

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

November 12, 2003

5:30 PM

Chairman Sysyn called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Sysyn, Guinta, Osborne (late), and Garrity

Absent: Alderman Forest

Messrs: Deputy Chief Simmons, Lt. Valenti, T. Lolicata

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Communications from Aldermen Forest and Guinta requesting that the parking meter time requirement for downtown be reduced from 8 PM to 6 PM.

Chairman Sysyn stated we also got a letter from Mayor Baines regarding this request and I intend to agree with Mayor Baines. Not about the money but when we put that in it was to protect the merchants downtown and I still think you should keep it. I am not worried about the money but even when we took out the Saturday parking I had merchants complaining downtown that people were parking there all day and they couldn't get into their stores.

Alderman Guinta stated just by way of a little history this issue has gone back and forth with the merchants wanting one thing and the merchants wanting another thing. To be fair there has been different or varying opinions over the last several years. When myself and I believe Alderman Forest and former Alderman Levasseur and a couple of other Aldermen were at a meeting about a year ago at the Palace discussing Saturday parking, the majority of the people were in favor of making Saturday free. There was one company represented at that meeting that was opposed to it. Since then, I have talked to a few companies here and there who had to adjust...you know asked for 15 minute parking signs and things like that as a result but for the most part I think it has worked. There are always and have been a few dissenters. At that meeting I voiced my opinion about bringing the meters back to 6 PM. I did not talk about it in the context of the fiscal impact.

I only spoke about it from the context of downtown being inviting and trying to create additional goodwill downtown. I said at that time...people at that meeting had asked if we could roll it back at that time and I don't think anybody was in favor of rolling it back to 6 PM at that time because it had only been a year or so of the implementation of 8 PM. I did say at that time that I would follow up in about a year, which is around now, and that if the people downtown wanted me to I would advocate for the change. Leading into the election I had a chance to talk to a lot of downtown businesses. I also spoke with Intown and the Chamber and I received an overwhelmingly positive response in moving this back to 6 PM. There were still a handful of downtown businesses that did not want it but the vast majority...and essentially during the campaign I walked up and down talking to business owners and asked them what their concerns were and what their issues were and this came up quite a bit. As a result, Armand Forest had by his own interests forwarded a letter unbeknownst to this discussion that I was having with downtown businesses because he has been in favor of it. So I told him that I was in favor of it. I told him that I did speak with Intown and with the Chamber and while they had not formally provided a position I think that at least informally I am confident saying that they are very much in favor of this. I am sorry they are not here today to discuss their positions but I will certainly solicit their positions in a more formal manner. My position would be that I would like to advocate for what the local downtown business owners are looking to do and I feel confident that collectively there is an overwhelming majority that is in favor of the change. I also have spoken with a number of residents in my ward who are in favor of it. That would be my pitch. I am requesting some support for this change. I know there is a fiscal impact. I know that there is a potential impact in terms of how long someone will stay in a spot downtown but again I would submit that that is a pretty good problem to have in the downtown so I would be seeking some kind of support to move this forward and put it on the full Board's agenda.

Alderman Garrity stated I certainly don't have a problem with this. The problem that I have is I don't want to approve this without knowing the fiscal impact.

Chairman Sysyn stated I have also seen business owners park right in front of their establishments, which is stupid.

Alderman Guinta responded that is a general problem downtown. Employees and business owners sometimes, who are the ones complaining about lack of parking...I mean I see them and I tend to see the same cars in generally the same areas and they will go out and feed the meter. It happens. I have asked people downtown for the betterment of their business, for the support of their own business to find alternative parking and what I hear consistently is sure I will do it and then I walk downtown and I still see the same cars. I will tell you that there are some cars downtown owned by residents because there are more residential

units on Elm Street than there were two years ago. Not by much but there are several and on some of the immediate side streets and the upper block. That is a growing concern. I don't think that that issue affects this. That is something that somehow we need to just coordinate with employers and employees and just reiterate the importance of keeping those spots open for customers.

Chairman Sysyn stated I have seen employees feed the meters when I am going into a restaurant. They are feeding the meter and I am looking for a spot to park.

Alderman Guinta asked do we have an estimate on the fiscal impact.

Mr. Tom Lolicata stated I was going to bring up...the Police have an estimate for you. I am just getting into this because if this passes I have to change all the meters again. You know that. This will be the third time in two years. I think personally you are shooting yourselves in the foot. Nobody wants to talk about the money. No offense but when you lose possibly \$200,000 when you start doing this because you lost two hours a night you have to make that \$200,000 up somewhere else and I think it might cost people their jobs. I am running out of ideas to get more money for the City. We have all been asked to do this but the other part is the inconvenience of taking all of the meters and changing them over. You are right about the merchants. It has been going on for 50 years. They park in front of their own places. I have seen them time and again. As far as the Police are concerned, I want the Deputy here to explain to you. It is not 50 people out there giving out tickets. You are down to one or two girls a night doing their job and I think he could explain it better.

Deputy Chief Gary Simmons stated we are opposed to the change for a couple of reasons. One, the revenue is extremely important. Just to give you an example of the numbers we ran, in FY2002 to 2003 we issued from 6 PM to 8 PM just in parking tickets 12,855 tickets. Now the average ticket is \$10. Some are obviously higher because some are handicap, etc. That brings us to \$128,000 in revenue just for FY02. In FY03 so far this year from 6 PM to 8 PM we have issued over 4,600 tickets. That is \$46,000 in revenue.

Alderman Guinta asked for what period is that.

Deputy Chief Simmons answered July 2003 to present. We have issued 4,686 tickets. Now keeping the average ticket cost at \$10, that is \$46,860. PCO's cost less than \$3,000 in overtime to be out there for those two hours so the turnaround on those two isn't even an argument. Now what I would like to remind everyone about because not everybody here might be familiar with it but back in the 80's the City had what they called holiday parking and during that time to invite shoppers downtown they would issue holiday greeting cards if you got a ticket. If

you went to the Ordinance Violations Bureau you could provide a ticket and they would give you a holiday greeting and the fine was exempt. That became an administrative nightmare. It got to the point where it became free parking from probably mid-November right up through Christmas time. That was to invite the customer downtown to shop and park for free. What the PCO's would do at that time was just go out and issue tickets for handicapped parking, no parking zones and things of that nature. As that evolved everybody became aware of that and became more familiar with it and come around the beginning of November we would get calls from the business owners and we would get calls from people employed downtown. We would get calls from people working in the Federal building parking in the Federal lot asking when the free parking was starting. Customers didn't benefit from that whatsoever. We feel that from 6 PM to 8 PM at night who is really going to benefit from this? You are going to get the employees parking down there and the residents parking down there after 6 PM. You have a guy that goes down to partake of a restaurant he is paying \$1 to park for two hours. I don't think that is a tough commitment for him to make when you are talking about losing \$128,000 and that is just parking ticket revenue, never mind what goes into the meters. That is a serious concern that you have to take into account. That is where this money is coming from.

Alderman Guinta responded I certainly recognize the fiscal impact. I also think that some of the points the Mayor has made about fiscal issues in the City, for example an additional \$50 million in new taxable assessment in the City will be places...I mean we are going to have growth. We are going to have growth in the City. That growth alone will take care of this difference in fiscal impact. So while I understand your argument regarding the fiscal impact and it is something that we have to take into consideration, what I am looking at is how this City is changing in terms of its direction and the interest that we have as City government to want to enhance the ability for people to come and enjoy downtown. It is certainly possible that employees are going to be parking in these spots or residents. I don't know if employees...I mean I don't know how many people work a shift beginning at 6 PM in the downtown area or come in at 5:30 PM or 5:45 PM for a shift. Residents coming home from work are going to find a spot but they find it anyway. People who live in the Bond building, that is where they park and they have been doing it ever since it was built. I think I am more focused on how we want to market downtown and do we want to be an inviting place, do we want to be a place where people can say oh gee I can come down for dinner and I don't have to worry about the meter if I find free parking. I think that is a fair and reasonable argument to further enhance the activities that are downtown and also what we want for activities downtown as the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. We all want a thriving downtown area. We want it to be hustling and bustling and I think this is something right now as it stands that doesn't give people a good feeling.

Chairman Sysyn stated it is busy.

Alderman Guinta responded well it is busier than it was two years ago or five years ago. We still have a long way to go but I think this is something that the City can certainly...you know if it is \$128,000 in tickets...I don't want to be a City looking to make revenue based on tickets because that is not goodwill. If somebody does not feed a meter, they should feed a meter. If they are supposed to, they should feed it and if they are not or they are parking there longer than they are supposed to they should be ticketed. However, we have just about everybody downtown who would like to see it back at 6 PM. They were concerned about the Verizon and how people were going to be parking on the streets. Well we have seen what has happened up there and every merchant in that area has taking a very entrepreneurial spirit and rightfully so in opening up their lots as available parking facilities and we still do want people, by the way, parking along Elm Street if they go to an event. The big issue right now is if you go to an event, if you come downtown for a 7 PM event and you are going to come downtown for dinner at Baldwins, you can park there at 5 PM and you have to pay the meter for three hours. The meter doesn't take three-hour parking so you can eat dinner at Baldwins, come out and then have to move your car to go to an event. That is not what we want as a City so what happens is that person doesn't go to Baldwins and we are not getting the foot traffic downtown that I think people were advocating and hoping when the discussion took place regarding the civic center. The idea was to bring more people downtown. It has brought people downtown to that building and maybe to Piccola and a couple of the restaurants that are in that specific area but what I think we would like to see is people all over downtown Elm Street. I want to see people before an event going to dinner downtown or going to shops. My idea here is if there is foot traffic from 5 PM to 8 PM stores will stay open longer and their revenues will increase. More people generally will be downtown and that is my reason for supporting this. There is a revenue issue and I think we can certainly meet those revenue concerns. Not by asking Police or Highway or Traffic to come up with additional revenue sources but by what the Mayor is saying about Manchester being a City on the move and his argument is \$50 million in new assessed value. I think that given the fact there is \$50 million assessed value in the City that is new we should probably respond to those new people in the City and say look this is the kind of City we have. Most other cities they do stop...their parking in this region is either cheaper or doesn't go until 8 PM. You can go to Portland, ME and park for fifty cents all night in a garage. We don't have that capability right now.

Chairman Sysyn asked what about Boston.

Alderman Guinta answered I wouldn't compare ourselves to Boston. Boston is 6 million people and we are \$110,000.

Chairman Sysyn stated it cost be \$5 to park for ½ hour in a hospital parking garage.

Alderman Guinta responded there is no question but they are two completely different...I mean Boston I would be comparing to Chicago, New York or LA. I wouldn't be comparing them to Manchester.

Alderman Lopez stated I just want to speak about this because it was on the last agenda and I don't see anybody here from Intown or the Chamber but I know they were concerned about this. I don't know if they were informed that this would be taken up but the major thing was a control factor for downtown. The \$50 million that you referred to, Alderman Guinta, is 25 cents. Every \$10 million is 5 cents. I agree with you about the tickets and all that stuff. You are talking about \$300,000 or \$350,000 that you are going to lose in revenue. Now I don't know if the Traffic Committee is going to have free parking for December or not and if that has been decided. I understand everything that you are saying but I think from what I hear in going to meetings with Intown, the Chamber of Commerce and the Travel & Tourism group they say it is a control factor from 6 PM until 8 PM. I surely would like to hear from them before I would vote on this.

Alderman Guinta stated I mentioned earlier that they have provided me their informal positions and I am going to make sure that they have formal positions for the Board to review. I spoke with them both as recently as Monday, November 3 and they both are in favor of this change. At least that is what I have been told by Robin Comstock and Stephanie Lewry.

Alderman Lopez stated if you go to 6 PM and you lose \$300,000 or \$350,000 and I don't think we are at that stage yet. I want to ask the Police Department...is it a control factor?

Deputy Chief Simmons responded well it is a control factor because you try to regulate and get traffic coming and going and keep it moving. Clearly from our past experience when you have free parking there, the people who park there are the residents and the employees.

Chairman Sysyn stated I have seen them feed the meters when I go to eat downtown. I have seen owners of businesses feed the meters.

Alderman Guinta asked how does this impact that because they are already there.

Chairman Sysyn answered well if they want somebody to eat in their restaurant they sure shouldn't be parking in front of it.

Alderman Guinta responded I agree but does that have anything to do with this issue. I am not sure how this issue and that issue are connected.

Chairman Sysyn stated their complaint is they need free parking for their customers. Well they are not going to have any free parking if they are parked there.

Alderman Guinta stated I will agree but I would also say that it is not every single business downtown that does it. There are selected businesses. What I am talking about here is a particular vision for the downtown area and I think that is the way we need to approach this issue. I don't think we can govern based on the 5% or 10% of a certain population that does something right or wrong. I think what we need to do is look at the issue from a long-term position and what the majority is in favor of, which is why I am advocating for it.

Alderman Osborne asked who had the concerns in the first place to change it back to 6 PM.

Alderman Guinta replied I will give you the two-minute background, which I provided earlier. When we had meetings about a year ago at the Palace Theatre with the downtown community regarding Saturday parking, at that time the request was Saturday parking free and move the meters back to 6 PM during the week. I and other Aldermen who were in attendance thought that Saturday parking for free would be viable but moving it back to 6 PM at that time wouldn't be appropriate for several reasons. Number one, that was a big revenue hit. Number two, it had only been instituted for about a year at the 8 PM and we needed to give it time to shake out and see how it would impact downtown. I did say at that time that I would follow-up with everybody in about a year, which was in October, and if people largely felt that they wanted it back to 6 PM that I would advocate for it. So I have gone to most of the businesses downtown. Some people are opposed but...

Chairman Sysyn interjected they should have signed a petition so we would know.

Alderman Guinta responded I can get that. That is easy enough to circulate.

Alderman Osborne stated Tom Lolicata said that it went back and forth three times. For what reason? Did the Chamber of Commerce do a survey? What is the survey now? Just a couple of people have concerns about moving it from 8 PM back to 6 PM or is the whole downtown against it?

Mr. Lolicata stated I know different cases that have never changed whatsoever on Elm Street and that is the people themselves taking up those spots. I don't know how many. Like he is saying it is not everybody. The more parking you give these people, they are going to take it. Let's talk about tonight. Never mind the meters. Half of the people are paying \$12 or \$15 to park tonight. They are paying \$12 to \$15 to park their car to go and see UNH tonight.

Alderman Osborne stated right so what is a couple of bucks for two hours.

Mr. Lolicata responded there you go.

Alderman Guinta stated my point is this.

Alderman Osborne asked can I finish. As far as the free parking, I don't see any advantage to that at all because there is no retail down there. All we are talking is restaurants, right or the Palace Theatre. There is no retail down here and most guys will park there and stay there all night long in that same spot. You know they will go out and have a few beers and stay there all night long and nobody else can get in anyway so you might as well make the money. That is the way I look at it.

Alderman Garrity stated Alderman Guinta brought up the \$50 million in additional assessed value and I think that should be used for tax relief and not to offset another fee. I have a problem with the fiscal impact of this.

Alderman Guinta asked do we have a fiscal impact from the Traffic Department. Do we know what it would be from the meters?

Mr. Lolicata answered conservatively without using 2,500 meters...I am going to use 1,000 meters and you are losing \$1 a night five nights a week because it is all downtown not just on event nights and times that by 52 and you are in the \$200,000 range.

Alderman Osborne stated if they were smart they would spend a couple of bucks to plug the meters and walk down to the Verizon instead of spending \$12.50 but they are still spending \$12.50 or \$10 or whatever it is down there. I don't understand that.

Alderman Guinta responded that is the issue that I would like to address. The meters are two hours. A game or an event typically starts at 7 PM.

Alderman Osborne stated but these meters are over at 8 PM aren't they.

Alderman Guinta responded they are over at 8 PM but they are two hours meters so if you are coming to an event at the civic center...

Alderman Osborne interjected they usually start at what time.

Alderman Guinta replied most events start at 7 PM. My point is if you want to come for dinner at 5 PM...this is the number one complaint I hear from people who go to the Verizon. I come, I go to dinner and I pay my two hours and I still get a ticket because they are not going to run out in the middle of the game to feed their meter.

Chairman Sysyn asked well can't they feed it when they come out of dinner. They can feed that meter.

Alderman Guinta stated if you feed it at 5 PM...

Chairman Sysyn interjected say I have it until 7 PM and I come out at 6:30 PM and put another two quarters in.

Alderman Guinta stated well I don't know if they are parking right out front of where they are having dinner or whatever they are doing. My point is if we would like to continue advocating for increased downtown activity we want to make this downtown area inviting and I don't think that meters until 8 PM does it and the majority of business owners agree with that general statement. There is a fiscal impact issue that needs to be addressed but from a vision standpoint of downtown, if you want to generate more foot traffic and let's face it the only way we are going to get a Banana Republic or a Gap or a J. Crew, which everyone always talks about the only way we are going to get it is we can support it by the numbers of foot traffic. Right now we don't have it.

Alderman Osborne responded I don't think we will see one of those in my lifetime.

Alderman Guinta replied well you know what, I would like to be a little bit more optimistic. Let's try to be positive here and try to come up with ideas and ways to bring those entities downtown. Everyone talks about how we would like to create more foot traffic and have those larger stores down here. We are talking about movie theatres and outlet centers. We have to be proactive as a City and that is what I am talking about. I think it is a reasonable amount of money to consider removing from our...I don't know if you want to call it tax base or fees in order to try to generate some additional issues. We did this last week with the Tower building. Tower Realty was advocating for that parking garage for the simple

purpose of being able to fully market that building for a large retailer. You cannot bring large retailers downtown unless there are certain components and if we want to be proactive as a City in trying to revitalize downtown, we need to take some of these steps.

Alderman Sysyn stated if they bring the theatres downtown we will see a lot of traffic.

Alderman Guinta responded I don't think so. Talk to Dick Anagnost who is a downtown developer. Talk to Brady Sullivan. Talk to Tower Realty.

Alderman Lopez stated if there were some documentation of all of the businesses downtown because I can assure you that the people I talk to want to keep it until 8 PM. Now if you could do a formal survey of all of the businesses downtown with the owners saying that they want it to stop at 6 PM...what is going to happen is if this Committee or the Board decides to do it they are going to tell him to change it and they are all going to come here on January 1 and say put it back and we are going to cost him so much money that we probably could have saved \$100,000 in the last couple of years.

Alderman Osborne stated I used to have a business right here on Hanover Street between Chestnut and Elm. I was there for quite awhile. In fact, two businesses there. Anyway, I have been thinking about this now and if I had meters in front of my place and it is the way it is now until 8 PM I don't have any problem with that because if it is not that way there will be people parking there from 5 PM or 6 PM right up until 9 PM which would have ruined all of my business that evening as far as I am concerned. You are going to always get those people who want to hog things, you know what I am saying? I think it is better to have the meters. Being a businessman in Manchester and I used to be on Hanover Street I know where you are coming from. You can't make everybody happy but I think it is better for the merchants to have meters plugged than to have somebody hog the front of their store by parking there all night long.

Deputy Chief Simmons stated in response to what Alderman Guinta was saying, I can't tell you that everybody moves their cars because they are paying from 5 PM to 8 PM or 6 PM until 8 PM. I will say that many people do and that some employees don't park there because they do have to pay. It is almost a guarantee that if you go free parking after 6 PM that is going to be full anyway. It is going to be employees and residents parking there so you are definitely going to see a turnaround and it is going to be at a major cost to the City.

Alderman Guinta asked so are you saying that at 6 PM they are going to leave their stores and park there for free.

Deputy Chief Simmons answered I think there are some people who park there now and pay until 8 PM. Clearly. There is no doubt about that and they are going to stay there. I think there are others who probably don't park there because they don't want to pay until 8 PM and they go up the street and park somewhere else but you take that away and make it free parking, they might pay for two hours and stay there.

Alderman Guinta responded I am sure that has happened.

Chairman Sysyn stated when it was free parking before employees and residents were parking all day long on Elm Street. It wasn't people that were coming to shop because it was free parking.

Alderman Guinta asked when was this. What year?

Chairman Sysyn answered a few years back when they reconfigured Elm Street.

Alderman Guinta asked what year was that.

Deputy Chief Simmons answered five or six years ago.

Alderman Guinta asked so this was...

Mr. Lolicata interjected 1994 or 1995.

Chairman Sysyn stated it was after that because I became an Alderman in 1994.

Mr. Lolicata responded it wasn't any later than 1996.

Deputy Chief Simmons stated that Christmas greeting traffic stuff I talked about that they used to do was a great idea. Talk about a way to get people down here to shop but you couldn't find a place to park. It was ridiculous.

Alderman Osborne stated but there was a lot more retail. Now you have office space, banks and restaurants.

Chairman Sysyn stated well we need to move on with this. What do you want to do Alderman Guinta? You seem to be the only one that wants this to happen and it is your ward.

Alderman Guinta responded well Alderman Forest wants it but he is not here and I can't second it. When is our next meeting?

Chairman Sysyn stated the second Tuesday of next month.

Alderman Garrity stated I would be in favor of tabling this with the stipulation that we get a survey.

Alderman Guinta responded I will table it and get a survey and bring a survey back.

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

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Problem at West High School on Conant Street with student drop-offs backing the buses up all the way to Granite Street.

Mr. Lolicata stated we looked at it and there are two officers over there now surveying it. First of all, I was trying to figure out why after all these years we have a problem there. Well so far we came up with the fact that there is construction going on over there and they were the cause of it. On those days the construction company was parked on Conant Street and backing up traffic. In the interim, Lt. Valenti is going to have Officer Chandonnet is it...

Lt. Valenti interjected right Officers Chandonnet and Covey are over there in the mornings monitoring the traffic and they deal with the bus traffic. They are the school resource officers. In talking with them what they are saying is the construction company has been working on the north side of Conant Street and as a result the bus traffic is backing up. What they are going to do is speak with the construction company and maybe have them start a little later so they don't impact the bus traffic and also watch the parents that drop the kids off on that side of the street and if the problem continues we will make that a no parking zone and issue tickets or summonses.

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

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church requesting permission to place two signs advertising the church at N. Main & Granite Streets and McGregor & Bridge Streets.

Alderman Guinta asked is this a common practice.

Mr. Lolicata answered it was up until a couple of years ago. The Traffic Committee has slowed down a lot of these and stopped them actually as far as I know. There haven't been too many requests for quite a long time.

Chairman Sysyn stated I see one for St. Nick's Greek Church up by my daughter's house up on Bridge Street.

Alderman Osborne asked how long has it been there.

Chairman Sysyn answered not too long.

Alderman Osborne stated it is kind of hard to do it for one and not the other. We should come up with a policy.

Chairman Sysyn responded well that is what happened. We had stopped it. I remember stopping it.

Mr. Lolicata stated the policy is to do it for non-profits only.

Alderman Guinta asked and churches are.

Mr. Lolicata answered well we try to stay away from churches because if all the Catholic churches got together you would have a lot of signs to put up.

Alderman Guinta asked how many churches are there in the City of Manchester. Are there over 100?

Mr. Lolicata answered with cathedrals and churches alone it is about 25 or 26. I don't know about the other denominations.

Alderman Guinta asked would you say 50 between all of the different denominations.

Mr. Lolicata answered probably and that is why we have been staying away from them.

Alderman Guinta stated that is a lot of signs.

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

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 6 of the agenda:

Petition from various towing companies requesting an exemption from the overnight commercial parking ban.

Alderman Garrity asked are they requesting that they can park in front of their homes and stuff like that.

Chairman Sysyn answered right. There is a ban on that. You can't park a commercial vehicle on the street.

Alderman Garrity stated I have an issue with that. It is getting into the winter season and I know a lot of my neighbors have dump trucks that they plow with and stuff and they are going to be in here next. On that basis alone, I can't approve this.

Alderman Osborne moved to receive and file. Alderman Garrity duly seconded the motion. Chairman Sysyn called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

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

NO PARKING

On W. Mitchell St., north side, from S. Elm St. to a point 130 feet westerly

Alderman Garrity

On Mystic St., north side, from a point 150 feet east of S. Beech St. to a point 80 feet east (Emergency Act)

Alderman Garrity

On Grove St., south side, from Pine St. to a point 55 feet east

Alderman Guinta

On S. Jewett St., east side, from Weston Rd. to a point 120 feet north (Emergency Act)

Alderman DeVries

On Lake Ave., south side, from Maple St. to a point 100 feet west

Alderman Osborne

On Lake Ave., south side, from Lake Ave. South Back St. to Beech St.

Alderman Osborne

On Lake Ave., south side, from Beech St. to Union St.

Alderman Osborne

RESCIND NO PARKING

On Harvard St., both sides, from a point 130 feet east of Maple St. to the dead end (#8357)
Alderman Shea
On Lake Ave., south side, from Union St. to Wilson St. (#3205)
Alderman Osborne

NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS

On Youville St., east side, from Mason St. to a point 210 feet north
(Emergency Act)
Alderman Forest

RESCIND PARKING 1 HOUR DURING SCHOOL HOURS

On Youville St., east side, from Mason St. to Dexter St. (#7523)

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman Guinta it was voted to accept the traffic agenda items as presented.

TABLED ITEMS

7. Report, if available, from the Building Commissioner and City Solicitor regarding speeding up the demolition process.
(Note: Tabled on 8/12/03 pending collection of comments from departments and final version of the ordinance.)

This item remained on the table.

8. Communication from Alderman Guinta requesting to discuss the issue of police procedure regarding public notification of crimes and investigation of crimes.
(Note: Tabled 9/9/03 per Alderman Guinta.)

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

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

9. Ordinance:
“Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by creating §75.00 Motorized Scooters established to govern the use of motorized scooters in the City of Manchester.”

(Note: This item was tabled to have the Police Department review the revised ordinance and bring their recommendation back to the Committee.)

This item remained on the table.

- 10.** Portion of report of Traffic Committee referred back to committee 3/18/03 regarding the adoption of regulations:

One-Way Streets

Hollis Street

Kidder Street

(Note: This item was tabled on 4/8 pending a meeting between Alderman Guinta, Tom Lolicata, and the constituents involved.)

This item remained on the table.

- 11.** Report regarding parking garage contract RFP's.

This item remained on the table.

Alderman Osborne asked what is going on with the back alleys, Tom.

Mr. Lolicata answered some of them already have names. It is almost complete. I have had two men working on this for a week and a half now. We are getting there.

Alderman Guinta asked and the signs are going up as they are being named.

Mr. Lolicata answered there will be no signs put up for them. Some of them already have names like Litchfield Lane, Manhattan Lane and they are already up.

Alderman Guinta asked but the signs for the speed limit.

Mr. Lolicata answered definitely.

Alderman Guinta stated I am getting calls from people downtown so what can I tell them in terms of that.

Mr. Lolicata answered as soon as these names are typed up...

Alderman Guinta interjected can I say a month.

Mr. Lolicata replied less than that. Probably by next week.

Alderman Osborne asked is it 15 MPH.

Mr. Lolicata answered 10 MPH.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee