

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

January 11, 2005
Aldermen Sysyn, Guinta,
Smith, Forest, O'Neil

5:30 PM
Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)

1. Chairman Sysyn calls the meeting to order.
2. The Clerk calls the roll.
3. Communication from Valerie Dixon, National MS Society, requesting the use of Arms Park on Saturday, April 16, 2005 from 6 AM until 3 PM in conjunction with the annual Manchester MS Walk.
Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?
4. Communication from Sam Tay, Little Saigon, requesting the issuance of three (3) parking permits for the Middle Street Parking Lot.
Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?
5. Communication from William Dion, Speed Management Group, LLC, requesting to exempt Pearl and Orange Streets from the Odd-Even Parking Ban or work out a modified plan in light of the recent conversion to one-way streets.
Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?
6. Discussion relative to the dangerous situation in front of Fire Station #6 located at 134 Amory Street when fire trucks are exiting building.
Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

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

PARKING 2 HOURS (8AM – 6PM):

On Chestnut Street, west side, from Salmon Street to a point 140 feet north of
Salmon Street
Alderman Guinta

NO PARKING:

On Chestnut Street, west side, from Salmon Street to a point 140 feet north
Alderman Guinta

On Beacon Street, east side, from a point 35 feet south of Manchester Street to a
point 35 feet north
Alderman Sysyn

RESCIND NO PARKING:

From Salmon Street to a point 100 feet north (ORD. 2803)
Alderman Guinta

RESCIND PARKING 2 HOURS (8AM – 6PM):

On Chestnut Street, west side, from North Street to Salmon Street (ORD. 8133)

YIELD SIGN:

On the Chili's Driveway at South Willow Street (SWC)
(Reconstruction as part of Dobles Expansion)

Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

8. Discussion relative to contract between the City of Manchester and Cameron Real Estate, Inc. (889 Elm Street).

TABLED ITEMS

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

9. Report of the Traffic Committee recommending that all metered parking be changed from Monday-Friday, 8AM-8PM to Monday-Friday, 8AM-6PM.
(Tabled 03/09/2004)

10. Report regarding parking garage contract RFP's.
(Originally tabled 08/12/2003. On 12/13/2004 retabled pending recommendations of the Parking Garage Staff Committee.)

11. If there is no further business, a motion is in order to adjourn.



NATIONAL
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
SOCIETY

National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Central New England Chapter
101A First Avenue, Suite 6
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Tel 781 890 4990
1 800 FIGHT MS
Fax 781 890 2089

Central New England Chapter

December 20, 2004

Mr. Leo Bernier, City Clerk
City Clerk's Office
One City Hall Plaza
Manchester, NH 03101

Dear Mr. Bernier -

The Central New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will be holding its annual **Manchester MS Walk on Saturday, April 16, 2005**, our largest fund raising event of the year. We are aiming for over **11,000** walkers in 22 sites in NH and Mass (one for every person with MS in NH and Mass.) to walk for the Society's mission of **ending the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis**. We estimate **400+** walkers for the Manchester, NH, MS Walk.

We would like to request from the Traffic Committee the use of the **parking lot area of Arms Park as the Start/Finish** point for the MS Walk as it has proven to be a successful point in the past. This usage would include:

- Set up at 6:00am, registration and festivities (music, etc.) beginning at 9:00am. (Tent set up possibly set up the day prior to the walk).
- Lunch (organized by NMSS) after the MS Walk at approximately noon.
- Bathroom facilities provided by NMSS.
- Parking for 200+ cars.
- Permission to set up tents and loudspeaker.
- Use of area to end by approximately 3:00pm.

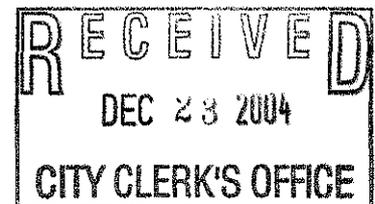
A certificate of liability insurance will be provided upon approval of this request.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in making this event a success.

Respectfully submitted,


Valerie Anne Dixon
Development Manager
valerie.dixon@mam.nmss.org
Direct: 781-693-5119
Fax: 781-890-2089

Thank you!



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Central/Western Region: 250 Commercial Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01608-1726 • (508) 752-2545 • Fax (508) 752-2567
Northern Region: 20 Commerce Park North, Suite 106, Bedford, New Hampshire 03110 • (603) 623-3501 • Fax (603) 623-4205

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Little Saigon
860 Elm Street
Manchester, NH
03101
603-858-5564

January 3, 2005

Honorable members of the Traffic Committee:

I would like to request the issuance of three (3) parking permits for Middle Street Parking Lot for use for my business. We need these spaces for our delivery portion of our business.

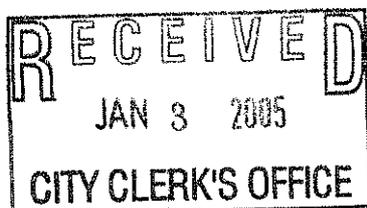
We have been receiving numerous parking tickets due to this portion of our business and even with the monthly fees for the requested permits, Little Saigon would be saving money. Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Sam Tay

Owner, Little Saigon



Date: 14-December-2004

From: William R. Dion

To: Traffic Committee Members

Subject: Request to Exempt Pearl Street and Orange Street from Odd-Even parking ban or find another compromise.

Overview

Since the conversion of Pearl Street and Orange Street to One-Way streets the enforcement of the Odd-Even parking ban has adversely impacted the parking. The net affect of the Odd-Even is that half of the street parking is taken away each night and the tenants cars are tickets. Please help.

Orange and Pearl Street do not have a back alley service road with parking in the back of most of the buildings like Spruce Street and Lake Ave.

We also understand that the Snow Emergency Parking ban will still apply during snow emergencies regardless of the decision made by the Traffic Committee on the Odd-Even parking ban.

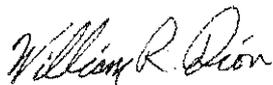
Impact Statement

Since the enforcement actions of the Odd-Even parking over the past two weeks I have had one tenant move out, one served notice to move shortly and three others have notified me that they are looking to move, because of the parking situation. If we are not able to attract and keep a mix of young urban professionals and low-income families in this area, then my concern is that we will lose some of the historic apartment buildings to Half-way house programs.

Closing Statement

On behalf of the tenants and property managers in the Pearl and Orange Street area, we all want to thank all of the Members of the Traffic Committee, Traffic Department, Highway, Fire, Police, Alderman, and Mayor for trying to improve the parking situation and we hope that the Odd-Even Parking ban can be lifted or modified for the area of Pearl and Orange Street.

Thank you all for your time and Consideration and Best Wishes for a Great Holiday Season.

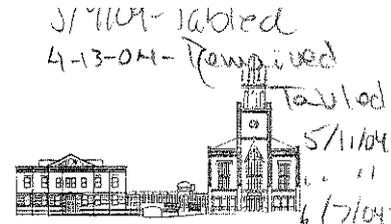


William R. Dion / Manager
Speed Management Group, LLC.





CITY OF MANCHESTER
Office of the City Clerk



- Leo R. Bernier
City Clerk 8/10/04 - Tabled
- Carol A. Johnson
Deputy City Clerk 9/21/04 - " "
- Paula L-Kang
Deputy Clerk 11-9-04 - " "
- Administrative Services 12-13-04
- Matthew Normand
Deputy Clerk " "
- Licensing & Facilities
- Patricia Piecuch
Deputy Clerk
- Financial Administration

MEMORANDUM

To: Police Chief Jaskolka
T. Lolicata, Traffic Director

From: 
Leo R. Bernier
City Clerk

Date: February 19, 2004

Re: Metered Parking

Please be advised that at a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen held on February 17, 2004, it was voted to refer back to committee a report relative to the above-referenced.

The Board has requested staff to prepare a proposal for a parking study of the downtown area for submission to the Committee on Traffic/Public Safety.

Enclosed for your records is a copy of the report reflecting actions taken.

Enclosures

pc: Cmte. on Traffic/Public Safety
City Solicitor
Finance Officer

To the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester:

The Committee on Traffic/Public Safety respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that all metered parking be changed from Monday-Friday, 8AM-8PM to Monday-Friday, 8AM-6PM.

Please note that nothing contained in this report shall change any regulation in regards to issuance of parking permits.

February 17, 2004.
In Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

On motion of Alderman Gatsas, duly seconded by Alderman Guinta, it was voted to refer back to committee and request staff to prepare a proposal for a parking study of the downtown area for submission to the committee.



City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,



Clerk of Committee



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Memo To: Mayor Baines and All Aldermen
From: C. Johnson 
Deputy City Clerk
Date: February 13, 2004
Re: Agenda Item S – Police Department response

Enclosed is a copy of a communication from Chief Jaskolka responding to Item S, a report of Committee on Traffic, appearing on the February 17th agenda.

C: City Solicitor
Finance Officer
Traffic Director



John A. Jaskolka
Chief

City of Manchester Police Department

Ralph Miller Public Safety Center
351 Chestnut Street Manchester, New Hampshire 03101-2294
(603) 668-8711 Business Phone
(603) 668-8941 Main Fax
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February 12, 2004

Honorable Robert A. Baines
Board of Alderman
One City Hall Plaza
Manchester, NH 03101

Dear Mayor and Board of Alderman:

At the Traffic Committee meeting of February 10, 2004 the committee approved a plan to rollback the hours of paying for meters from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. That plan will be presented to the Board of Mayor and Alderman with the committee's recommendation it be approved by the full board. The department has objected to this roll back at previous committee meetings and would ask the board to consider several factors before approving this ordinance change.

We would suggest that this action would have little if any positive effects on the consumer of the city and drastically reduce the revenue produced. I have taken the liberty of providing some revenue figures obtained from the Ordinance Violations Bureau to support my concern.

During the fiscal year from July 2002 - July 2003, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the department issued 12, 855 parking tickets. With an average ticket fine of \$10.00 that resulted in \$128,550 in revenue collection. From July 2003 to February 11, 2004 the department has issued 8,302 tickets. With the minimum fine of \$10.00 that is \$83,502 in revenue. I would suggest that figure is low considering \$10.00 is the minimum fine and does not take into account higher parking violation fines and overdue fines.

The costs associated with paying for a Parking Control Officer during this period is less than \$15,000 in overtime. Not included in this revenue lose is the money obtained from those who pay the meters from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. which I understand would be substantial.

The department understands the good will gesture of the committee to eliminate pay for parking after 6:00 p.m. but respectfully suggests it does not make fiscal sense for the sake of a few. Like the Alderman the department receives it share of complaints from those who receive parking tickets, no matter what time of day the ticket is issued. I would contend that the vast majority of parking fee complaints the department receives are the result of a citizen being issued a ticket and not the need to put 50 cents into a meter. I would suggest the vast majority of complaints about after 6:00 p.m. parking to the Alderman, are from those who failed to pay the 50 cents and received a parking ticket, not complaints about having to pay 50 cents to a \$1.00 to park for those two hours.

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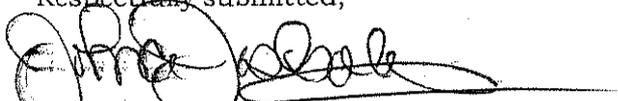
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The arguments suggested in eliminating parking fees after 6:00 p.m. will have little effect on those visiting downtown. In previous years the city fathers at one time provided Holiday Parking downtown during the Christmas season. From mid - November through Christmas what initially started out as an excused parking ticket eventually turned into free parking during that time period. Every year around the beginning of November, Ordinance Violations Bureau and the department's Traffic Division would receive calls from store keepers, their employees and business workers wondering when they could stop paying meters for the rest of the season. What started out as a good will gesture by the City resulted in an abuse by tenants, shopkeepers and employees parking for free, with limited if any benefit to the holiday consumer. As a result the city discontinued this practice.

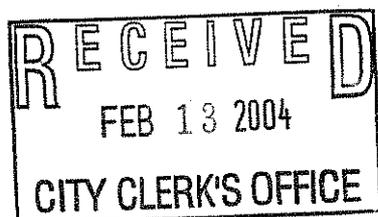
Again, I certainly understand the committee's gesture and the desire to invite people downtown, but question, the minimum loss of \$128,000 for an action that will provide limited benefit to the downtown visitor.

I would recommend that the Board of Mayor and Alderman maintain its current Ordinance, "pay for parking" until 8:00 p.m. I would suggest as an alternative that better advertisement and signage indicative of hours of pay for parking be enacted.

Respectfully submitted,



John A. Jaskolka
Chief of Police

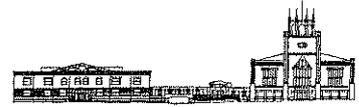


CITY OF MANCHESTER
Department of Traffic



Thomas P. Lolicata
Traffic Director

James P. Hoben
Deputy Traffic Director



Administrative Services Manager
Denise Boutilier
Email: dboutilier@ci.manchester.nh.us

February 17, 2004

Board of Mayor and Alderman
Leo Bernier
City Clerk's Office
1 City Hall Plaza
Manchester, NH 03101

Dear Leo:

The Traffic Committee requested we submit information regarding the parking meter time limit reduction.

Please be advised that after careful consideration, there is a potential loss of revenue of between \$25,000 (on the low end) and \$150,000 (the high end). It is *impossible* to submit an estimate. Alderman O'Neil stated that we are grabbing a number out of the air. He is correct. We *can't* assume that all the meters (2500) are used for 2 hours between 6pm and 8pm every evening, every day of the week, 52 weeks out of the year, at .50 an hour. There is also a potential loss of future revenue when the new baseball field opens in the Millyard area. Approximately 800 meters in the Millyard will be free parking from 6pm to 8pm. Also, there will be an impacted loss of revenue from the Center of NH parking garage, the Pine Street parking lot and the Victory parking garage, as the meters on the street will be free parking from 6pm-8pm.

A reasonable timeline to get the meters labeled and the areas signed, considering the personnel shortage, and the weather, would be the end of April. The cost associated with this timeline is approximately \$2500.00.

We feel that reducing the meter time requirement from 8pm to 6pm would create a significant loss of revenue. The taxpayers of Manchester would subsidize this loss of revenue.

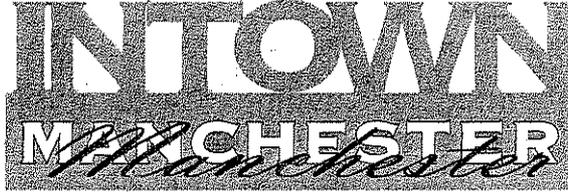
We also feel that it will eliminate customer-parking turnover, which will impact small businesses. When free parking was implemented on Saturday, there were complaints from small businesses that vehicles were parked all day at the free meters.

Sincerely,


Denise Boutilier
James Hoben/Denise Boutilier

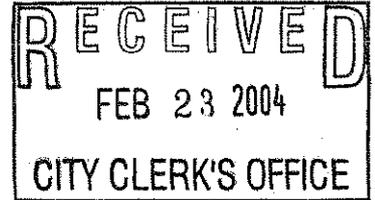
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February 19, 2004

Alderman Theodore Gatsas
105 Birchwood Road
Manchester, NH 03104



Dear Alderman Gatsas,

At this week's Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting, the Aldermen discussed at length the proposal submitted by the Traffic Committee to roll back parking meters to 6 PM. A few concerned business owners testified, both for and against the measure, at the public hearing prior to the meeting.

Although Intown Manchester conducted and released a brief poll of downtown businesses, to establish for the record where they stand on the subject, we do not feel that a poll is a proper means to address the complexity of the downtown parking issue. For that reason, we did not take a position on the issue. Rather, our Executive Committee recommends that our role should be to encourage the City to undertake a parking study, because of the broader concerns for future parking needs of our mixed-use downtown community.

To our surprise, you proposed such a study at Tuesday's meeting, and it met with quick BMA approval to post an RFP for a comprehensive analysis of the parking situation. We applaud the BMA for taking decisive action that night. It is clear that the city has changed so much in two years that a parking study will be beneficial to future planning.

Regardless of the outcome of a study, you made a recommendation that I was particularly happy to hear. Recalling holiday seasons in the past, you mentioned that parking violators were remanded with a courtesy card on the windshield saying that their overtime fines would be waived during the holiday season, and you suggested that we look into being friendlier to our customers and visitors. This is the attitude we need in downtown! I posit that ruthless ticketing is the cause of customer ill will – not the fact that we charge for parking.

To confirm my last point, I enclose the attached letter that Richard Vareschi, owner of Richard's Bistro on Lowell Street, received recently. A customer from Nashua who dined at Richard's Bistro was astonished to see that his dinner cost him another \$10 when he returned to his car. His outrage says it all.

I am currently researching Portland, ME where they are reported to have a system where evening violators receive three warnings before they are fined. If and when a proposal for a similar initiative is introduced in Manchester, I urge you and other Aldermen to look favorably upon the possibilities of a friendly campaign to warn violators first, before they receive a fine.

Thank you for your reasoned approach to this troublesome issue.

Sincerely yours,

Stephanie Lewry, Executive Director
Cc Alderman Sysyn and members of the Traffic Committee,
Richard Vareschi

February 13, 2004

Richards Bistro
36 Lowell Street
Manchester, NH 03101



Re: Citation #:P001028561

Dear Sirs,

It is with sincere regret that we must inform you that we will not be returning to your establishment. Although the dinner was extraordinary, we were not prepared for or expecting a parking violation affixed to the windshield of our car. I find it ridiculous that a downtown patron can receive a fine for parking at an expired meter at 7:20pm!

Living in Nashua, we're accustomed to a warmer welcome from our city. Nashua treats their downtown patrons with a kinder and more welcoming atmosphere. This also benefits the downtown restaurant businesses by offering a hassle-free dining experience.

Through no fault of yours, in the future we will be spending our hard-earned money locally where *public parking* during the evening hours is a privilege, not a business. I have no doubt that the city of Manchester unjustifiably targets the downtown business district after hours to prey on unwary visitors.

Sincerely,

Alberto and Mary Abelleira
7 Custom Street
Nashua, NH 03062

cc: City of Manchester, Mayor's Office
Nashua Telegraph
Manchester Union Leader

ALBERTO ABELLEIRA 12/92
MARY ABELLEIRA
7 CUSTOM ST.
NASHUA, NH 03062
PH. 603-888-6613

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Date 2/13/04

Pay to the
order of

City of Manchester \$ 10.00 ⁰⁰/_{xx}
and no ⁰⁰/_{xx} Dollars

Citizens Circle Account



CITIZENS BANK

New Hampshire

For

Highway Road
PO01028561

Mary Abelleira
2596

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RICHARD'S BISTRO
36 LOWELL ST.
MANCHESTER, NH 03101
(603) 644-1180
MERCH # 1670203780

Sale

Server: 10
ID: 020378001
02/13/04
Batch #: 0933

20:11:35

DISCOVER

*****4262

Appr Code: 013821

Amount:

Tip:

Total:

Invoice#: 000032

\$ 146.56

20.00

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Customer Copy
THANK YOU!
COME AGAIN!

CITY OF MANCHESTER NOTICE OF PARKING VIOLATION

The vehicle described below was
parked in violation of the City of
Manchester code or Ordinances listed.

Bureau window hours 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Closed Saturday and Sunday.

CITATION: PO01028561
Date: FRI 02/13/2004
Time: 19:20
Officer: SAWYER ID: CC2
Agency: MPD
Status: Rt 3

Time: 04:04
Loc: 0 LOWELL ST
Viol: 53
Desc: EXPIRED METER 70.40
PENALTY: \$10.00

Lic: 1548485
State: NH Meter: 364
Plate Type: PC Color:
Make: FORD
Model: 4 DOOR
Remarks: NO TIME LEFT

MANCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT
ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS BUREAU
P.O. BOX 1830
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03105
TELEPHONE - 624-6548
SEE REVERSE SIDE

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**City of Manchester
Department of Finance**

One City Hall Plaza
Manchester, New Hampshire 03101
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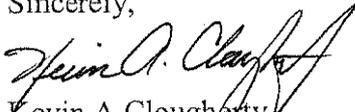
March 9, 2004

Alderman Mary Sysyn
Chairman Aldermanic Committee on Traffic/Public Safety
C/o Office of the City Clerk
One City Hall plaza
Manchester, NH 03101

Dear Madam Chairman:

The Planning Director and the Finance Officer are in the process of refining a DRAFT request for proposals (RFP) for a study of the City's downtown parking program and related policies. We are also in the process of identifying a source of funding for the study and will be making recommendations to both your committee and the CIP committee. We expect to have a completed RFP/RFP Schedule and funding recommendation by the 1st of April.

Sincerely,


Kevin A Clougherty
Finance Officer


Bob McKenzie
Planning Director

Cc: Mayor Baines
Tom Lolicata
City Clerk



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Office of the City Clerk

8/12/03 - Tabled
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MEMORANDUM

To: Alderman O'Neil

From: Lisa Thibault, Legislative Assistant *lta*

Date: 6/18/2003

Subject: Parking Garage Contract

At a meeting of the Committee on Traffic/Public Safety held on June 16, 2003, Tom Lolicata informed the group that you are chairing a committee that is looking at the RFP's for the parking garage contract. The Committee is asking that this process be completed and a recommendation be brought forward in August as they have just voted to extend the contract with Central Parking through September 6, 2003.

If you are not chairing such a committee, please advise the City Clerk's Office as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Alderman O'Neil asked can somebody remember to tell us either way before the Board meeting next week.

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

DISCUSSION:

Allow parking on both sides of Pearl Street between Chestnut Street and Union Street during odd/even winter parking ban.

Alderman Guinta

TABLED ITEMS

9. Report regarding parking garage contract RFP's.
(Tabled 08/12/2003)

On motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to remove Item 9 from the table for discussion.

Alderman O'Neil asked is the Center of NH Garage contract up this month as well.

Mr. Lolicata replied I believe the 20-year contract is 2004.

Deputy City Solicitor Arnold stated I could go back and look, I believe the Center of NH contract was done, we did a five-year agreement with them. They, of course, have a lease for parking spaces long-term but the garage operating agreement, I believe we have a five-year contract and can go back and check to be sure.

Alderman Forest stated I remember when I came on as an Alderman we had the problem and then there was talk about the National Garages and all that.

Deputy City Solicitor Arnold stated I want to say it was the June/July timeframe that the Board voted on it.

Chairman Sysyn stated the contract that I'm talking about is the Victory Garage that was up in December.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated I think Victory expires at the end of this month.

Mr. Lolicata stated I think Victory's expired and they have not renewed it the last time we went out and saw them.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated they didn't sign the extension.

Mr. Lolicata stated no it's been a little while. Right now, we're just working without a contract with that company.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated I think if they extend the current contract and they refuse to do that you need to come back and tell the Board that we don't have a contract.

Mr. Lolicata stated I thought they were aware of that because the last extension was September 2003 or something like that.

Alderman O'Neil stated they didn't sign it.

Mr. Lolicata stated they wouldn't sign it at all.

Alderman O'Neil stated there's only 5.5 employees...now that we got rid of Canal Street, we have 5.5 employees that are involved with Victory Garage...I don't understand why we don't...we pay almost like they're City employees anyway...they get the same holidays, I don't know why we don't look at bringing them underneath the City somehow. It's crazy that we go through this with this contract and I believe it wouldn't cost us any more money than we're paying now. Right, Tom, am I correct.

Mr. Lolicata replied you're about right.

Alderman O'Neil stated you're already paying all of the utilities and all that there...

Mr. Lolicata interjected it's making a profit for a change.

Alderman O'Neil stated for the 5.5 employees I don't know why we don't bring them somewhere into City government, it's crazy we go through this contract thing up there.



Alderman Forest stated why don't we make a motion that we look into doing that. If they're not going to sign a contract, we might as well do it anyway.

Mr. Lolicata stated we've been doing it every six months and I believe at the end of 2003, the beginning of 2004 they stopped.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated I think if you're going to look at that and you have the Parking Study people all together maybe that same committee could kind of look and come back with a suggestion.

Alderman O'Neil stated I don't disagree with that. My only concern is that legally we don't have a contract with them apparently.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated that's true.

Alderman O'Neil stated somehow we've got to get...Tom, you've got to get involved with this. I don't know how we can have somebody doing business with the City and not have a contract with them.

Mr. Lolicata stated the last time, Tom, we worked out fine as far as buying the Canal Street because we didn't have the contract and it worked in our favor. So, if I may say so, in a way they don't want to sign we go as is and if anybody ever thought of putting it up for sale there was nothing there to stop them. So, I can try one more time, if you want, but I've tried three times and they never signed it.

Alderman Forest asked, Tom, when did you find out that they wouldn't sign this contract because you never came back to us.

Mr. Lolicata replied the last time the Board asked me to get an extension and that goes back to the end of 2003, beginning of 2004.

Alderman Forest stated I was never aware that they wouldn't sign.

Mr. Lolicata stated the gentleman from Boston said they wouldn't do it.

Alderman O'Neil stated this is the same outfit that does the airport.

Mr. Lolicata stated this is just before Mr. Waldecker left exactly, same outfit.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated how about if you ask the staff committee to look at it and come back to you at the next meeting with some recommendation as to what to do to more forward.

Alderman O'Neil stated I think we at least have to take a vote to extend it three months or something.

Mr. Lolicata stated I'll try but they're the ones saying no.

Alderman O'Neil stated so at least we've done it on our end.

Mr. Lolicata stated we've tried and I'll try again.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated if it had been signed wasn't it due to expire this month, wasn't it the end of this year.

Mr. Lolicata stated if they'd gone along as they did before, Carol, they were averaging a six-month extension for the last couple of years, six months at a time.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated I'm trying to figure out when it would have gone to because you need to get the authority of the Board to extend it.

Mr. Lolicata stated the last one I had was September 2003, so you figure from there.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated we'll have to go back and look. Maybe what we'll do is go back and look and then we can figure out an extension date and poll the Committee and then send the rest of it to the Traffic Study to come back within the month with suggestions for you. But, I can talk to you about extending it for three months or six months or whatever, depending on when it ran out theoretically.

Chairman Sysyn stated that garage is making money now.

Alderman Smith stated I'm getting enlightened here in regard to garages. You have 4.5 people working, now who pays those benefits. Do they have any benefits?

Mr. Lolicata replied by Central Parking. We reimburse them, that's how it works through the agreement we have with them.

Alderman O'Neil stated I don't know if their health plan may be comparable but they get the same holidays that the City employees get, they have paid vacations, they have...I think there's 5.5 employees, plus we pay Central a fee. Somehow, I think, if we brought it in house we would (1) not have this crazy contract issue and...

Chairman Sysyn interjected and we're making money even though there's a debt service on it.

Alderman Smith stated in Committee on Accounts our only concern was with the Center of NH parking, we weren't getting involved in any other garages.

Alderman O'Neil stated with this one we seem to be doing okay on and the Victory Garage serves so many different businesses in that Downtown area.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated maybe you just want to table it and in the meantime we'll find out when the contract expiration was.

Alderman O'Neil moved to retable Item 9 pending poll of the Committee. Alderman Forest duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated I just wanted to clarify we are also referring this item to the Parking Committee that was established so that they can come back at the next meeting with some recommendations regarding whether the City should take it over.

11. Traffic situation at Harvey Road and Bouchard Street.
(Tabled 11/09/2004 pending Southern NH Planning study.)

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to remove Item 11 from the table for discussion.

Mr. Lolicata stated I just passed out the results of the Southern NH Planning...they had a complete traffic study done at that intersection and it failed the warrants...so, you do not need lights down there. It didn't come close to the warrants at all.

Alderman O'Neil stated I guess some keys were some times at the end of the day when the businesses were getting out.

Mr. Lolicata stated that was their major problem.

Alderman O'Neil asked did you inform Alderman DeVries?

Mr. Lolicata replied yes she's been involved.