

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

May 23, 2000

5:15 PM

Chairman Clancy called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Clancy, Sysyn, Vaillancourt, Pariseau

Absent: Alderman Hirschmann

Messrs: T. Lolicata, J. Hoben, D. Clark, J. Maher, J. Madden, R. Sidore,
J. Taylor

Alderman Clancy addressed item 3 of the agenda:

Discussion relative to parking leases in City garages and lots.

- a) communication from Mark Taylor relative to a recent article in *The Union Leader* regarding a potential increase in parking at City-owned garages and proposing the closure of one side of Canal Street making it a long-term parking lot;
- b) communication from Intown Manchester advising that merchants on Bridge Street have experienced parking problems for their customers due to lease holders in the Pearl Street Lot using up the metered areas in the lot rather than the non-metered areas; and
- c) communication from Attorney John Cronin on behalf of Brady Sullivan Corp. relative to securing additional parking spaces in the Pearl Street Parking Lot.

Mr. Lolicata stated tonight we are going to talk about three proposals that I am going to lay onto the Traffic Committee. We just received those today so we are going to have to take a look at them and you are probably going to have to either decide today or next time it does not matter. There is no hurry. I am sorry we could not get them earlier to you but this took a little while plus the surveys. Basically speaking, the three proposals came about through surveys that we proposed ourselves. Jim Hoben did a lot of surveying himself out on the road as

far as coming up with different places for long-term parking, new meters and changing the meters and ordinances. The parking lots themselves which we were talking about the leases as well as the lots I would like to refer to eight cities throughout New England to come up with a survey of what they were charging. You have to realize also this City has not had an increase in almost twelve or fourteen years as far as the leases are concerned. I am not talking about the rates in the garages or meters going up, I am talking just leases or permits nothing else.

Alderman Clancy asked you mean to tell me that we have had anybody renew any leases here for twelve or fourteen years.

Mr. Lolicata replied we probably just started initiating it for seven or eight years roughly in the millyard and other places. It is to the point now that we think it is time for a change because of the factors involved. We think possibly a small increase depending on how you feel at this time would be probably feasible. You might want to take one of the proposals and probably think about it and if you would like to go along with it maybe next year probably the second proposal or take one proposal and go with it.

Alderman Clancy asked could you give us a few scenarios.

Mr. Lolicata replied the eight cities I went to were four from New Hampshire and outside of New Hampshire I went to Portland, Maine, Worcester, Massachusetts, Springfield, Massachusetts and Burlington Vermont. I made another call this afternoon to Lowell Massachusetts to find out for myself. If you look at this chart, it gives you the rundown of the three proposals. It shows the current rates we have right now in the first column. The current rate that we are charging right now in the lots and the garages.

Alderman Clancy asked are you talking about at the Center of New Hampshire.

Mr. Lolicata replied in the negative and stated those are current rates of all of them. All garages are \$45.00. Underneath it you will see the lots. Those differ a little bit between the East End as well as the millyard area. Proposal number one is \$45.00 to \$50.00 range. Proposal number two from \$45.00 to \$55.00. Proposal number three will be \$45.00 to \$60.00 per month. The cities that I went out to which is in your booklet if you gather them all and average them out they came out roughly to \$64.00. New Hampshire was low amongst these other towns and cities. The others were quite high for different scenarios like Portland, Maine. Portsmouth is \$80.00 to \$100.00. Worcester, Massachusetts has about six or eight garages the lowest being \$60.00 the highest is \$120.00. I took an average of \$75.00. The average of these lots come out to be around \$34.00. Basically speaking, we are somewhere in the middle. Manchester is in the middle and it is

growing but we are still below most of the average of the other cities. They are more or less ahead of us in development with civic centers etc. I spoke to Lowell Massachusetts this afternoon and they are in the \$32.00 range in both the lots and the garages. My own recommendation to all of you is going to be proposal number two. I do not want to go too high but I want to put something in there whereby if this stays for a few years it is something significant to help us get along in maintaining some of these facilities also possibly in the future. It is still cheap because if you pay the whole rate for one day in the garage it comes to a little over \$60.00. If you went in everyday and you parked eight hours or more and pay the rate it is over \$60.00. So it is still a bargain.

Alderman Clancy asked so you are proposing \$55.00 per month in the garages.

Mr. Lolicata replied in the affirmative.

Alderman Sysyn asked if you raise it to \$55.00 when I park in the garage and if I paid by the day I would be paying more. You are going to have to change the hourly rates.

Mr. Lolicata replied not necessarily. Right now if you paid the hourly rate and you stay the same amount of hours it would be over \$60.00 per month anyway.

Alderman Sysyn stated for four weeks it is about \$50.00. I was paying \$12.50 per week for five days a week. I do not pay on Saturdays.

Mr. Lolicata stated National Garages mentioned twenty-two to twenty-four average work days coming out to close to \$60.00 at eight hours per day. Some stay nine or ten hours. This is six or seven hours but if you stayed a full day. The lots under my proposal is \$30.00 to \$40.00.

Alderman Clancy stated we should do just the first scenario. Center of New Hampshire, Canal, Victory, Fleet Bank and Wall Street. I will be looking for a motion from somebody on the committee to go from \$45.00 to \$55.00 per month.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked you are going from \$45.00 to \$55.00. And the third proposal would be from \$45.00 to \$60.00.

Alderman Clancy replied the first proposal is \$45.00 to \$50.00. The second proposal is \$45.00 to \$55.00. And the third one is \$45.00 to \$60.00.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I am just trying to get this in percentage terms; \$45.00 to \$55.00 is about 20% and you have not done this for twelve years. That would only be about less than 2% a year. If you were to go to the third proposal of

\$60.00 that would only be 2% a year. Inflation is at least, over the past twelve years, 3% or 4% a year average. I am wondering why we have proposal number two on the table instead of proposal number three.

Mr. Lolicata replied we were asked for our recommendation. You people have three in front of you. Maybe some of you want proposal number one or proposal two or three amongst yourselves. This is going to be referred later on to the full Board or Committee on Accounts.

Alderman Clancy stated I asked Mr. Lolicata to come up with a proposal and he said proposal number two, which is \$45.00 to \$55.00 per month. I have a motion by Alderman Pariseau seconded by Alderman Sysyn and I am asking all of those in favor to say aye.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated Mr. Chairman, I thought we were discussing this. I am wondering why there seems to be no discussion as to why we should not go to \$60.00. I am happy to be talked out of it but I would like to hear the argument. Is that too much to ask.

Mr. Lolicata stated \$60.00 at this time right now would be a little too much based upon what it costs all day and all month if you pay the rates. I do not want to start raising other rates to go along with that. I thought this would be a fair rate for all of the people. I think it is a fair rate as far as what we are paying today compared to what we paid twelve years ago. I think \$60.00 might be a little bit too much and that would force me to go into changing possibly the rates in the garages themselves which I do not think is feasible at this time.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked did I hear you say that you would perhaps come back to ask for \$60.00 next year.

Mr. Lolicata replied depending on what you vote on tonight. If it below that I would look a year or two down the road and see how the economy is going. If in a couple of years you have a recession you do not want to go anywhere.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked are these occupancy rates 100% now.

Mr. Lolicata replied these are all based on 100%. In the leases we have at the Fleet Bank right now...

Alderman Clancy stated we are going to vote just mainly on the first one, two, three, four, five...the first scenario here. The Center of New Hampshire, Canal Street Parking Garage, The Victory Parking Garage, Fleet Bank and Wall Street Parking Garage.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked do you anticipate that the occupancy rate would be lowered if it went from \$45.00 to \$55.00.

Mr. Lolicata replied the three of us spoke about that and based on what we see from day to day I honestly believe it is not going to drop. If there is a drop in some areas or some companies I believe it is going to be picked up. I will say that no there is not going to be a drop. I do not have a crystal ball from what we see right now we have to make some room and people need room to park downtown and I think it will stay the same.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked and if it were to go from \$45.00 to \$60.00 there might then be a drop in occupancy.

Mr. Lolicata replied that is a possibility. If anything, that would probably make people think it might be cheaper to park daily rates and force us to do something different which I do not want to do.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked you said that the average was \$64.00 that includes all eight cities you contacted.

Mr. Lolicata replied in the affirmative and stated some as low as \$30.00 and some as high as \$120.00. Portsmouth has two of them they have what they call an eight-hour pass in a garage for \$80.00 and \$100.00 for a twenty-four hour pass and they only have one garage. They are thinking about making it nine hundred cars next year and there is around six hundred now. Worcester might have eight garages. Their lowest being like \$60.00 per month as high as \$120.00 per month. The norm of those eight garages is \$75.00 for Worcester. I took these all into consideration in dividing them and came up with \$64.00 for all towns combined.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked even we would go to \$55.00 you would still be 20% to 25% lower than the average of all the eight cities.

Mr. Lolicata replied we would be higher than two or three cities and the rest are just above us or beyond us.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked you would be lower than the average.

Mr. Lolicata replied in the affirmative.

Alderman Levasseur stated your numbers look like they are well thought out but there are two numbers missing before you could go up on parking rates. First of all, when you compare yourself to other cities, you have to ask the question what

is their occupancy rate of the buildings in the area or the vicinity of their parking garages. Did you ask that question. Are they at 1%, 2%, 3% or are they like Manchester 30% or 40% of the buildings or the properties are not fully filled up.

Mr. Lolicata stated in most of the cases where I could get answers out of these people your occupancy especially in the Massachusetts area are over 60% over. It is a seasonal thing also. Portsmouth would be above average during the summer. Portland we know what they have up there. Massachusetts in the 60% range. Others are normal under 40% during the day.

Alderman Levasseur stated I am willing to bet if you go to Portsmouth right now or especially anytime during the day there is not many empty spots in any of the buildings either on the first floor and even on the second, third and fourth floors of many of those buildings. So the demand is a lot higher. The other question you have to ask yourself before you go and make these numbers like that is what is the per capita income of the people who live in that vicinity. Worcester Massachusetts makes a lot more money per capita in those areas as Portsmouth has a much higher per capita income so does Burlington Vermont have a higher per capita income for salaries of the people that work in that general vicinity. I will be willing to bet that Manchester is lower on the scale when it comes to occupation rates and be also lower on the scale for per capita income. You take those two numbers and you put those into your formula and you have a much clearer picture of what you could charge for rates. Just because we have the parking garages around and we have these spots available does not mean that they are going to be anymore filled up or you are going to be scaring people away because people around here do not make a lot of money. We do not have a high per capita income in this area and our occupancy rates are not at the point now where we could just charge whatever we want. The demand is not outstripped the supply. You should quash the motion and wait for those two other numbers to come in before you make such an incredible leap of 20% which is a lot of money for people who work downtown. I work down here all the time and I know what is going on down here. These are very dramatic increases.

Alderman Gatsas asked Tom, have you looked at towns that are selling like a coupon ticket that you can buy that says I have just bought \$100.00 worth of parking time so if I park in front of a meter and I put a tag in my window then I do not have to feed the meter and that accompanies buying that time. Even if you do not have a meter let's assume...we were talking to you the other day about adding meters to Cedar Street and you did not have them. If you sold metered tickered time that somebody could put in their window is that in here.

Mr. Lolicata replied what we did was we have added on a little bit of long-term parking in some of the areas where there is short-term parking. It is in your book that you are looking at.

Alderman Gatsas stated but I am not talking about putting the meters.

Mr. Lolicata stated but we do not have any kind of validation like that where somebody could go in and say I bought \$100.00 worth.

Alderman Gatsas stated I would give you the article that I was reading.

Mr. Lolicata stated basically I am trying to be friendly to the people downtown, I really am. The people around the parking lots we are proposing is to change some of the two-hour meters to ten-hour meters long-term because those are the people going down and working. They make up your parking lots and your garages. They are down there for the day working most of them. I have been here thirty-seven years so I am going to say this; Elm Street for two hours where everybody makes a big qualm about the retailers themselves are killing themselves because their own employees park there double park and feed the meters. It has been an on-going thing for years. I know that does not help much but when you put an awful lot of people working in those stores to go out and double feed meters when we are trying to give them ten-hour parking to do that so they will not have to do that or walk a little further that would help an awful lot for people like you.

Alderman Levasseur stated I agree but they also have to rush off and go to their second job.

Alderman Clancy stated we are going to vote on this first scenario.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to recommend raising the parking rates from \$45.00 to \$55.00 per month in the Center of New Hampshire Parking Garage, Canal Street Parking Garage, Victory Parking Garage, Fleet Bank Parking Garage and the Wall Street Parking Garage.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated Alderman Levasseur has a relevant point when he mentioned per capita income. I am not sure I agree with the analysis though because I do not have the data in front of me but we did a lot of this when dealing at the State level with the income tax and the state-wide property tax. Manchester is a lot higher than you would think with per capita income. Do we have that data.

Mr. Lolicata replied I do not have that data but you are on the right track. A lot of these garages even with these permits are from people who are transients from out of area. We would have Goffstown and Auburn coming into work. Can you

picture Portsmouth with Nottingham, Exeter you talk about high per capita there it is. I cannot get a good handle on a question like that. It would be pretty hard.

Alderman Sysyn stated I use the Canal Street Parking Garage and I have been in there sometimes where I cannot get a parking spot.

Mr. Hoben stated in the report we would like to create a downtown on-street monthly hangtags. Permits like you have in the lots we would have them on-street so they could park two hours up to ten hours and pay monthly.

Alderman Clancy asked what other cities and towns have this.

Mr. Hoben replied it is original here.

Mr. Lolicata stated Jim has been thinking about this for months. A lot of what you see in front of you we thought about months ago. I know the timing looks ripe because of the fiscal year but we have been doing this for quite awhile. Jim and Denise have been working on this for over three months doing surveys etc. with his idea. He has gone out and picked up extra spaces in the millyard. That is additional parking by ordinance only. Which had nothing to do with leases. That is the second part of the program that you have in front of you.

Alderman Clancy stated let's do the second scenario here. Arms Parking Lot, Arms Extension Parking Lot, Arms Outer Lot, Bedford Lot, Granite Lot, Myrna Lot, Seal Lot, Hartnett Lot, Pearl Lot and Federal Lot and Millyard onstreet.

Mr. Lolicata stated we are still at proposal two but a little explanation in coming down. At the Arms lot right now you see that 23/50 under leases. Right now there is 23 at \$25.00 that is what the first column means. Proposals one, two and three means 50 spots in there at the 35 or 40 mark. The other one like that is the Bedford lot. UNH is coming in and they are going to have 92 of those. That will be at 100%. The Seal lot is of course 144 with 70 extra-supposed coming in. The Pearl lot...we like to also have permission from this committee if we are going to do these permit parkings to go beyond 100%. The demand is there. The Pearl lot we have 330 spaces there and there is almost 330 of them taken. Every single day in our survey we find 80 to 90 spots unused. Those could be utilized for people with other permits to take in people who need them. If it gets to a full capacity we could stop that at that time so it will not go above and beyond. This is as well as the garages. The garages we are based upon the 600, 425 and 200 naturally but I would like to have permission if we could go beyond the 85% or 80% Traffic did about five or six years ago you would have 80 or 90 at least in the Pearl lot to play with as far as permits. If there were ever an overture it would be stopped.

Alderman Pariseau asked is there a limit on lease spaces in these.

Mr. Lolicata replied right now my ordinance I cannot go over 85% of the garage or 80% in the parking lot but we are just going over that now. We could go almost 100% and still have plenty of room left over. The people are not utilizing it even though they are paying these permits.

Alderman Clancy asked do you just want to do the Pearl lot or do you want to do them all at 100%.

Mr. Lolicata replied I would like to do them all because as you can see also involved in this is the Federal lot. We are also thinking about having permits in the Federal lot for the first time. That 24 you see is down in the corner the County Courthouse has that is the only lease involved.

Alderman Clancy asked is that on the corner of Chestnut and Central Streets.

Mr. Lolicata replied in the affirmative and stated the whole Federal lot itself there are no permits and we would like to start utilizing that now.

Alderman Clancy asked we have 186 spots in the whole lot.

Mr. Lolicata replied in the affirmative.

Alderman Clancy asked so you want to do 100% in all of these lots.

Mr. Lolicata replied in the affirmative and stated there is room down there. There is about 12 meters with one-hour parking for the Norris Cotton Building and for the public, which would not be touched. All the other meters we would like to start utilizing permits in that lot.

Mr. Hoben stated we would like to institute over-leasing. It is a concept used in the private industry. We have not used it here. You lease out 100 spaces in a lot; you sell 120 because not everybody everyday is going to be in that lot. If it becomes saturated we could give the last permits in as conditional permits and you could pull them back.

Alderman Clancy asked what if the lot is filled up and somebody wants to find a parking space what are they going to do. What if this happens two or three times to them what is going to happen.

Mr. Hoben replied we have created long-term parking meters that they could park at in the lots that we want to do this. For instance, the Pearl lot we found 12 in the

back alley to put ten-hour meters. On Orange Street we are converting two-hour meters to ten-hour meters. The next block over on Myrtle Street there are more.

Alderman Clancy asked in all of these lots you want to go from 85% to 100% is that right.

Mr. Hoben replied in the negative and stated 120%.

Mr. Lolicata stated with control and monitoring.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Vaillancourt, it was voted that the parking lots listed would go from 85% to 120% leasing.

Alderman Clancy stated now we are going to talk about the rates.

Alderman Pariseau asked those numbers in the leases like in the Bedford lot you have 76/109. You have 76 leases now with a total of 109 parking spaces.

Mr. Lolicata replied in the affirmative and stated they are temporaries right now until UNH comes in. They are aware that they are going to have to leave.

Alderman Pariseau asked Tom, I do not understand why you have the numbers. Like the Seal lot you have 144 leases and spaces for 70.

Mr. Lolicata replied there is going to be an addition to the Seal lot for 70 more cars. When that happens you are going have 214 that would be the 100% mark. At the 76 Bedford lot that will be filled to 109 by July when UNH comes in. We have the Pearl lot at 330 and we would like to go up to 420. Those figures on the right-hand side start from proposal one, two and three at those rates.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked the three revenue estimates that you have at the bottom of the page does that include going from 85% to 120% that we just voted.

Mr. Lolicata replied on your number two that is the figure right there the combination of the garages and lots combined total.

Alderman Clancy asked \$103,000.

Alderman Vaillancourt replied in the negative and asked an additional \$561,020 for proposal two.

Mr. Lolicata replied at 100%.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked so it could be even more at 120%.

Mr. Lolicata replied that is a possibility.

Alderman Levasseur asked I find it interesting that we are going to go through this and you are making motions to increase the parking fees and leases and rents without asking either Mr. Davis from Intown Manchester or Jay Taylor from Economic Development what the potential repercussions are to the downtown and millyard areas. I am hoping you are going to question those people before you keep going on and just raising the rates.

Alderman Clancy stated we have two weeks before it goes before the full Board so I assume if Mr. Taylor and Mr. Davis have any questions he will either get hold of the committee members.

Alderman Levasseur stated Mr. Taylor is here.

Mr. Lolicata stated remember these are not rates we are changing. The meters are not changing; the rates in the garage are not changing. These are permit leases only. It does not effect Elm Street or any street in the City of Manchester. All it effects are the permits and the leases.

Alderman Levasseur stated you just went up on the rates about a motion ago.

Mr. Lolicata stated only on permits and leases. I am not going up on the garage rates and I am not touching the meters. Those meters are staying the same.

Alderman Levasseur asked the garage rates are not going up.

Mr. Lolicata replied the daily rates are not changing and the meters are not going to change. We are not touching those.

Alderman Levasseur stated those are not the only people worried about their rates going up. They are also worried about the monthly people who are worried about their lease rates going up. I am just wondering why we have not questioned what the effect of this is going to be on the downtown area. It seems to me that you are just rushing through this a little too quick. You know how the committee works. You come up with a 4-0 vote and it comes up to committee and then it is passed. In the meantime, we should be down here and being thoroughly examined by all the departments that are in charge of this area.

Alderman Clancy stated Alderman 3; you are going to have your chance to vote in two weeks when this comes before the full Board.

Alderman Levasseur stated but we also have everybody available here now there are people here from the millyard area wondering what is going to happen. We should put a lot more thought at committee level before it gets to the full Board. You should have all the relative data in front of you before you make motions to just go up on these rates. I do not see that you are asking the professionals and the Economic Development field. I do not see you asking the professionals from Intown Manchester.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated that was the purpose of asking you if you anticipated that if these increases were in effect you would have the lower occupancy rate. I will again ask you that question in an attempt to slow us down just a little bit. Do you anticipate with this bottom section of your proposal if proposal number two were adopted that would be a significant decrease in the occupancy rate.

Mr. Lolicata replied I do not see anything being dropped with proposal number two. People will maintain that. There is a parking crunch in the City. It is something that is not overly burdened. If you get something at the end of the year it might help the tax dollar in the long run. It is a fair price and I do not see anybody not going along with this. If you stay this way the rest of your life you are not going to go anywhere. We need money to maintain this parking too. I am not here to get money to maintain the facilities, do not get me wrong, but I am here to say some things have to be taken care of and in the long run the City could utilize some of these profits for that or take the profits to the general fund and help drop the tax dollar. There are different ways of looking at this. There are different scenarios. If a gentleman can go downtown and pay \$45.00 per month he has the option of going in that garage and paying the daily fee and paying \$60.00 per month or for \$55.00 he still has a bargain. That is up to the individuals who have these permits. I will venture to say that most people who want to park and go downtown will maintain them.

Mr. Hoben stated our phones are ringing off the wall. People want the hangtags they want the monthlies. There are two people here one wants ninety and another guy wants one hundred plus the individual lots. We keep turning them down. All the garages have waiting lists and they cannot put them on.

Alderman Pariseau asked what is your recommendation on the lower half of the marking proposal two.

Mr. Lolicata replied proposal two all the way down.

Alderman Clancy asked you are going to go like for Arms Parking \$25.00 to \$35.00 per month.

Mr. Lolicata replied in the affirmative.

Alderman Clancy asked are the only ones that are going to get \$40.00 is the Hartnett lot, the Pearl lot and the Federal lot. In other words, permit only would be \$40.00 per month.

Mr. Lolicata replied in the affirmative.

Alderman Clancy asked the Millyard onstreet is that going to go from \$22.50 to \$30.00.

Mr. Lolicata replied in the affirmative and stated in that proposal.

On motion of Alderman Vaillancourt, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to approve the proposals on the parking lots listed from \$25.00 to \$35.00 per month.

Don Clark stated a minute ago when you were talking about the garage rates you figured out a 20% increase or so.

Alderman Clancy stated that was for the first scenario.

Don Clark stated I would suggest that the approval you just voted on without comment was slightly more than 20%.

Alderman Clancy stated yes it was 10% of \$25.00 is \$2.50, 20% is \$5.00. So in other words, you want to go from \$25.00 to \$30.00.

Don Clark stated that would be a lot more palatable to the owners in the millyard I would presume. They would second that at this point.

Mr. Maher stated I am here with Mr. Bob Cant from International Insurance. If you could be so kind as to use the same formula for the onstreet parking it would be far more equitable.

Alderman Clancy asked you want to keep them all to go up to 20%.

Mr. Maher replied in the affirmative.

Alderman Clancy asked we would go from \$25.00 to \$30.00.

Mr. Maher replied \$22.50.

Alderman Clancy asked that is on the Millyard onstreet. That is \$22.50 to \$27.00.

Mr. Maher replied in the affirmative.

John Madden of 540 North Associates at 540 North Commercial Street stated we are hearing of a reasonable increase which is certainly understandable but the 20% that was talked about in the garages then the same percentage should be used. The onstreet should not be any less. If you went to \$30.00 on both because the onstreet parking is more desirable because you can park right out front than parking in the lot.

Alderman Clancy stated I appreciate your comment.

Ralph Sidore, property manager at 150 Dow Street which is in the millyard stated I agree with what Mr. Clark and Mr. Maher said that there has to be some increase we understand that but we all have long-term lease commitments with parking costs built into them. To have that kind of an increase is significant. 40% in the millyard is a very bad hit. The same kind of increase you are talking about in these other areas is appropriate and fair.

Alderman Clancy stated I can see us going up 20% in all of these places but do you realize the amount of monies that the City is putting into some of these garages for upkeep. Take into consideration how much money the City has put into some of these garages for upkeep is out of this world. We have put one million dollars into the Canal Street Parking Garage for renovations. That is the reason we should go from \$45.00 to \$55.00 in these garages. Maybe you are right to keep it 20% in all of them. Maybe that would be a good idea. That is the consensus I am getting here from people in the audience.

Mr. Taylor stated there is another issue on the parking lots in the millyard and that is that those lessees who lease one hundred or more spaces get a favorable rate. I do not think that has been mentioned here. If you lease one hundred or more spaces in the millyard lot you pay \$22.50. My presumption is that if you are going to raise that up to \$27.00 that would be consistent with the rates that have been adopted not the full \$30.00 or whatever the final number was. I just want to make sure that we are still talking about that kind of a formula because that has been consistent with what we have done in the past and it is consistent with the UNH lease as well.

Alderman Clancy stated I just want to be fair and have all the parking garages and open lots to be 20% that would be favorable to most people.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated we could throw numbers out. If you go from \$1.00 to \$2.00 you got a 100% increase. If you go from \$2.00 to \$3.00 you still have the same dollar amount increase but it is only 50%. You can play games with numbers all you want but let's not do that let's just keep it at what we have done now.

Alderman Clancy stated you are probably right because the full Board in two weeks is going to have a chance to vote on amending this.

Alderman Sysyn stated also on those parking lots that they discussed from \$22.50 to \$27.00 we could amend it.

Mr. Lolicata stated another part of this proposal is to get permission from the Board, which will eventually go to the full Board to initiate the installation of new meters. In some of these locations, Jim went out and did a survey and come up with 116 spaces in the millyard. All that is is the additional ten-hour meter by ordinance. He wrote up the ordinances, which are in there for you something to consider. All it is is making more spaces for people that is the bottom line. It is metered parking it could also be utilized for permanent parking which we have down there also. As well as the other spaces that he come up with on the sides of the parking lots like Pearl that was just mentioned.

Alderman Clancy stated you said he found twelve or fourteen spaces up there along the street.

Mr. Lolicata stated the whole total is 116 revenue generating parking spaces in all. That means initiating ten-hour parking spaces in places where there are not any or utilizing two-hour and making them ten-hours in the areas we were just speaking about. Basically, it is an ordinance change it is just a matter of additional meters and it is actually additional parking.

Alderman Clancy asked what are these areas again so that everybody will know.

Mr. Lolicata replied all of the areas are in that booklet. There are quite a few to go through. If you want to take it from the pages and go through them there are different spots on Dow Street, Spring, Pleasant, Central you gain 11 more meters, Jim has done that backstreet which is a City street west of Chestnut we could add more meters there. These are new meters, new spaces in the City all in the downtown area as well as the millyard.

Alderman Clancy asked you are going to have ten-hour parking.

Mr. Lolicata replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Hoben stated as part of the millyard parking area I found 69 new ones. These were rescinding no parking. There was one section of four-hour parking on Bedford Street that was not revenue generating so we are going to turn those into ten-hour meters. This is in the southern end of the millyard. I picked up an additional forty-onstreet parking spaces that were not there before. All the ordinances are here and ready to go. The north end I found another twenty towards Dow Street, North Bedford Street north of Spring Street. And seven additional ones on Commercial Street alone. Also we are converting two-hour to ten-hour in the north end and south end for long-term parkers. Right there is hardly anyone parking in those.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked how much does a parking meter cost.

Mr. Lolicata replied we have been fortunate since I started changing them and getting that bid price they still maintain roughly \$300.00 complete head which is relatively cheap. They maintained it since six years now. I have been trying to finish the City.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked and the installation charge would be what.

Mr. Lolicata replied it is part of our labor. The meter head itself costs actually \$299.00 and so far they have been maintaining that same price to keep the City and of course I want to keep the same meters.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked your turnaround time to make back that \$300.00 is minimal.

Mr. Lolicata replied in the affirmative and stated in relation to the area. Some are very minimal and others probably minimal like you say.

Alderman Clancy stated "Actions that establish brand new sources of revenue, or increasing existing taxes, fees or charges by 20% or more, shall be referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration for determination if a public hearing is necessary or advisable". If people do not like the 20% increase that we are talking about here tonight or more, they could talk to their Alderman and within two weeks the full Board is going to vote on this and it will be finalized.

City Clerk Bernier replied from this Committee this proposal goes to the full Board on June 5, 2000 and it will be referred to the Committee on Revenue Administration. That Committee will decide whether there is a public hearing necessary. But first I need to talk with the Chairman.

On motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted that the meters be changed from two-hour parking meters to new ten-hour parking meters.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Vaillancourt, it was voted to receive and file item 3 a) b) and c).

City Clerk Bernier stated you need approval on New Business to close Allard Street on Memorial Day.

Alderman Pariseau stated I want to be recorded as being opposed to the closure of Allard Drive.

Alderman Clancy stated "To members of the Committee on Public Safety from Leo Bernier reference request for closure of Allard Drive. A verbal request was made yesterday by Muriel Allard on behalf of businesses located on Allard Drive. As in the past, they are requesting the closure of Allard Drive during fireworks displays to be held on the following dates: WGIR AM/FM Fireworks Display May 28, 2000, 4th of July, July 3, 2000, Riverfest, September 9, 2000". You heard the request now I will take a motion either for or against it.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Vaillancourt, it was voted to deny closure of Allard Drive during fireworks displays.

Alderman Sysyn asked why are you denying this request.

Alderman Pariseau replied I would not have any objections if it were closed for everybody. But they are trying to make it a private way for themselves come fireworks time. That is not fair to the citizens of the City of Manchester.

Lt. Tracy stated I am not sure that the reason is to hold a private event. Her concern is that in the past she has experienced vandalism from the people that use her facility and the surrounding areas to watch the fireworks. Thus by closing off that area by her business she hopes to keep the people away from her business.

Alderman Pariseau asked then why shouldn't we close other streets around Arms Park to eliminate vandalism. She may have a legitimate excuse for her property but to close Allard Drive from Granite Street to Foundry.

Lt. Tracy replied it was my impression that she was hoping to close it right by her business.

Alderman Pariseau asked then why shouldn't we close Canal Street.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee