata stated I got a call over a week ago from a gentleman from the Waumbec Center and they are getting more tenants in there. I told him that as of right now, everything down there is frozen until such time that they might do something back on Bedford Street or Commercial Street with angled parking. Right now we are at our max. I also told him that we are waiting for the commitment from UNH. There are so many spaces that they are allowed. He was satisfied with that answer.

Chairman Clancy asked 140 spaces for what. To lease?

Mr. Lolicata answered right.

Chairman Clancy asked how much a piece.

Mr. Lolicata answered well down in the Millyard it is \$22.50 on the street, but that is besides the point. We have the meters down there and we are maxed. Besides we have to save some for UNH coming in. That is why we want to go forward with this Bedford Street plan so we can open up a little bit.

Chairman Clancy stated you know the problem we have with that. We have people working in the courthouse parking in the Federal Parking Lot and paying \$37.50/month to park.

Mr. Lolicata replied they are paying \$30. The Millyard is the cheapest. \$25 in the lots and \$22.50 on the street. The biggest problem we have right now is the growth in the Millyard. We are now saturated and the City is going to start doing a few things. We are stuck. That is how much business has come in here in the last six to eight months. That has been our biggest problem.

Chairman Clancy stated I just want to make it equal for everybody. Everybody pays the same amount of money.

Mr. Lolicata replied you didn't go that route. To start the Millyard, you made it cheaper for everybody down there to bring in new business and it has been that way by ordinance since. Everything up on Elm Street is different outside of the garage.

Chairman Clancy asked behind the federal building, those 25 spaces they have there, how much do they pay a week to park.

Mr. Lolicata answered \$30 a month.

Chairman Clancy stated they tell me they get \$8.63 a week taken out of their check.

Mr. Lolicata replied all I am telling you is it costs \$30 a month.

Alderman Hirschmann stated there must be some kind of a development clause somewhere because it says it is our understanding that the City's Millyard parking formula qualifies our project for 140 parking spaces. There must be some kind of development thing.

Chairman Clancy stated well maybe in the old days when that building was going they had it down that they could have 140 spaces.

Mr. Lolicata stated everybody had a square footage formula down there. That was part of their own property also. As far as the streets are concerned, they tried to allow so many. Now Waumbec has gained all this and what they are really ticked off at is that Seal is completely paid for, ours is completely paid for and King has been paying for three years for these and they see these lots half full, but they are completely paid for and that is the problem we are running into.

Chairman Clancy asked what is your suggestion.

Mr. Lolicata answered I have no suggestion. My only suggestion is to stop developing down there. Make it one way like we did before, try the double spaces and start thinking about putting up either decks on some of these lots that Jay and I and Bob MacKenzie are going to start talking about. That is the cheapest and quickest way to get out of this. We are running out of space.

Chairman Clancy asked Mr. Davis if he had anything to say about this.

Mr. Davis stated I certainly don't have a solution, Mr. Chairman, but I agree with Tom that this needs a lot of discussion. Jay Taylor, Bob MacKenzie and I have sat down with Tom on a number of occasions and I think it would be worthwhile to continue that discussion. Certainly before we start putting up parking decks, we think there are more street spaces that can be added and we can make better use of the existing spaces we have. I think there are a lot of things we can do down there that would add some spaces in the short-term before we have to start thinking about parking layers.

Chairman Clancy stated my contention is that if we get some business down there that has 200 people working there, we won't have enough spaces for the people to park so we should try to nip this in the bud right now before something happens.

Mr. Lolicata stated the meeting that I told you about two months ago with the MC Industries, it was one of our suggestions to take out a CLD. You have Commercial on one side, you can double the spaces by going angular parking. It might be in one direction even though it is a two-way street but you are talking almost 100 spaces possibly. That is a short-term, fast avenue. There is a lot of work involved. The next thing is money, decks and then garage.

Chief Driscoll stated I am a big advocate of parallel parking. Alderman Reiniger worked with us on Manchester Street and I am delighted with what is going on on

Elm Street. That was kind of a little pilot project and we doubled our spaces. We haven't had a single accident to the best of my knowledge. As people come down Chestnut and turn onto Manchester Street right at the tail end there we were concerned about somebody backing out that close but we haven't had a problem. It has worked very well.

Alderman Cashin asked did the parallel parking come through a committee.

Chief Driscoll answered yes it did.

Alderman Cashin asked was it approved by a committee.

Mr. Lolicata answered yes, three years ago.

Chairman Clancy acknowledged Mr. Peter Telge from the Stark Mill Brewery and asked him to relay his ideas for the Brew Festival.

Mr. Telge stated I am a member of the NH Craft Brewers Association which is all of the breweries in NH. Originally there were just half a dozen and now there are 16 of us. For the last few years we have been trying to put together a Brew Festival for our association. Everyone of the breweries wanted to do it in their backyard. Woodstock has tried real hard to get it up at Loon Mountain. Nutfield had it at their place last year and wanted to try to piggyback the association on with this Brew Festival. We did that last year. It worked great for him, but it didn't work great for the association. Manchester, as you know, is a nice central part of the state and Arms Park is right next to the highway and right next to the river, a perfect place for a Brew Festival. Obviously, being next to the Stark Mill Brewery, I would be the host type of brew. I talked to a lot of people about it. The Mayor's Office, a few Aldermen, Intown Manchester, I have talked to the Police Department a little bit about it, I have talked to all the brewers and the brewers basically gave me the chance if I can get it approved and into Manchester then they will have it here. I would be the host and the chairperson.

Chairman Clancy asked have you spoken to anyone from Parks & Recreation about it.

Mr. Telge replied yes I have, Mike Lopez who was down visiting me the other day talking about a skateboard thing and we talked about it in length. He told me that I was all set. I am not all set, but from his point of view I was all set.

Chairman Clancy asked did you speak to anyone from the Police Department.

Mr. Telge answered I did. Briefly I spoke to, I think, Officer Tessier just to tell him that I wanted to do it and found out what I needed to do to do it and he said basically get it into the Aldermanic Committee. First, I checked to see if the date was open with the Police Department which I was informed it was. That is August 29. At that point, I went back and wrote a letter to the Aldermanic Committee just basically asking for permission at this point. That is as far as I have gone.

Chairman Clancy asked would this be for families.

Mr. Telge answered yes.

Chairman Clancy asked how would you distinguish between, say I have my fourteen year old son and my seventeen year old here and I am going to go to the Beer Garden. Are you going to have the beer gardens on the side or what? How would you run that?

Mr. Telge asked have you ever been to a Brew Festival.

Chairman Clancy answered no, never.

Mr. Telge stated just to give you, and I have been doing them a lot for the last four years now, but Brew Festivals have all the breweries that you can possibly get with their beers, their t-shirts, their logos, their banners, their hats, they have the brewers there talking about the beers, they have samples of hops and bottles. That is for the breweries. That is great and that is for the beer people and people like myself will normally buy an entrance pass which in a lot of cases and which we plan on doing, includes a glass. You get a glass that is about a four ounce glass. You put a line across it maybe halfway to three quarters of the way up and that is where they are supposed to pour the beer too which is about three ounces. For \$15 admission, you get the glass and your first four or five samples free. Every time after that, if you want to purchase more samples you can go and buy samples for \$1 a sample or ticket and given them the ticket and you get another sample of beer. Now people like myself will go along and try as many beers as they can, not always drinking them but tasting them, smelling them, looking at them, thinking of beers that they would like to do, beers that they like. I personally like dark beers so I tend to try the dark beers. We talk to most of our friends, the brewers, about quality and everything else. What we plan on having at this instance and where the families come in, is a lot of other activities going on. What we would like to do and at least I have talked to a few people about...

Chairman Clancy asked it has been sewn.

Mr. Telge answered not yet. Not until we get approval.

Chairman Clancy stated the biggest discussion we had here is juveniles getting access to the beer.

Mr. Telge answered no, it won't happen. Every brewery there is handing out their own beer. In order to come in you will probably be receiving a wrist bracelet. If you don't have a wrist bracelet, you are not going to get a glass of beer.

Chairman Clancy stated so you are going to check them as they come in.

Mr. Telge replied yes. There will be people, along with the officers at the door, there will be security who will check I.D.'s. I have been in the business for 25 years. I know I.D.'s very well. We talked to the Liquor Commission, we work with them. There will not be any minors being served beer. That is probably one of our top priorities. The other top priority is not having over served people. Those are our two top priorities.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated I don't know if you are aware that this item has been referred to two different committees of the Board because you are dealing with two separate issues. The issue before this Committee was the use of Arms Park. Because you are dealing with beer, it needs to be approved by the Parks Commission so this Committee actually has acted to refer it to the Parks Commission and to the Police Department for a recommendation. The other committee that it has been referred to is Administration because their are licenses that you would have to get. My suggestion to you would be to contact Paul Bergeron of the Clerk's Office so that you know what that license is going to entail doing because when it goes to Administration you are going to have to have proof of a license application. I just wanted to make you aware of the process.

Mr. Telge stated I have done a number of festivals at our own location and I have had to go through pretty much the same process, although not as intensely as dealing with the Clerk. We have to get the Liquor Commission approval and we have to give them a diagram. We have to get the Police approval and we have to get the City approval so I am aware and I will do everything that needs to be done.

Alderman Hirschmann stated this is proposed as a day time event.

Mr. Telge stated yes, 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. are the hours we proposed. Saying 2 p.m. - 10 p.m. we would stop the alcohol at 8 p.m. and give them a few hours to filter out and clean up.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I would say and I know we are going to wait for a recommendation, but from my perspective a day time event that is going to bring people into the Millyard and be secured with Police and some guidelines as to admittance, I am not opposed.

Mr. Telge stated just getting back to one other issue when I was asked is this a family even, the answer is yes. So what else do you plan on doing? A few other events. What has been proposed so far is Intown Manchester is doing a classic car show. I have already talked to them to see if they could do a second one the day of the Brew Festival. They are interested and the date is open at this point. They are going to talk about it and get back to me. Manchester Harley Davidson has a bike show every once in awhile and they also do a little obstacle course. They may be interested in doing that. They may also be a part sponsor in this. We are looking for sponsorship because we are looking to raise money for Easter Seal. Half of all the proceeds which we hope to raise will go to Easter Seal. Easter Seal is meeting with myself and WMUR-TV tomorrow and we are going to see if WMUR will be a publicity sponsor. I already know that WGIR said that they will be a part publicity sponsor. We don't have a lot of money this year and I had to go out on a limb with the association and guarantee if there is a loss, I am going to eat it and basically that I am going to take over the chairperson role and be responsible for obtaining security, getting all the permits, getting all the licenses, getting all the registrations and whatever needs to be done and getting insurance which we need to have for the City I believe. So all of that I am responsible for. I have dealt with that stuff before and I am ready to deal with it again. I just need the approval to keep going forward.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee