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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

May 20, 1996 **5:30 PM**

In the absence of Mayor Wieczorek, Chairman Wihby called the meeting to order.

Chairman Wihby called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Ald. Sysyn.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

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

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

Messrs.: R. Girard, R. MacKenzie

Chairman Wihby addressed item 4 of the agenda:

Resolution:

"A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester Airport Authority the sum of $11,273,377 from Special Airport Revenue Funds for Fiscal Year 1997."

On motion of Ald. Pariseau, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted that the appropriating resolution be read by title only, and it was so done.

Ald. Domaingue moved the appropriating resolution for discussion. Ald. Pariseau duly seconded the motion.

Ald. Domaingue asked for an explanation as to what the amended version would do and what the problem was.

Chairman Wihby asked where it came from.

Mr. Girard replied it came from the Mayor's Office; that it corrected a couple of data entry errors which were made at the time of the Mayor's recommendation and just put everything where it belonged.

Ald. Robert asked if that was the same as the other two attachments.

Mr. Girard replied in the affirmative.

Ald. Pariseau asked what it they wanted to add about a $200,000 assessment in lieu of taxes for the Airport, could they do it after the public hearing.

Chairman Wihby replied you could do it after the public hearing, but did not know if it could be done now, but could look into it; that the Airport was paying fees for services rendered by other City departments.

Ald. Pariseau noted they were provided plowing and fire service; that the City plowed the roads abutting the Airport noting they had given the hotel a hard time about parking and driving them to the Airport and if they could do that, the City could do it because it provided the basic services for the Airport.

Chairman Wihby reiterated the Airport paid for whatever use of the City whether administratively or whatever.

Ald. Pariseau noted they were charged $30,000, so charged them that amount plus another of $200,000.

Ald. Sysyn thought that was governed by the State in lieu of taxes.

Ald. Soucy noted it was through the FAA.

Chairman Wihby stated the FAA would have to decide that noting it was still a possibility and that they were trying to get a number they would pass to the June 11th meeting, so if they could take a motion and still amend it before June 11th as well as after June 11th, but in the meantime they could have the City Clerk check with the Airport and check with Finance to see if it was a possibility for them paying some money in lieu of taxes noting he did not think they could do it legally.

Ald. Cashin interjected it was his understanding that all he was asking for this evening was to send it to public hearing and thought that Ald. Pariseau had no problem in sending it to public hearing.

Ald. Pariseau indicated he had no problem in sending it to public hearing.

Ald. Clancy moved that the appropriating resolution be amended to $11,415,964, and further under "line item expenses" amend to $4,796,720, under "employee benefits" amend to $362,090, and under "insurance" amend to $95,574 and that the resolution as amended be referred to public hearing on Tuesday, June 11, 1996 at 7:00 PM at Memorial High School Auditorium, So. Porter Street, Manchester, NH. Ald. Sysyn duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Wihby noted that the City Clerk's Office would check into whether or not an assessment could be set in lieu of taxes.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 5 of the agenda:

Resolution:

"Appropriating to the Central Business Service District the sum of $270,000 from Central Business Service District Funds for Fiscal Year 1997."

NOTE: Communication from Planning Director requesting that the Resolution be amended by increasing the total allocation by $12,500 for a new total of $282,500.

On motion of Ald. Soucy duly seconded by Ald. Cashin, it was voted that the appropriating resolution be read by title only, and it was so done.

Ald. Sysyn moved that the appropriating resolution be amended from $270,000 to $282,500. Ald. Clancy, duly seconded the motion.

Ald. Soucy asked who had recommended the increase.

Mr. MacKenzie replied the amount of money had been designed to have a stable tax increase on a special assessment district and what was happening was that there was money rolling forth from this fiscal year which was unused into the next fiscal year and it was unused primarily because Intown Management had just recently got up and started whereas originally it had been anticipated that they'd be going for this entire fiscal year, so there was a balance of money that would be rolled over into the next year, so that was why there was an increase, but there was no increase in the tax rate for that special assessment district which was a Downtown area.

Ald. Domaingue in addressed Mr. MacKenzie asked what was the status of the amount of money which was supposed to have been set aside from the funding to repay the residents who were living within the district who were taxed and had not originally been intended to be taxed.

Mr. MacKenzie replied there were two parts to that answer: one, that there was State legislation which Ald. Reiniger may know a little more about, but thought it was optimistic that residential areas could be excluded from the tax in the future and knew it was the intent of Intown Management to rebate those residential taxpayers both for this fiscal year and next fiscal year noting it was a relatively small amount and thought it was about $2,600 which was taxed to residential taxpayers in the Downtown area as almost all of it was commercial, but they intended to pay both for this fiscal year and, if necessary, if the legislation had not yet gone through for the next fiscal year as well.

Ald. Domaingue stated it was probably small to him in dealing with the numbers they dealt with, but was sure it wasn't small to the people who paid a tax they weren't supposed to be paying.

Chairman Wihby called for a vote on the motion to amend. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Ald. Pariseau moved that the amended appropriation resolution be referred to public hearing on Tuesday, June 11, 1996 at 7:00 PM at Memorial High School Auditorium, So. Porter Street, Manchester, NH. Ald. Cashin duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 6 of the agenda:

Resolution:

> "A Resolution appropriating the sum of $2,299,094 from Recreation User Charges to the Recreation Division for Fiscal Year 1997."

On motion of Ald. Pariseau, duly seconded by Ald. Cashin, it was voted that the appropriating resolution be read by title only, and it was so done.

Chairman Wihby stated there was an amendment to the resolution in order to correct some numbers and requested the Clerk to address the amendments.

The Clerk advised that amendments were requested to change "line item expenses" in the amount of $520,925 to $508,925, to change "employee benefits" in the amount of $288,537 to $307,435, and to change "insurance" in the amount of $46,767 to $63,963 for a total of $2,323,188.

Ald. Pariseau moved to amend the appropriating resolution as outlined by the Clerk. Ald. Cashin duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Ald. Reiniger moved that the amended appropriating resolution be referred to public hearing on Tuesday, June 11, 1996 at 7:00 PM at Memorial High School Auditorium, So. Porter Street, Manchester, NH. Ald. Sysyn duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 7 of the agenda:

Resolution:

"A Resolution appropriating the sum of $9,437,201 from Sewer User Rental Charges to the Environmental Protection Division for Fiscal Year 1997."

On motion of Ald. Pariseau, duly seconded by Ald. Cashin, it was voted that the appropriating resolution be read by title only, and it was so done.

Chairman Wihby requested Clerk Johnson to address the proposed amendments to the appropriating resolution.

Clerk Johnson outlined the proposed amendments as follows: to change the total sum from $9,437,201 to $9,308,724, to change "salaries and wages" from $1,756,070 to $1,476,009, and to change "employee benefits" from $246,780 to $398,364 for a total of $9,308,724.

Ald. Clancy moved to amend the appropriating resolution as outlined by the Clerk. Ald. Sysyn duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Ald. Domaingue moved that the amended appropriating resolution be referred to public hearing on Tuesday, June 11, 1996 at 7:00 PM at Memorial High School Auditorium, So. Porter Street, Manchester, NH. Ald. Soucy duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 8 of the agenda:

Resolution:

"Appropriating to the Manchester Transit Authority the sum of $900,000 for the Fiscal Year 1997."

On motion of Ald. Pariseau, duly seconded by Ald. Soucy, it was voted that the appropriating resolution be read by title only, and it was so done.

Chairman Wihby stated a motion was in order to amend the resolution by the one percent cut taken.

Ald. Clancy moved to amend the appropriating resolution as outlined by Ald. Wihby. Ald. Shea duly seconded the motion.

Chairman Wihby requested Clerk Johnson to read the amended resolution.

Ald. Soucy asked why MTA had been the only ones who had been reduced by one percent.

Chairman Wihby replied the others had not affected the tax rate as of yet.

Clerk Johnson stated the amendment to the Manchester Transit Authority would be to reduce it to $891,000.

Ald. Cashin asked if they had talked to the Director at the Transit Authority.

Chairman Wihby replied, no.

Ald. Robert asked whose idea this was.

Chairman Wihby replied that was one of the things which had been cut.

Ald. Cashin asked if the Director had forwarded a letter to the Board, like most of the department heads had.

Chairman Wihby stated he could not recall having seen one.

Ald. Cashin stated his question was what effect would it have on transportation, did they know.

Ald. Domaingue stated for purposes of clarification, they had sent in a communication dated April 29th which said if the Board were to cut them anywhere from one to three percent, the cut would definitely reflect in the system having to be restructured to make up the additional loss in subsidy and was not in a position to where cuts in service would be as it was dependent upon the percentage of the cut, but it would be throughout the entire system.

A roll call vote was taken at the request of Ald. Cashin. Ald. Cashin, Robert, Reiniger, Clancy, Soucy, Pariseau voted nay. Ald. Hirschmann, Sysyn, Shea, Domaingue voted yea. Ald. Elise was absent and Ald. Wihby did not vote as chair of the meeting. The motion failed.

Ald. Cashin moved that the appropriating resolution be referred to public hearing on Tuesday, June 11, 1996 at 7:00 PM at Memorial High School Auditorium, So. Porter Street, Manchester, NH. Ald. Robert duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ald. Hirschmann duly recorded in opposition.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 9 of the agenda:

Report of the Committee on Community Improvement Program recommending that $107,000 received by the City as a result of the fire at the Pine Island Center be earmarked for use at this site at a future date following further review and planning by the Parks and Recreation Department in consultation with other agencies/departments as may be appropriate.

On motion of Ald. Hirschmann, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted to receive, accept and adopt the report of the Committee on Community Improvement Program.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 10 of the agenda:

Resolution:

"Approving the Community Improvement Program for 1997, Raising and Appropriating Monies Therefor, and Authorizing Implementation of Said Program."

On motion of Ald. Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Robert, it was voted that the appropriating resolution be read by title only, and it was so done.

Chairman Wihby stated Mr. MacKenzie would review the CIP budget explaining what the Mayor had included and explain what transpired at Committee level.

Ald. Pariseau asked if those present would be able to understand it as the Committee on Finance and expect them to digest all of the information coming out of CIP and asked why it had not been prepared beforehand and asked where the additional $200,000 for the 50/50 Sidewalk.

Chairman Wihby replied it they wished to wait for Mr. MacKenzie's presentation, he would address all those questions.

Mr. MacKenzie stated he would take five or six minutes to try and summarize the overall CIP Program and knew it would not be possible to explain it all, but would try. Mr. MacKenzie stated the would try to explain generally what the CIP Program was, where the money was coming from and going to; that in the CIP books which were distributed earlier which included a pie chart and wished to review it as the numbers were important; that in the purple area on the left-hand side of the chart were funds from federal, state, and other sources which constituted almost half of the entire CIP budget noting this year's CIP budget was close to $60 million which was a significant program; that the federal, state, and other funds were earmarked towards other certain projects. For example, it included close to $5 million in school educational programs, not facility improvements and included monies for the Airport; that another set of federal funds identified in blue as HUD and about $3 million was separated out because those were funds that the Board had some discretion over where the monies went although still the activities still had to be eligible for CD activities; that a small piece of the pie was from City cash which was $800,000 as recommended by the Mayor's Office and recommended to be changed as part of the CIP review noting the number was actually down by about ten percent from last year's CIP Program (City cash); that the only other portion directly borne by property taxpayers was the City bond portion noting the Mayor's proposal was just under $9 million with a recommendation to change that particular number; that the other large slice of the pie was the projects financed through Enterprise fees which included EPD (for example, expansion to their sewer system, the improvements to the treatment plant), the Manchester Water Works which had major capital programs, and smaller capital programs by the Enterprise portion of the Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Department; that the portion borne by property taxpayers was only about 16 percent of the total CIP budget; that the next pie showed where the monies would be going to; that the largest section (blue section) would be going towards the basic infrastructure of the City (i.e., streets, roads, sewers, storm drains, and the Airport) which was the largest installed infrastructure there was in the City, as well; that the next largest chunk at $12 million was education with a portion of it, less than a majority would go to capital improvements (i.e., West High science labs, heating and ventilation at Central and West) with a majority of the money being in program costs funded by federal programs for special education, and other Title I programs; that smaller portions went towards Health and Human Services, Community Management, Public Safety, Recreation both of which are about a million dollars and Housing and Community Development were all smaller portions; that the actual CIP Program was made up of several tables and charts noting that the charts just distributed by the City Clerk's Office, the blue indicated they were the small tables as in the Mayor's recommended program but had the CIP Committee recommendations in there noting the areas recommended to be changed by the CIP Committee were marked by arrows; that he wished to step through each of the five tables and also discuss the multi-year portion of the program noting that the multi-year portion was not adopted as an appropriation by the Committee, but used for purposes of financial planning, facility planning for future years and to keep a relatively level tax rate as a result of capital improvements; that in Table 1-1, the largest chunks were the School programs which were actual specific programs from a Challenge Grant which was to put in new computer systems into the School system, Chapter I was special ed programs to a number of other projects used by the School Department for programs; that near the bottom on the page near Economic Development there was close to $1.5 million going to the Enterprise Community Development Grant Program which was in addition to $1.5 million that the City received last year with a good chunk of those monies earmarked towards Community Policing Programs, but were also working on a Neighborhood Resource Center for purposes of job training, employment, etc.; that under Downtown Revitalization there was earmarked $1.5 million for Elm Street reconstruction and parking improvements and were looking towards a loan program which HUD had, Section 108 Loan Program and would be working to prepare that application package to HUD which, for example, could be bonded but noted they had tried to keep the bonding as minimal as possible as bonding directly hit the property tax rate and those funds would come out of a federally-guaranteed bond program; that on the next page of Table 1-1 the largest single chunk of monies in the CIP Program was for the Manchester Airport which included potential for runway expansions, reconstruction of the runways, and also sound insulation program which totalled close to $20 million which was about one-third of the CIP Program; that on the next page Table 1-2 was the various programs funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and by far the largest part of it was Community Development Block Grant funds with smaller funds from the HOME funds which was funding for housing programs as well as Emergency Shelter Grant funds noting it did not include any funds that the Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority received as those funds did not have to go through the City, but directly from the City government to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority noting there were a number of changes in this section with the arrows; that because of the Congressional difficulties in approving a budget for this year they did not know until last week exactly how much money the City would get under the programs and were estimating somewhere around $3.1 million in total noting they did get that number in and were fairly close in the estimates and did lose money in the Community Development portion, about $35,000 and gained some money in the Emergency Shelter Grant, so they were close but would have to make and did have to recommend changes to the program based upon those final numbers and asked Chairman Wihby if he wished him to go through each individual change recommended by the CIP Committee.

Ald. Shea stated the question he had regarded item 2.20503 noting there was quite a difference between what was requested and what was actually funded.

Mr. MacKenzie replied they had funded the program last year noting there were still monies left over from the program which would roll over into the next year, so they had talked with the agency who felt there would be funds including monies from last year to continue the program at that level.

Ald. Clancy stated he had received a call today from the Director at ALPHA TEEN, 83 Hanover Street who had omitted the $8,000 which had been put in last year to the CIP which was to help the kids in the inner-city area program noting she would like to get that money as she depended on it.

Mr. MacKenzie stated those monies were not included in this year's proposed CIP Program; that last year it had been under the City cash portion of the budget and believed it had been funded at $7,000 last year.

Ald. Clancy reiterated the Director wished to get $8,000 this year noting it was a worthwhile program.

Chairman Wihby stated there were a lot of worthwhile programs, but the problem that they had was the amount of money they had to spend it on.

Ald. Hirschmann in reference to the transportation and environment category stated it mentioned the landfill and showed the numbers shaded out in future years (1999-2002) knew it was a phased project but thought they needed money now and asked if there were any monies now and asked for an explanation.

Mr. MacKenzie replied the reason they were shaded out was because the City had already authorized all of the bonding for the closure noting that in that particular case they were using a State Revolving Loan Fund which was when the actual tax impact would hit.

Ald. Hirschmann stated some monies would be spent now with the bill being paid in 1999.

Mr. MacKenzie replied, yes; that the State would not start charging the City until certain phases were actually complete.

Ald. Reiniger asked if there was a desire to try and put in some money for the ALPHA Program or something else what would be the procedure at this point, would they have to go in and try to take it away from other categories or work with the Planning Director.

Chairman Wihby replied it could be added now, it would be Cash, therefore, the budget would go up by that $8,000 or the Planning Director could go back and see what he could do with some of the money there and perhaps reducing some by $500 or try and come up with the $8,000 within that number, but until the budget was okayed, they could still send the number and have that time to looking into changing the numbers as far as the $8,000 for ALPHA noting he was jotting down what people were saying to see what could be done to fit it in.

Ald. Clancy recommended that the Board have Mr. MacKenzie look to see if he could find the money ($8,000).

Mr. MacKenzie in reference to Table 1-3 as proposed stated it was the City cash portion of the budget; that the Mayor's proposal had been actually ten percent below what it was last year; that the major change recommended by the Committee was doubling the Annual Right of Way Maintenance which was actually the street resurfacing from $200,000 to $400,000 and believed it was on the listing on the agenda as a recommended change; that the next table, Tabled 1-4 (Bonds) and highlighted the School Capital Improvement Program on a previous occasion the CIP Committee had recommended adding $500,000 to the School Capital Improvement Program in order to complete the West High science labs and the Central and West heating and ventilation noting it had already been recommended by the full Board as a change; that the other two on it were West Memorial Field Improvements which was changed from $250,000 down to $150,000 and the Livingston Park capital improvements at $100,000 with the rest of the numbers having stayed the same; that the other large number in the Bond portion were City Hall and Annex Renovations at $500,000 and the next phase of the Computer System Upgrade.

Ald. Pariseau in reference to Community Management 8.20410 Motorized Equipment Replacement asked why it was charged to EPD, was it for their vehicles or other City vehicles. Mr. MacKenzie replied there was one large vehicle in there (sewer sucker) with a portion of that could be applied under their EPD rates with another portion not being able to noting they had prorated a portion through EPD which could be applied with the balance coming out of the bond.

Ald. Hirschmann in reference to the Annual Right of Way for the Highway Department ($400,000) asked if it included in the $200,000 the Board had talked about moving in. Chairman Wihby replied, yes, it would be $200,000 Cash and $200,000 from the CenterPlex funds.

Mr. MacKenzie in reference to Table 1-5, projects funded through Enterprise and fees stated the first couple of projects were relatively small ones which included improvements at McIntyre Ski area and the Phase II repairs to the JFK Coliseum which was for the arches which supported the building noting they were projects which would either be bonded or directly financed with Cash through the revenues generated by those organizations; that there were the Airport improvements which included the matching funds for the federal grants seen in Table 1-1; that there was also the Manchester Water Works which had the continuing improvement program to the entire water system; that on the last page there were proposed improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant as well as construction of the Cohas Brook Interceptor which was a major project, a $7 million project; that the multi-year program which was the other chart distributed noted there had been a couple of changes recommended in it and wanted to stress that it was not being appropriated this year by the Board but were used to give the Board an idea of what the necessary spending would be for the next several years, the next five years out noting it was important to do so because that was how they could analyze, for example, when the landfill impact would hit and try to keep a relatively level tax base; that there had been a few adjustments just as the School Capital Improvement Program in future years and the Parks Improvement Program noting there were recommending changes to those programs, as well.

Ald. Soucy in reference to Table 1-4 Response to Emergencies stated the Fire Department's request had originally been a million and a quarter and had been reduced to $280,000 and wondered what effect that would have and would it only replace a smaller amount of vehicles, was it all vehicle related, etc.

Mr. MacKenzie replied it was for the new 800 MHz Emergency Communications noting the Police Department was already on-line as well as a number of smaller departments and they had requested that the next few be the Fire Department which was the largest number who had been told by Chief Kane that he saw it as a future year project; that the number would include improvements for the Highway Department and Parks and Recreation, so it would be phased in by department.

Ald. Domaingue stated in looking at the impact of the landfill closure in 1999 asked if they had any idea as to what the tax impact that one figure would have on whatever the tax rate would be at the time.

Mr. MacKenzie replied they had tried to design it to keep a relatively stable tax rate, for example, this coming year's program basically was a wash because they were eliminating certain debt service from bonds issued probably 19 years ago and were proposing to add debt service as a result of the projects, so the CIP Program in general had been designed to be relatively tax impact neutral; that with the landfill closure he would have to have the Finance Department do some additional calculations, but the positive part of the landfill closure was that they would normally pay roughly five percent plus for bonds and the money they'd be getting from the New Hampshire State Revolving Loan Fund at one percent noted it was very favorable rates with the impact being much reduced from what the normal bond would be.

Chairman Wihby noting Ald. Pariseau was present once again asked Mr. MacKenzie to explain the 50/50 Sidewalk Program.

Mr. MacKenzie stated there were currently several outstanding projects which had money available for sidewalks noting they had reviewed with the Public Works Director whether some of the bond money which was already available could be used for the 50-50 Program who agreed that the money could be used for the program; that there was close to $500,000 available in past programs and proposed as part of this program for sidewalks which was both in Bond money and Community Development Block Grant monies, so there was a relatively large pool and would be talking to the CIP Committee later about reviewing existing priority listings for sidewalks, but noted the list had not changed for several years.

Ald. Hirschmann stated in moving the extra highway money for roads asked if priorities could be moved along with the money, could the Board direct those funds to certain streets.

Chairman Wihby replied normally the Highway Commission and the Highway Department reviewed their lists and started to address their priorities.

Ald. Hirschmann asked if there was a way to ensure that that process continued.

Ald. Robert stated he hoped the Committee would see fit to follow a tradition; that the last Public Works Committee took straight from the Highway Department, Frank Thomas', his own personal recommendation of what he thought based on need needed to get done and hoped that the Board would continue that tradition to try to minimize any undue influences and make sure that the best interest of the public were taken care of noting it was something which had worked out well.

Ald. Shea stated he thought the Board had been requested to submit a listing to Frank Thomas noting his concern would be that once the list was developed by him that the Board receive a breakdown concerning wards so that there would not be any type of difficulty distinguishing as to which wards would be addressed.

Chairman Wihby stated they would probably not receive such a listing until after the budget, but they would receive it.

Ald. Soucy stated there were also other considerations; that the Highway Department also looked at safety and welfare issues and also looked through the Utility Coordinating Committee at what other utilities were doing work in areas so as to try and conserve monies such as if Water Works and gas was working on lines and tearing up a road they would try to get them to share in the cost to try work on one whole area at a time and get things finished off noting that sometimes affected where funds were allocated to.

Ald. Elise noting she had arrived late stated aside from the 50/50 Program asked Mr. MacKenzie if he could review what other funding was available for sidewalks.

Mr. MacKenzie replied there was a bond balance from fiscal 1995 of $96,985 earmarked towards School Sidewalk construction, there was a 1996 bond allocation of $150,000, there was a $110,000 in CD monies earmarked in this fiscal year 1996 program, and there was proposed to be $150,000 in FY97 CD monies for sidewalk construction.

Chairman Wihby stated there was, therefore, $240,000 in sidewalk construction money and $110,000 in CDBG.

Ald. Elise stated there was another item on the agenda where the Board would be looking at the 50/50 Program as a separate line item.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 10-B of the agenda:

Report of the Committee on Community Improvement Program recommending amendments to the FY97 CIP budget resolution as follows:

Amend Paragraph 4, Page 2, by increasing the amount of Federal Community Development Block Grant Program funds and program income, Emergency Shelter Grant funds, and HOME funds from $3,159,700 to $3,160,700.

Amend Table 1-2 by decreasing allocations as follows:

2.20503 Rehab/Lead Based Paint Program
Manchester Housing & Redevelopment Authority -$20,000 CDBG
New Allocation $30,000 CDBG

2.50604 Day Care
Visiting Nurse Association -$15,000 CDBG
New Allocation $60,000 CDBG

8.30353 Special Needs Educational Facility
Planning/Improvement -$25,000 CDBG
New Allocation $275,000 CDBG

Amend Table 1-2 by increasing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and HOME fund allocations as follows:

2.20718 Pharmaceutical Program
Manchester Community Health Center
+$3,000 ESG
+$5,000 CDBG
New Allocation $3,000 ESG/$37,000 CDBG = $40,000 Total

2.50606 Operational and Rehabilitation Assistance
Manchester Emergency Housing/City Welfare Department +$10,500 ESG
New Allocation $17,300 ESG

2.50608 Operational Assistance
Helping Hands Outreach Center +$2,000 ESG
New Allocation $6,000 ESG

2.50626 Families in Transition, Manchester +$4,400 ESG
New Allocation $7,000 ESG

6.1000 HOME Projects
Community Improvement Program +$7,000 HOME
New Allocation $473,650 HOME

Amend Table 1-2 by decreasing HOME fund allocations and increasing Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) fund allocations as follows:

2.50623 Tenant Assistance To Secure Affordable Housing Security Deposit Loan Fund of Gr. Manchester
-$5,000 HOME
+$9,100 ESG
New Allocation $25,000 HOME/$15,500 ESG = $40,500 Total

Amend Table 1-2 by adding new projects to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) fund allocations as follows:

2.50501 Emily's Place, YWCA +$5,000 ESG
Total Allocation $5,000 ESG

2.50627 Accessibility Program +$20,000 CDBG
Total Allocation $20,000 CDBG

Amend Table 1-4 by decreasing the Bond fund allocations as follows:

5.10176 West Memorial Field Improvements
Parks & Recreation Dept. -$100,000 Bond
New Allocation $150,000 Bond

Amend Table 1-4 by adding a new project to the Bond fund allocations as follows:

5.10258 Livingston Park Capital Improvements
Parks & Recreation Dept. +$100,000 Bond
Total Allocation $100,000 Bond

Amend FY98 proposed CIP Program by decreasing Bond fund allocations as follows:

5.10119 Parks Improvement Program by $300,000 to an amount of $100,000 Bond
5.10176 West Memorial Field Improvements by $200,000 to an amount of $100,000 Bond

Amend FY98 proposed CIP Program by adding new Bond fund allocations as follows:

5.10258 Livingston Park Capital Improvements
Parks & Recreation Dept. $500,000. Bond

The Committee notes that the Planning Director has advised that the CDBG allocation from the Department of HUD was reduced by $35,000, and increased allocations are to be received in the Emergency Shelter Grant and HOME programs, and the amendments recommended are based on the report of the Planning Director (Item 1) included with the Committee's report for reference.

The Committee further notes that the changes in funding allocations for the West Memorial Field and Livingston Park Improvements are based on recommendations of the Planning Director in consultation with the Parks and Recreation Department, which are noted in item 8 with attachments in the Planning Director's report included with the Committee's report for reference.

Chairman Wihby asked if there were any further questions and if there were none then a motion was in order to accept the report of the Committee and to amend the appropriating resolution as outlined in the report.

Ald. Pariseau moved to accept, receive, and adopt the report of the Committee, and to amend the appropriating resolution as outlined in the report. Ald. Domaingue duly seconded the motion.

Ald. Reiniger wished to address the item relative to the Middle School; that he had concerns about the project which was $9 million noting he had had discussions with the State Department of Education; that they had been told that the reason for a new school noting he had gone back to 1970's and found out there were upwards of 2,000 more students then than there was today and also found out that there were 147 more classrooms today than there was then, so the question was how was there an overcrowding problem today and not in the 1970's.

Ald. Soucy interjected that standards had changed.

Ald. Reiniger asked what standards, what specific standards noting there were no answers to that question and had had discussions with the State Department of Education who had said in a few words "it was ridiculous to blame special ed for an overcrowding issue"; that he had looked at specific regulations and after having reviewed them and in talking with State officials who had indicated there was nothing in the regs which required more classes for special ed, so they thought that was crazy and would want to table it for the benefit of the taxpayers to get answers to those questions and thought the burden, there was a burden to come to the Board with a very strong argument to spend the money and if it were being done for reasons of educational programs or philosophy then it should be presented that way separately, but in terms of an overcrowding issue he did not see it.

Chairman Wihby stated one approach would be to table a specific item but then the Board was only sending a number to the public hearing, so they still had a chance to change the CIP numbers until they okayed the CIP budget, they could send it to the public hearing and vote on it afterwards or they could do it now.

Ald. Domaingue stated Ald. Reiniger had asked an appropriate question "of what standards" and wished to refer Ald. Reiniger to the State minimum standards of which there was a booklet full noting one specific reference she would make to the State minimum standards was that it was impacting every single school district in the State which referred to the library in every elementary classroom and the number of square feet it required for that library and the number of sheer volumes required to be on the shelves of those libraries and if every elementary school and most of them did not have a library they had to make room for it if the community could not afford the addition and so they took out the square footage in classroom space which was existing and replaced it with a library; that there were also other standards listed in that booklet and was sure if he had been speaking with State education officials they would have been more than happy to refer him to the booklet, so he could apprise himself of what those standards were; that the special education may not have impacted classroom space per se, but it certainly impacted the number of students that could be taught and the number of education aides which were required to be in that classroom thus reducing the number of students and moving them into another area which was something she had been studying for quite some time and could assure Ald. Reiniger that they would do a reciprocal visit to their wards as they had agreed and would be happy to take him where she had taken Ald. Elise and Ald. Shea already and show him the sheer number of homes popping up in Ward 8 alone noting that since December they had had 112 approvals of single-family residential home lots and the last time she had checked they weren't making those homes without bedrooms and unless the City of Manchester chose not to allow parents to have children, they would need to address the problem of how they were to be educated and where they were to be placed and found it to be a very valid concern.

Ald. Robert in reference to the study done in the 70's mentioned by Ald. Reiniger stated he had been in junior high school/high school at that time noting that a class size of 30 pupils was not uncommon and also having been a teacher a few years back was a very difficult number to deal with noting that a lot of people slipped through the cracks that way; that he had had his problems with the School Department like others, but he would have a difficult time saying no to what they were asking, at least as far as a school down the southend was concerned.

Ald. Soucy stated there was another issue which was moving toward a middle school concept and moving sixth graders in with seventh and eight graders which was something that the School Department had taken public; that both she and Ald. Domaingue had attended a public hearing at Southside Jr. High where there were numerous parents whose children would be affected by such a change and that there had been a very lengthy presentation with a panel of people from other school districts and also from the City who had been working changes in curriculum and changes in that format towards a middle school program and thought there was a two-fold concern with one being the crowding issue noting there was significant crowding particularly in areas of Wards 6 and 8 and even in Ward 2 where there had been significant growth in the number of single-family homes and in addition there was a conceptual change and thought that moving towards a middle school there were a lot of good reasons for doing so above and beyond the crowding issue and there were a lot of good educational reasons for doing so as well as developmental reasons also.

Ald. Cashin stated Ald. Reiniger had brought up a lot of valid points and asked if it shouldn't be addressed to the School Board which he felt they should address; that they knew the class sizes had been diminished and should be given to the School Board in writing and let the School Board come back to this Board with some answers noting the Board was not able to answer those questions this evening.

Ald. Hirschmann stated he realized they were trying to send a number of the public hearing noting this item had not been discussed at the full Board level; that the Joint School Buildings Committee had never gone to the Board with a report saying what had occurred at the Committee level; that he understood a school was needed but there had been no facts or fiction presented.

Chairman Wihby stated the Committee on Joints School Buildings was meeting immediately after this meeting; that on June 12th there was a joint session scheduled with the School Board regarding the Middle School and all of the other items they wished to discuss.

Ald. Elise stated she would agree to tabling this item and ask questions of the School Board in writing and if they were not asked by the Committee on Joint School Buildings...

Chairman Wihby interjected that the Board should go forward this evening with sending a number to public hearing otherwise there would have to be another meeting before June 11th which would be sometimes at the end of this week because they had to have so many days that the number sat on the table noting the Board would not have any answers until June 12th anyway and suggested the Board go forward today, send them the communication which was suggested by Ald. Reiniger noting that when they met on June 12th the Board would be looking for that answer and it could still be changed up until July 1st.

Ald. Elise stated based on the information at this time she was opposed to funding the new Middle School and did not think enough research had been conducted to things such as privatizing kindergarten noting that half of the kids in kindergarten and going into the first grade were already in private kindergartens, a voucher system, reuse of existing buildings as there had been successful reuse of the Union Leader building, the Post Office, the Millyard would be a perfect area for a complex of high school, junior high, whatever and knew that in her ward people were opposed to having the sixth graders in the middle school; that a middle school could be run with seventh and eight graders without putting the sixth graders in there noting they didn't necessarily need that component and could run that type of program with just seventh and eighth graders, so she would be opposed to funding money for a new middle school and in reference to the Green Acres School stated there was probably ten teams playing on that field right now and asked where would they go.

Ald. Soucy asked where would they go in the Millyard.

Ald. Reiniger as a follow-up stated he had familiarized himself with the minimum standards noting he had the packet in his office and that the important standard was that as of today for kindergarten through grade 2 the standard was 25 students or less in a classroom with grades 3 through 12 being 30 and in doing the numbers noted the City was well under both of those numbers today; that there could be a problem in the southend of the City and would suggest that Ald. Domaingue meet with the School Superintendent to see if there were ways to redistrict some of the students to fill up some of the space throughout the rest of the City rather than spending $9 million dollars.

Chairman Wihby suggested a communication be forwarded to the School Board indicating to them that the Board would like that discussed at their meeting scheduled for June 12th and asked if that was acceptable.

Ald. Cashin stated he thought a communication should be forwarded to the School Board so they would be prepared to answer the questions when they came to the meeting.

Chairman Wihby reiterated the communication would be forwarded to the School Board.

Ald. Domaingue stated she needed to know where Ald. Reiniger was getting his numbers for well under 25 in the elementary level because those were not the numbers which were presented to the Committee on Joint School Buildings in terms of capacity.

Ald. Reiniger stated maybe they didn't have the right information.

Chairman Wihby stated that was the reason why the School Board wanted to talk to the Board.

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

Chairman Wihby addressed item 10-C of the agenda:

> Report of the Committee on Community Improvement Program recommending that the CIP resolution be amended by increasing the municipal fund (cash) allocation by $200,000 utilizing funds received from the Rooms and Meals Tax for the purpose of adding $200,000 to the 7.10104 Annual Right of Way Maintenance Project for the Street Resurfacing program, so as to allocate a total of $400,000.

Ald. Domaingue moved to accept, receive, and adopt the report and amend Page 3, Paragraph 2, of the resolution increasing municipal funds from $878,500 to $1,078,500, and amend Table 1-3, 7.10104 Annual Right of Way Maintenance (Street Resurfacing) by increasing same by the amount of $200,000 so as to appropriate $400,000, in accordance with a report of the Committee on Community Improvement Program. Ald. Clancy duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 10-D of the agenda:

> Minority report of the Community Improvement Program Committee presented as follows:
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> I, the undersigned, being in the minority of the Community Improvement Program Committee, have not seen sufficient evidence that the student population cannot be managed within the existing facilities, particularly in view of the enrollment statistics since 1970, and therefore would recommend that the $4,500,000 FY97 CIP allocation for the 3.30519 Middle School Program be tabled pending further justification of an overcrowding problem.
> s/Alderman Reiniger

On motion of Ald. Pariseau, duly seconded by Ald. Reiniger, it was voted to refer to the School Board.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 10-E of the agenda:

Ald. Domaingue moved to amend Page 3, Paragraph 3, of the resolution increasing short term notes and general obligation bonds from $8,980,000 to $9,480,000; and amend Table 1-4 by increasing 3.30520 School Capital Improvement Program from 1,750,000 to 2,250,000; and further to decrease the 1998 CIP proposed program by decreasing 3.30520 School Capital Improvement Program from $2,300,000 to $1,800,000. Ald. Shea duly seconded the motion.

Ald. Pariseau stated he did not understand 10-E and asked if it was something which was done by previous Board's relative to capping the bonding at 2.68 or whatever it was.

Clerk Johnson replied it was due to an action taken by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at its last meeting which on the basis of accepting that report and having them proceed with projects regarding that item.

Ald. Pariseau asked which item it appeared as on the last agenda.

Mr. MacKenzie stated it was on the Consent Agenda as a report of the Committee on CIP; that the CIP Committee two meetings ago...he had brought forth in order to accomplish both the West High science lab reconstruction and the West and Central High Schools heating and ventilation projects this summer they would have to move $500,000 from a future year program 1998 into the FY97 School Capital Improvement Program as they had now received the bids for both the heating and ventilation which was just over $1.5 million and just Friday received the bids for the science lab renovations at West High School, so that was the amount of money they felt was needed to accomplish both of those this summer.

Ald. Cashin wanted to know if the bids had come in higher than what had been budgeted.

Mr. MacKenzie replied the bids for the heating and ventilation did come in higher; that the bids for the West High science labs came in at about what had been expected.

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

Chairman Wihby addressed item 10-F of the agenda:

> Communication from Alderman Elise relative to the 50/50 Sidewalk Program.

Chairman Wihby noted item 10-F had already been taken care of.

Ald. Elise asked if it was a separate program noting it was currently listed under the Highway Department's budget.

Mr. MacKenzie stated in the FY96 CIP it was a Sidewalk Construction Program which had not been touched noting he had talked with Frank Thomas who had indicated he would be willing, at the discretion of the Committee or the full Board to allocate $50,000 of that towards the 50/50 program and if the program wished to make a recommendation or directive to that extent it could be done.

Ald. Shea moved that $50,000 be allocated for the 50/50 Sidewalk Program. Ald. Elise duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Ald. Domaingue moved that the amended CIP appropriating resolution be referred to public hearing on Tuesday, June 11, 1996 at 7:00 PM at Memorial High School Auditorium, So. Porter Street, Manchester, NH. Ald. Shea duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 11 of the agenda:

Resolution:

"A Resolution appropriating the sum of $5,341,945 from Solid Waste Enterprise to the Solid Waste Division for Fiscal Year 1997."

On motion of Ald. Domaingue, duly seconded by Ald. Soucy, it was voted that the appropriating resolution be read by title only, and it was so done.

Chairman Wihby stated a motion was in order to receive and file the resolution which pertained to the Bag and Tag proposal which had been denied.

Ald. Pariseau moved that the resolution be received and file. Ald. Hirschmann duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 12 of the agenda:

Resolution:

"Raising Monies and Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 1997."

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

Chairman Wihby distributed a handout noting that the first column was the Mayor's number, the second column being the revenues, with the third and fourth columns beings the requests from the department heads for expenditures and revenues with the last two being the numbers they hopefully would pass to send to public hearing on June 11th; that they had taken out the departments which the Mayor had tried to consolidate and put them back in.

Ald. Pariseau asked if it included eliminating the Assessors.

Chairman Wihby replied, no, it did not include eliminating the Assessors; that on page 2 the numbers which were changed noted the Salary/Health Adjustment ($928,602) was there so they could take care of either the raises or if not the raises it would pay for the health insurance and left School Severance the way it was

($500,000) and Tuition it went down from the last meeting as a result of a copy of a letter received from Hugh Moran who indicated they would not need the whole amount (from $61,500 to $46,000); that on page 3 the Contingency went down from $250,000 to $200,000, Civic Contributions was down $8,000 because that had been for the SEE Museum, Safety Review went up $5,000 because they said if they were given $5,000 they could save the City a lot more money, Community Improvement went up $200,000 for the street paving and $5,000 for the letter the Board received from the Mayor's Office for Cash for CMAQ which was the study for the streets around the Airport; that the Transit Subsidy would now go up $9,000 based on action taken this evening; that the Overlay went down $500,000, the Fund Balance was looking better than had been anticipated for an additional $250,000, with the Valuations having gone up $14 million to $3 billion noting they had used a range, they used $360 to $365, but the five million dollars on three billion dollars worth of property wasn't a whole lot of money, so he used the high range there and would come out to 3.9 percent; that technically that would be a $30.80 noting that the current rate was $29.63, so it was up $117 with the average house being $100,000 and would be $117 for an average house which would be the increase; that on page 1 Revenues which were higher such as the building permit fees went up $50,000 mostly because of the Mall of New Hampshire, Aviation had gone before the Board saying there was $30,000 more the Board could count on, Rooms and Meals was $200,000, Planning fees had gone up $7,000, the Tax Collector had said there was property they could get $200,000 from for auctions, the Drop Off Center included $437,000, School Tuition they were looking at that number noting he had called them after the Board's last meeting where one percent had been taken out of their budget which was $529,000 or thereabouts and told them after the last meeting that if the Board felt that if they found any additional revenues they could put that number back in their budget noting they had found an additional $200,000, so the School was not down the one percent that they had planned but rather down six-tenths of one percent, so it was down to $329,000 instead of $529,000; that they set up the Enterprise Funds which was about $100,000 to pay the City for the administration costs; that the fund balance was up $250,000, the City Clerk Cable Franchise Fee was down because it couldn't be done, so that money had to be thrown back in and then there was the resolution which had three outstanding issues being a resolution from Finance.

Ald. Hirschmann in reference to the $200,000 more in Revenue found by the Schools asked if they would be given back $200,000 in expenses because they found it.

Chairman Wihby replied he had been under the impression at the last meeting that the Board had told them if they found additional money they could have it, so they found $200,000 in tuition for special ed that they had been calculating wrong and so that number was included so the cut from one percent went down to six-tenths of one percent; that in reference to a resolution from Finance to put together a plan which indicated if they took all the money they had in accounts (i.e., Worker's Compensation, Insurance Liability, "Old" Pension, and Health Insurance) sitting there and instead of having them in the City funding getting a low interest rate, put them into a Trust Fund so they could triple their interest and make about $300,000 more for the City, so the resolutions would actually let them to that, to form a Trust Fund and would get the interest from that at a higher rate than was happening now, so nothing would be changing, no numbers would change, but rather the way in which it would be invested and would be allowed to do so with the resolutions.

Ald. Domaingue noting those figures were already all figured in stated they would then be assuming, if adopted, a certain appropriation of money would be received as a result.

Chairman Wihby replied, yes; that it was $528,000 minus $250,000, so it would be about $278,000 it would bring in additionally.

Ald. Shea asked where it was calculated into.

Chairman Wihby replied it was calculated into the Finance revenue.

Ald. Soucy noted the third resolution "Establishing a Workmen's Compensation Trust Fund" should read "Establishing a Worker's Compensation Trust Fund" in order to comply with State law.

Ald. Pariseau asked if it was to generate revenues from interest.

Chairman Wihby replied, yes; that additional interest could be earned if trust funds were set up.

Ald. Pariseau stated the City could then take that revenue and place it elsewhere.

Chairman Wihby replied, no; that they were not doing anything with anybody's money; that they were going to invest the money in a better location by forming the trust funds.

Ald. Pariseau in reference to the Retirement Trust Fund which was $1,850,000 or whatever and it generated say $200,000 over the year, they would then take the interest, keep in the trust so it would lower the following year's appropriation from $1,850,000 to $1,650,000 and asked if that was the purpose of setting up the trust funds.

Chairman Wihby replied he thought the purpose of the trust funds...noting Finance officials would be present tomorrow as they were unable to attend this evening's meeting because they had two different meetings to go to this evening; that it was his understanding that it was the additional revenue which would be able to be earned by having a trust fund; that they weren't using the money or changing the money, but investing it in a better place.

Ald. Pariseau stated he understood that, however, he thought they would be able to take the revenue generated and put it wherever they wanted to.

Chairman Wihby stated they could.

Ald. Robert asked where it would go.

Chairman Wihby replied it had to go to the full Board, a public hearing to get input at which time Finance would explain it, and would then appear on a Board agenda; that the number was in the budget and if nobody liked the idea he had assumed that the Board would cut one percent from the MTA but the Board did not want to, so the number was now wrong and had to add in $9,000 noting the numbers would be changed again between now and when the budget would be okayed.

Ald. Pariseau stated he understood and thought it was good, but thought it was in anticipation of next year's budget as long as it was not used to offset the increase of 3.9 percent and asked what was the total anticipated revenues from the trusts.

Chairman Wihby replied $278,000.

Ald. Cashin stated it did not have to be acted upon this evening.

Chairman Wihby stated he was merely distributing it to show that it was included in the numbers noting that Finance would be present tomorrow evening, it still had to go to public hearing as well as an Aldermanic Committee; that he was trying to explain what the number represented.

Ald. Cashin stated assuming the fund did not do as well as anticipated asked if the City was liable, if there was a shortfall.

Chairman Wihby stated the revenue went into the General Fund as it was now and with putting it into a trust fund it was his understanding that they would be able to accumulate higher interest.

Ald. Clancy in reference to the revised budget distributed pertaining to the Fire Department ($10,040,626) and for the Police Department ($9,826,831) stated that the Fire Department had 40 men more than the Police Department with only a $216,000 difference.

Chairman Wihby stated in reviewing last year's budget the Fire Department was only $50,000 more than the Police Department.

Ald. Hirschmann stated it was unfair to compare the two.

Ald. Clancy stated he wasn't saying to compare, but there was a difference of 40 men.

Chairman Wihby noted they did it with $50,000 last year; that another anticipation of the budget was that there was still two more numbers which had not been...in looking at it it was 3.9 percent which assumed that the trust funds went through, the Reclamation Trust went through which was currently sitting in Committee, and also assumed that the parking revenue plan went through and if any of those three numbers did not go through the 3.9 percent could go up to who know what depending upon what plan went through, so at this point he was assuming they would go through and if they didn't the numbers would change, but today it was at 3.9 percent assuming they all went through; that there was no sense in changing the number today so long as they remembered what they wanted to change, go through the process, send it to public hearing, hear the people, get input from the School who would be saying to add, hearing from taxpayers saying to cut; that if they were only looking at a difference of $9,000 they'd be sitting pretty, but they were looking at a couple of things not happening which would total $1.5 million and thought there was no sense in changing the number so long as the Board knew that it would change anyway.

Ald. Pariseau stated he wished to review the trust funds again; that he knew that Joanne Shaffer did a remarkable job as custodian of the trust funds for FY96, in fact, the City owed her a deep, a lot of gratitude because of her "woman's intuition", she brought in an additional $400,000 or $500,000 in unanticipated revenues, but looking at the trust funds which were being proposed they were looking at a total of $12,659,273 and if he was being told it would only generate $278,000 in revenue.

Chairman Wihby stated right now the way those funds were invested was that they received about $250,000 and Finance officials were saying if they put the trust funds in place they could get $528,000 or an additional $278,000 and reiterated that they could explain it tomorrow evening or the next time it would come up; that there were two things they could look at with CIP - ALPHA ($8,000), MTA ($9,000), they knew that the parking funds, the Reclamation, and the trust funds resolutions were still three outstanding issues, and in the meantime departments could come back such as Personnel today saying to save $15,000, so were able to take care of that; that they took care of the Mayor's letter the other day where monies had to be added and maybe they'd get lucky and have some more jackpots.

Ald. Domaingue stated in reference to page 3 under Community Improvements noted the figure was up by $200,000 based on the amount of money that had been switched from Rooms and Meals to the line item and wanted to make sure that the $200,000 wasn't plugged in without an offset.

Chairman Wihby stated the $200,000 was in the Finance revenue.

Ald. Clancy moved to amend the resolution so as to appropriate $145,525,583. Ald. Pariseau duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Ald. Hirschmann moved that the amended appropriating resolution be referred to public hearing on Tuesday, June 11, 1996 at 7:00 PM at Memorial High School Auditorium, So. Porter Street, Manchester, NH. Ald. Pariseau duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ald. Domaingue duly recorded in opposition.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 12-A of the agenda:

> Communication from Mayor Wieczorek regarding a budget referral to the Committee on Finance relating to the Board of Assessors.

This item was not addressed.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee