

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

April 19, 1999

5:30 PM

Chairman Clancy called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Reiniger, Pinard, Cashin, Hirschmann

Absent: Alderman Clancy

Messrs: T. Lolicata, J. Hoben, Sgt. Winn

Clerk LeBlond-Kang noted that in the absence of the Chairman, a motion is in order to elect a Chairman Pro tem.

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to elect Alderman Reiniger as Chairman Pro tem.

Chairman Reiniger addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Communication from Alderman Rivard seeking support for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of South Jewett Street and Weston Road in the FY2000 budget.

Mr. Lolicata stated I just saw this today. I know that Alderman Rivard has been talking about doing something down there. I just saw his letter in support of this. He said that the Highway Department has come up with a cost of around \$50,000. I guess he went to Highway and asked for an estimate.

Alderman Cashin asked \$50,000.

Mr. Lolicata answered I think it is kind of low and if there was an estimate to be involved here I would add a few thousand dollars to that anyway just in comparison to the last bid that we went out on. It is in the \$60,000 to \$65,000 range. I also want to say, and I don't know if you remember that over a year or so ago we had a meeting down there concerning that intersection and Bob MacKenzie and Frank Thomas were talking about putting some kind of a rotary down there. I have heard nothing since. This intersection does warrant this, without any question. As a matter of fact, it should be one of the top priorities for

the coming year, but they were thinking about putting some type of a rotary there and I haven't heard a thing since that meeting over a year ago.

Alderman Pinard asked who could study that.

Mr. Lolicata answered Bob MacKenzie was traffic counting and that was brought up because of all the people down there. We had a meeting and they got some kind of literature from Brickman or somewhere else and I have heard nothing since. In my estimation, yes they are warranted.

Alderman Cashin moved the item to the FY2000 budget. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. Chairman Reiniger called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Reiniger addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from George Copadis, requesting the closure of Kenney Street at Hanover Street and Hilton Street at Amherst Street from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM on September 17, 18 & 19, 1999 in conjunction with the annual Glendi celebration.

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

Chairman Reiniger addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from Rev. Msgr. Charles Crosby, requesting the use of the City's parking facilities on June 10 & 11, 2000 in celebration of Jubilee 2000 to be held at Saint Anselm's College in order to accommodate the large crowds expected to attend the weekend activities.

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to approve this request under the supervision of the Traffic Department.

Chairman Reiniger addressed Item 6 of the agenda:

Communication from Rev. Edward Arsenault, Secretary for Administration of the Diocese of Manchester, requesting a "No Parking" ban be instituted on the north side of Orange Street between Ash and Maple Streets.

Mr. Lolicata stated I was called about a week and a half ago before I went on vacation. I called him back and he was on vacation. I spoke to Jim up there. I go along with this. That whole situation up there is really tight.

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

Chairman Reiniger addressed Item 7 of the agenda:

Communication from C. Emond, Executive Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of GM, Inc., seeking permission of various requests as outlined below for a "Yard Sale" to be held on Saturday, June 19, 1999 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM:

- (a) closure of Concord Street between Chestnut and Pine Streets from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM; and
- (b) a "No Parking" ban beginning at 6:00 AM.

Alderman Pinard asked is that the same set up as the Farmer's Market.

Alderman Hirschmann asked is that where the YWCA is.

Chairman Reiniger answered it is in the same location as the Farmer's Market.

Mr. Lolicata stated I have no problems with it.

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

Chairman Reiniger addressed Item 8 of the agenda:

Communication from Linda Gagne, requesting the closure of Silver Street between Belmont and Hall Streets on Friday, June 4, 1999 in conjunction with their planned Student Appreciation Day.

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

Chairman Reiniger addressed Item 9 of the agenda:

Communication from Linda Garriott, Intown Manchester, seeking permission of various requests as outlined below for an arts and music event on Hanover Street in conjunction with the Downtown Farmers' Market and the Manchester Summer Concert Series to be held Thursdays on July 8, 15, 22, 29; August 5 & 19, 1999 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM:

- (a) closure of Hanover Street (between Chestnut and Pine Streets) from 5:00 to 11:00 PM; and
- (b) a "No Parking" ban be placed in effect beginning at 3:00 PM.

Alderman Hirschmann asked do you have to notify any of the pubs or the night spots over there. It is at night, right?

Mr. Lolicata answered yes.

Alderman Hirschmann asked is this the Palace that they are talking about.

Mr. Lolicata answered just above it I guess. It is a block up.

Alderman Cashin asked could we table this and give Mr. Lolicata a chance to talk to them and find out exactly what they want and map it out.

Mr. Lolicata asked did they mention anything to anybody about these summer concerts. I have never heard of it. I wonder if they are going to use this location because they are going to be doing Hartnett Lot this year. Are they moving the Farmer's Market? Is that official? The whole thing is going to start this summer.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I would think they would want Amherst Street. Hanover is a block away.

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to table this item.

Chairman Reiniger addressed Item 10 of the agenda:

Communication from H. Jordan, CEO/President of the Greater Manchester Family YMCA seeking permission to raise the parking gates at the Center of New Hampshire Parking Garage on April 15, 1999 from 5:00 to 10:00 PM at a reduced rate of \$600.00 for its annual Reach Out For Youth Campaign fundraising dinner.

Mr. Lolicata stated I think they already did this. It took place on April 15. I think they took this up at the last full Board meeting.

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

Chairman Reiniger addressed Item 11 of the agenda:

Communication from Linda Leatherdale requesting that a "Handicapped" parking sign be installed in front of 99 Harrison Street.

Mr. Lolicata stated I was called by Alderman Reiniger about this. I went and saw Ms. Leatherdale and instead of a "Handicapped" sign it will be a "Loading Zone" because of the law. She is fine with that. It shouldn't have been on the agenda.

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

Chairman Reiniger addressed Item 12 of the agenda:

Communication from C. Meyer, Conference Coordinator of the Center of NH on behalf of the NH State Republican Committee, requesting the closure of Pleasant Street from Canal to Franklin Streets on Sunday, May 2, 1999 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM so that a tent may be erected at the site.

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

Chairman Reiniger addressed Item 13 of the agenda:

Chairman Reiniger advised that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as, follows:

NEW CROSSWALK:

On Bridge Street, east of Highland Street

Alderman Sysyn

On Goffs Falls Road, north of Jeffrey Street

Alderman Rivard

NO PARKING:

On Second Eastback Street, east and west side, from Arnold Street southerly to the dead end

Alderman Cashin

PARKING 2 HOURS (8AM-6PM/MON-FRI):

On West Appleton Street, north and south sides, from Elm Street westerly to the dead end

Alderman Reiniger

NO PARKING LOADING ZONE:

On Harrison Street, south side, from a point 30 feet west of Union Street to a point 25 feet westerly

RESCIND NO PARKING LOADING ZONE:

On Main Street, west side, from Sullivan Street to a point 45 feet south

Alderman Thibault

PARKING 1 HOUR:

On Main Street, west side, from Sullivan Street to a point 45 feet south

Alderman Thibault

RESCIND NO TRUCKS:

Proctor Road from Hanover Street to Candia Road

Alderman Pinard

PARKING 1 HOUR (5AM-9PM/7DAYS):

On Somerville Street, north side, from Belmont Street to a point 70 feet easterly

PARKING 1 HOUR (8AM-6PM):

On Somerville Street, south side, from Belmont Street to a point 70 feet easterly

Alderman Shea

PARKING 1 HOUR (8AM-6PM/MON-SAT):

On Oakland Avenue, north side, from a point 40 feet east of Woodbine Avenue to a point 50 feet easterly

Alderman Clancy

RESCIND NO PARKING:

On Tanglewood Court, east side, from Donald Street to a point 70 feet northerly

Alderman Cashin

NO PARKING ANYTIME (EMERGENCY ORDINANCES):

On Jewett Street, east side, from Valley Street to a point 100 feet southerly

On Jewett Street, west side, from Valley Street to a point 70 feet northerly

Aldermen Clancy and Shea

PARKING 1/4 HOUR (8AM-10PM/MON-SAT):

On Merrimack Street, north side, from a point 50 feet west of Chestnut Street to a point 50 feet westerly

RESCIND PARKING 1/4 HOUR (9AM-6PM):

On Merrimack Street, north side, from a point 50 feet west of chestnut Street, to a point 50 feet westerly

Alderman Reiniger

NO PARKING ANYTIME:

On West Auburn Street, north side, from Canal Street to a point 70 feet easterly

Alderman Reiniger (from Alderman O'Neil)

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to accept the Traffic Agenda.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BRIDGE STREET MORNING PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC SIGNAL STUDY (APPROVAL REQUEST)

Mr. Hoben stated they did a central Manchester study of all the signals and they left out one part and they went back at morning peak hours. In this study, Bridge Street was the only area where they found they could make an improvement. It is now two years later. The background information should be there.

Chairman Reiniger asked so this will improve the traffic flow.

Mr. Hoben answered two cycles on Bridge Street. A morning cycle and after the morning cycle, say 6 AM – 9 AM it will go back to what it is right now.

Chairman Reiniger asked so you are saying during the busy hours it will be in this cycle.

Mr. Hoben answered this new cycle will be from 6 AM – 9 AM and then it will go back to what it was.

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

Chairman Reiniger asked how soon would that go through.

Mr. Hoben answered in a couple of weeks.

Chairman Reiniger asked does this also include like Concord and Elm.

Mr. Hoben answered wait a minute; you are talking about two different things here.

Mr. Hoben stated Concord and Elm might be, no, we have to do some excavation but the Highway Department wants to have it so you don't see anything, using the infrared method. I am trying to find out how to do this, but it is very costly so I have to work it out with the Highway Department.

Chairman Reiniger asked it is not another light, it just changes automatically.

Mr. Hoben answered right; it is on a fixed time.

**ELM STREET TRAFFIC SIGNAL STUDY REQUEST
(SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY)**

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to receive and file this item.

Mr. Lolicata stated the first Tuesday in May is our next Traffic Meeting and I will have CLD here with the results of the Commercial Street project and the option they came up with. Before I go before the Revenue Committee tomorrow night, I would like to throw this at you one more time to make you aware of something. You directed me the last time to sit down with Mr. Davis, which I have already done to implement nickels and dimes on Elm Street, which can be done and I will do it sometime in May. I am going before Revenue tomorrow night because of the 99's. I just want to make you aware that there is going to be a loss of revenue on Elm Street.

Alderman Hirschmann stated we didn't tell you to do that, we told you to look into it.

Mr. Lolicata replied I was told to do Elm Street only. I was directed to do Elm Street only.

Alderman Pinard asked whose idea was that.

Mr. Lolicata answered this came up with Intown and Mr. Davis. I want to say this, that the new ones on Elm Street can be done and I will have a gentleman here to help us and we will have it done in a day or two but the revenues are going to be, like for six minutes and twelve minutes you have nickels and dimes plus your quarters, but there is going to be a substantial loss of revenue. I want everybody to realize this. That is why I was kind of against this in April. I don't want this spreading too far. You are not only putting a burden on us with these nickels and dimes and handling the money, but you are going backward. You are not going forward. I just want to make everyone aware of this.

Alderman Pinard asked what is your opinion, Alderman Reiniger.

Chairman Reiniger stated I have had a lot of complaints. In other cities you can put in dimes and nickels. A lot of the merchants are getting complaints from their customers.

Alderman Hirschmann stated he is going to testify tomorrow night in front of the Revenue Committee, which is mine about revenue shortfalls. If he is not going to make his numbers this year because he has to pull out meters and change things, he is not going to make his budget this year and it is a problem that he has to talk to us about tomorrow night. I am with the Traffic Director to keep to the plan that he has to meet his budget. If the merchants want to help out they can give out passes or tokens or money or whatever they want to do.

Chairman Reiniger stated well they do have free parking in the garages. They have free passes at Christmas time. They have different programs, but this has been an ongoing problem.

Alderman Pinard asked do you figure you are going to lose. Any idea?

Mr. Lolicata answered I can get a figure. I have a pretty good idea in my head. I am talking full utilization. This guy here only has two people downtown giving out tickets. If you don't have enforcement with only the two girls doing this, you are losing revenue from free parking and these dimes and nickels. Projections are going to go down. That is all I can tell you. I am not saying that it won't be done or can't be done. I am saying face the consequences that go with this. That is all I am saying.

Alderman Cashin stated you (Alderman Hirschmann) mentioned a deficit that he is going to go before you to explain. This has nothing to do with the deficit because this isn't even in yet. If you have a deficit, that has nothing to do with this. This is next year's budget.

Mr. Lolicata stated if I do it now, there will be a small decrease for this fiscal year.

Alderman Cashin stated if you made it effective July 1, there wouldn't be any effect on this budget and you could budget it for FY2000 and reduce the revenues proportionately.

Mr. Lolicata stated I am not against it, I am just telling you what the results are going to be.

Alderman Cashin stated we have spent millions of dollars downtown trying to revitalize and everything else and we have to do everything we can to try to be, at least, customer friendly in order to make this work. I will try anything to make this work. If it doesn't work, six months from now or whenever I will be the first guy to come back to you and say we made a mistake and we have to fix it.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I do remember the Traffic Director telling us, kind of in appeal fashion, that he is not counting nickels and dimes revenue, that is another thing that his department is going to have to do. You are going to make a lot more work for his department, plus you have less revenue for the work he is doing. I am just bringing it up. It doesn't make sense to go back 10 years.

Chairman Reiniger stated are the meters supposed to be revenue makers or not. Initially, the meters were a way to force turnover so that we didn't have people parking there all day who worked in the office buildings. I think we should remember that it is not necessarily a revenue generator. It was to organize the traffic flow.

Alderman Cashin stated I feel that we should go ahead and see what the full Board says. We have to do everything we can to support the merchants downtown.

Mr. Lolicata stated I just don't want it expanded for awhile. I would rather keep it on Elm Street and I will tell you why. I haven't go new meters on the side streets so we are talking about a lot of work here. I can't do anything unless they are new meters, but Elm Street can be done.

Alderman Pinard asked, Sgt. Winn, how do you feel. Is it going to give more work for your girls?

Sgt. Winn answered it is going to affect us either way. You are talking about how much revenue you are going to carry. I get the same complaints in my job where someone will get a ticket and say jeez I put three dimes in because I thought I could put dimes in there and I only had dimes. I went in to get change and came out and got a ticket. I realize that it is a problem for people who want to come downtown. As far as the Police Department's work, it is not going to affect us one way or the other.

Mr. Lolicata stated on Bedford Street, at the next meeting I am going to bring back again that limited proposal. It will be on the next agenda to make it a one way street again with angled parking. Jay Taylor and I spoke about this a few months ago. The abutters have been informed. They received letters and that is one way of picking up another 65 or 68 spaces down on Bedford Street.

Alderman Hirschmann asked is that the Morgan Storage one that was done without...

Mr. Lolicata answered Mr. Morgan has been informed and he has spoken to us and the Mayor goes along with this and I told Mr. Morgan that will all due respect he is going to be going along with us this time. He has gone along with us.

Chairman Reiniger asked what is the status of angled parking on Commercial Street.

Mr. Lolicata answered well that is who is coming in at the next meeting. I want this in with it because of the presentation. At least we can get Bedford Street as a right-of-way and Commercial Street you can make up your own mind when you hear the proposals because half a dozen is better than nothing at all. I will explain that to you at the next meeting. These 60 spaces on Bedford Street will satisfy a lot of people. The Commercial Street presentation will be made to you at the next meeting and you can either go along with it or not. There are two options. I will let you know that much.

Alderman Hirschman asked are you (Alderman Reiniger) going to speak with Mr. Morgan to make sure that he is happy. He did publicly appeal to us and he is in your ward. We overturned it based on his testimony.

Alderman Cashin asked was there anything negative when you sent out the letters. Did you get any negative responses?

Mr. Lolicata answered we got all positive.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee