

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 19, 1996

Upon Recess of BMA

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll. There were twelve Aldermen present.

Present: Ald. Wihby, Elise, Reiniger, Sysyn, Clancy, Soucy,
Shea, Domaingue, Pariseau, Cashin, Robert, Hirschmann

Messrs.: R. Sherman, R. Groleau

Mayor Wieczorek addressed item 3 of the agenda:

Resolution:

"Amending the 1996 Community Improvement Program,
authorizing and appropriating funds for Challenge
Consortium."

On motion of Ald. Reiniger, duly seconded by Ald. Wihby, it was voted that the Resolution be read by title only, and it was so done.

Ald. Clancy moved that the Resolution ought to pass. Ald. Shea duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Wieczorek addressed item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from Rick Groleau, Chairman, Adopt-A-Block,
seeking funding from the City of Manchester in the amount of
\$2,200 to help support this citizen-led program to clean up
140 City blocks and 15 City parks.

Questions were posed as to where the funds would come from.

Mayor Wieczorek replied it would have to come from Contingency.

Mr. Sherman indicated there was \$139,000 remaining in the Contingency fund.

Ald. Clancy stated a couple of years ago he had gone down to help the citizens clean up Kalivas Park recalling that at that time he had been told that parks had been put out to bid for cleaning and asked if that practice was still happening.

Mayor Wieczorek replied that had not occurred for about four years or so.

Ald. Shea asked if it were possible for this project to be extended into other areas other than the designated areas.

Mr. Groleau replied, absolutely; that they had people working with schools and adopting the school yards and so forth so any neighborhood group or interested school who wished to become involved in the project would be welcomed and suggested they call them noting there was Southside, Hillside, Gossler School, Goffs Falls and Beech Street Schools which were taking on the project and they also had interested groups getting involved in cleaning up Livingston Park, Prouts Parks, Nutts Pond and Rock Rimmon, so if they knew beforehand they could assist them in getting tools and other necessary items they might need.

Ald. Shea noted that Debbie Cote was present and she had been working very hard and knew she would work hard with Rick and others; that it was good to see that the students from Southside and Memorial would be working in the districts where they play soccer at St. Anthony's which was in Ward 8, Prouts Park and Howe Park and thought that was great.

Ald. Soucy asked if Mr. Groleau could provide a phone number for those wishing to contact him.

Mr. Groleau indicated he could be reached at 645-9698 noting he would get back to anybody within 24 hours; that the only missing link they had was that they could use a few more businesses adopting blocks financially.

Ald. Reiniger stated the public should know that it was a great example of a public/private partnership as a lot of private businesses had donated monies and not just the City.

On motion of Ald. Clancy, duly seconded by Ald. Sysyn, it was voted to approve \$2,200 from Contingency for the Adopt-a-Block program.

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

A True Record. Attest.


Clerk of Committee