

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

August 3, 1999

6:15 PM

Chairman Clancy called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Messrs: T. Lolicata, Lt. Jaskolka, W. Kearney, T. Arnold

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Communication from Intown Manchester seeking the closure of Elm Street between Bridge and Granite Streets and the side streets along the route be barricaded on Friday, August 13, 1999 from 6:00-11:00 PM in conjunction with the Time Travelers Classic Car Show.

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to approve this request subject to meeting all conditions set forth by Fire, Highway, Police and Risk Management.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from Lorraine Chauvin, West Side Catholic School Board requesting that Walker Street be changed to a one-way street going east to west to address safety concerns for their children.

Alderman Cashin moved to table this request. He stated that there seems to be some misunderstanding between the church and the school. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. Chairman Clancy called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from the Pastor of St. Anthony Parish requesting the closure of traffic on Silver Street from Belmont Street west to the back street just before Hall Street during school hours starting in the next school year (1999-2000).

Lt. Jaskolka stated Silver Street is a main street through that area. If they want to shut down the entire street and are not looking to make it a one-way or anything else and diverting traffic...it is a main street. I think they are looking to have it closed all day long so the kids can use that side area as a play yard. They want Silver Street closed.

Alderman Pinard asked has anyone talked to Alderman Shea about this.

Chairman Clancy answered Alderman Shea asked the priest to send a letter to this Committee.

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

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 6 of the agenda:

Communication from the Mothers of South Jewett Street submitted by Aldermen Shea and Rivard seeking three-way stop signs at all streets coming into South Jewett Street along with speed bumps at each of these stop sign locations.

Mr. Lolicata stated I personally feel that particular area should be talking about speed bumps first of all. You have lights coming down Weston Road in the future and according to this we will have to get the police to start patrolling those areas even more because for a speed bump you need a complaint. As far as three-way stops, I don't want to go against our rule on stop signs. I don't think they are warranted at all.

Mr. Kearney stated I would object to the bumps on the road. Are we going to start putting speed bumps every place now?

Mr. Lolicata stated I think the Committee has to take into consideration all of these letters and what you are saying. The ones in the Pepperidge Drive area are a pilot program only.

Alderman Cashin stated I agree. I don't want to see speed bumps at every intersection.

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

Chairman Cashin addressed Item 7 of the agenda:

Communication from Peter Telge, a member of the Craft Brewers Association seeking use of Arms Park for their 2nd Annual Brew Festival scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 1999 from 2:00 to 10:00 PM.

Mr. Lolicata stated he has done his homework as far as talking to the Police and all of us. He called me last week and got all of his permits, etc.

Lt. Jaskolka stated there is a letter attached to the back of the file from Deputy Robinson. If Mr. Telge meets all of the requirements, we don't anticipate any problems. However, I want to make the Committee aware and you will notice at the bottom a somewhat unusual inclusion that he paid up front. The reason he has to pay up front is that he still owes us \$48,000 in extra detail that the City is pursuing in court. I just want to make you aware of that.

Alderman Cashin asked so what are we doing here.

Chairman Clancy answered well the Police has no problems if we okay it. They are going to have two guys in the afternoon and three at night. They want the money up front.

Alderman Cashin stated they want the money for this, but what about the money that he owes. What are we going to do about that?

Lt. Jaskolka replied Tom Arnold is handling that. The City is pursuing it.

Alderman Cashin asked what happens if we pass this subject to paying all money that is due.

Lt. Jaskolka stated I know that it is a different corporation. It is the nightclub that went out of business.

Alderman Cashin replied but it is owned by the same guy.

Lt. Jaskolka responded as far as I know. It all depends on who you talk to.

Alderman Pinard asked can't you try to get the money that he owes you with a stipulation.

Chairman Clancy answered that has nothing to do with this Committee right now. He wants the okay for this Brew Festival. Are we going to okay it or not?

Alderman Cashin replied well it does have something to do with it, Mr. Chairman. If he owes the City money...

Chairman Clancy interjected it has nothing to do with the City.

Alderman Cashin replied yes it does. We could move this subject to him paying back any bills that are owed to the City.

Chairman Clancy stated well like he said it was a corporation. We don't know what his role in that was.

Alderman Cashin responded let the City Solicitor figure it out.

Chairman Clancy stated it is in Tom Arnold's hands. I don't want to put anybody out of business here. Let's try to help one another out. I know that he owes the City money, but he might say it is piece meal.

Alderman Cashin asked has it been over a year that he has owed us the money.

Lt. Jaskolka answered it has been well over a year.

Alderman Cashin asked and he hasn't made any attempt to pay it up until this point so what makes you think he will pay it piece meal.

Chairman Clancy answered well Tom Arnold can ask him. That was a nightclub and this is another thing.

Alderman Hirschmann stated didn't we have the Police work with the Riverfest people. The Police are already saying that they are working with the Solicitor on this. They are not saying we should deny this. What this is, Alderman Cashin, is brewers from all over New England who come here. He represents Manchester as a brewer.

Alderman Cashin replied that is wonderful and I think it is commendable, but he is still not paying his bills evidently.

Alderman Hirschmann stated well this is a new corporation.

Alderman Cashin stated if you guys want to pass it, go ahead. I think we would give Mr. Arnold a little bit more support if we passed it subject to him paying any outstanding debts to the City prior to giving him his permit. What is wrong with that?

Chairman Clancy asked how is he going to come up with \$48,000 just like that.

Alderman Pinard answered that is his problem.

Alderman Cashin stated if I owe money, I have to pay my bills. Evidently in this case somebody hasn't paid something and now we are going to go ahead and do the same thing as last year, give him a permit and let him do whatever he wants.

Lt. Jaskolka stated I would point out to the Committee that this is a charity event. My intent in bringing it up in the first place was that I figured you would all notice at the bottom that it said it had to be paid in cash and I thought I would give you an explanation. I understand that it is in litigation. Probably the City Solicitor's Office can address it better.

Alderman Reiniger moved to approve the request subject to meeting all conditions set forth by Fire, Highway, Police and Risk Management. Alderman Hirschmann duly seconded the motion. Chairman Clancy called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 8 of the agenda:

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

STOP SIGNS:

ON GATES ST. AT DUBUQUE STREET, NEC, SWC, 4-WAY

(SCHOOL ZONE)

ALDERMAN THIBAUT

PARKING 2 HOURS:

ON CEDAR STREET, BOTH SIDES, FROM ELM STREET TO WILLOW STREET

ON WILLOW STREET, BOTH SIDES, FROM CEDAR STREET TO AUBURN STREET

ALDERMAN REINIGER

PARKING 2 HOURS (8:00 AM - 6:00 PM):

ON HANOVER STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 335 FEET EAST OF MAMMOTH ROAD TO A POINT 40 FEET EASTERLY

ALDERMAN SYSYN

NO PARKING:

ON DIONNE DRIVE, EAST AND WEST SIDES, FROM MONTCALM STREET TO BREMER STREET

ON SCHUYLER STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM CARTIER STREET TO A POINT 70 FEET WESTERLY

ON SCHUYLER STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM CARTIER STREET TO A POINT 50 FEET WESTERLY

ON CARTIER STREET, WEST SIDE, FROM SCHUYLER STREET TO A POINT 55 FEET NORTHERLY

ON CARTIER STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM SCHUYLER STREET TO A POINT 30 FEET NORTHERLY

ALDERMAN THIBAUT

ON LAUREL STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM KENNEY STREET TO THE DEAD END

ON JANE STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM EAST HIGH STREET TO A POINT 75 FEET SOUTHERLY

ALDERMAN SYSYN

ON HAROLD EAST BACK STREET, EAST AND WEST SIDES, FROM IRWIN DRIVE NORTHERLY TO THE DEAD END

ALDERMEN WIHBY AND GIRARD

ON HAYWARD STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 75 FEET WEST OF JEWETT STREET TO A POINT 60 FEET WESTERLY

ALDERMAN SHEA

ON KENNARD ROAD, SOUTH SIDE, FROM CHALET COURT TO LINDAHL STREET

ALDERMAN KLOCK (POLICE DEPT.)

BEDFORD STREET PROJECT:

ONE-WAY STREET:

ON BEDFORD STREET, FROM WEST PLEASANT STREET TO SPRING STREET, NORTHBOUND

ALDERMAN REINIGER

STOP SIGNS:

ON BEDFORD STREET AT SPRING STREET, SWC

ALDERMAN REINIGER

RESCIND STOP SIGNS:

ON BEDFORD STREET AT WEST PLEASANT STREET, NWC

ALDERMAN REINIGER

NO PARKING:

**ON BEDFORD STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM WEST PLEASANT STREET
TO A POINT 65 FEET NORTHERLY**

**ON BEDFORD STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM A POINT 705 FEET NORTH
OF WEST PLEASANT STREET TO A POINT 85 FEET NORTH**

**ON BEDFORD STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM A POINT 920 FEET NORTH
OF WEST PLEASANT STREET TO A POINT 120 FEET
NORTHERLY**

**ON BEDFORD STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM A POINT 1275 FEET
NORTH OF WEST PLEASANT STREET TO A POINT 125 FEET
NORTHERLY**

**ON BEDFORD STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM SPRING STREET TO A
POINT 60 FEET SOUTHERLY**

ALDERMAN REINIGER

RESCIND NO PARKING:

**ON BEDFORD STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM A POINT 195 FEET SOUTH
OF SPRING STREET TO A POINT 96 FEET SOUTHERLY**

ALDERMAN REINIGER

PARKING 10 HOURS (METERS):

**ON BEDFORD STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM A POINT 65 FEET NORTH
OF WEST PLEASANT STREET TO A POINT 705 FEET
NORTHERLY**

**ON BEDFORD STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM A POINT 790 FEET NORTH
OF WEST PLEASANT STREET TO A POINT 130 FEET
NORTHERLY**

**ON BEDFORD STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM A POINT 1040 FEET
NORTH OF WEST PLEASANT STREET TO A POINT 235 FEET
NORTHERLY**

**ON BEDFORD STREET, EAST SIDE, FROM A POINT 1400 FEET
NORTH OF WEST PLEASANT STREET TO A POINT 60 FEET
SOUTH OF SPRING STREET**

ALDERMAN REINIGER

Chairman Clancy asked are you going to start putting four-way stop signs up now.

Mr. Lolicata answered I looked at it and it is warranted and the only reason I did it was because of this Traffic Committee allowing only four-ways at a school zone if warranted and needed.

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

TABLED ITEMS

A motion is in order to remove any of the following items from the table for discussion.

9. Communication from Yvonne Calimeri advising the Board of her support relative to the proposed new leash ordinance.
(Tabled 6/7/99)

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

Alderman Reiniger asked about the leash ordinance.

Deputy Clerk LeBlond-Kang answered that had been delivered up to the Mayor's Office and he brought it down with additional items for the Board agenda. Seeing that the leash law is currently being reviewed by both Traffic and Bills on Second Reading, it was just distributed as an additional information item.

Alderman Reiniger asked so it is still in Bills on Second Reading.

Deputy Clerk LeBlond-Kang answered yes.

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to put this item back on the table.

10. Communication from Thomas Lynch expressing his concerns for the lack of a "walk light" at the intersection of South Willow Street and Weston Road.
(Tabled 6/7/99)

Asst. Solicitor Arnold arrived at the meeting.

Alderman Cashin stated there is a question here on the Brew Fest. They have an outstanding bill with the City of Manchester that hasn't been paid.

Asst. Solicitor Arnold replied well there are outstanding bills. There is some controversy over who actually is obligated for payment on such. There were several parties involved and I am trying to sort that out now. One of whom was Peter Telge and BTT Brewing.

Alderman Cashin asked which are the same people here, right.

Asst. Solicitor Arnold answered yes. He is, quite frankly, claiming that he doesn't own that to the City but that Stewart Anderson does and that is what I am sorting through now.

Alderman Pinard asked who signed the agreement last year. It was Peter Telge. I remember that.

Asst. Solicitor Arnold stated the invoices that I am aware of, I think, were for details within the building in connection with the nightclub that was up on the second floor. I couldn't tell you specifically whether those unpaid bills related to last year's Brew Fest.

Chairman Clancy stated I thought they were for the nightclub.

Asst. Solicitor Arnold replied I think that a vast majority of them were.

Alderman Cashin stated I don't care if it was for the nightclub or for this or what it is for. It is money that is owed to the City of Manchester.

Asst. Solicitor Arnold stated there are outstanding invoices and there is money owed to the City of Manchester. As I said, there is some controversy over who owes it. Mr. Telge, unfortunately, in that building leased out space or let other people use space and he is claiming that the people who rented the space owe the money, not him.

Alderman Cashin asked Mr. Telge was a principal in all of this wasn't he.

Asst. Solicitor Arnold answered he owned the building.

Alderman Pinard asked who signed the agreements for the party or whatever. Somebody had to sign some sort of an agreement for this Brew Fest.

Chairman Clancy answered no; this is for the nightclub down there. The Police were down there at various times. My concern is does the City have to pick up the tab to pay these guys for the detail.

Asst. Solicitor Arnold replied yes. They have been paid. There is a special fund that they were paid from.

Alderman Cashin stated so it has cost the City money.

Asst. Solicitor Arnold replied yes and we are going to try and recoup it.

Alderman Cashin asked you don't know who is responsible but you are going to try to recoup it.

Asst. Solicitor Arnold answered yes. I am probably going to be suing a number of people to make sure I cover everybody.

Alderman Cashin asked it is obvious that Mr. Telge was a principal in the corporation, right.

Asst. Solicitor Arnold answered yes.

Alderman Pinard stated than he is the guy who should be paying the bill.

Alderman Hirschmann asked not in the nightclub, in the building right.

Asst. Solicitor Arnold answered he owned the building.

Alderman Hirschmann stated and he had a tenant who had a nightclub.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee