

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

August 6, 1996

Upon Recess of BMA

Due to the absence of Mayor Wieczorek, Chairman Wihby 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

Chairman Wihby addressed item 3 of the agenda:

Communication from Assistant City Solicitor and Deputy City Clerk submitting a proposed revision to Chapter 8, Finances, of the Code of Ordinances.

The Clerk noted that the Committee on Accounts was presently needing to review some amendments being proposed by the Finance Department after considerations with the City Solicitor and suggested that the recommendation be that the ordinance be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading and that the Committee on Accounts review amendments proposed and report to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading.

On motion of Ald. Pariseau, duly seconded by Ald. Clancy, it was voted that the communication be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading and that the Committee on Accounts review amendments proposed and report to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from Aldermen Shea, Domaingue and Pariseau requesting the Board consider providing a civic contribution to the South Little League to help defray the costs of attending the regional finals in Bristol, Connecticut.

Chairman Wihby stated he had talked with the Finance Department who indicated \$500.00 could be taken from Civic Contributions.

On motion of Ald. Pariseau, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted to authorize \$500.00 from Civic Contributions to the South Little League to help defray costs.

Ald. Domainque stated the group was in Bristol, Connecticut and wished anyone who wanted to forward mail donations to the Manchester South Little League, P. O. Box 4027, Manchester, NH 03108.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 5 of the agenda:

Bond Resolution:

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of \$250,000 for the 1996 CIP 5.10117 Gill Stadium Rehabilitation - Phase II."

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

Ald. Clancy moved that the Bond Resolution ought to pass and lay over. Ald. Sysyn duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 6 of the agenda:

Resolutions:

"Amending the 1996 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for various School Department Grants."

"Amending the 1996 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$75,000 for the 1996 CIP 5.10117 Gill Stadium Rehabilitation Project - Phase II."

"Amending the 1996 Community Improvement Programs, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$5,000 for the 1996 CIP 8.20401 Archival Record Retrieval Project."

"Amending the 1997 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the 1997 CIP 2.10105 Youth Community Outreach Worker."

"Amending the 1997 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$9,633 for the 1997 CIP 4.10127 DRUG TASK FORCE Program."

"Amending the 1997 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the 1997 CIP 4.20104 Juvenile Jail Removal."

"Amending the 1997 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the FY97 Driver Education Program."

"Amending the 1994 & 1997 Community Improvement Programs, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$439,938.16 for certain 1997 CIP Projects."

"Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Four Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$439,938.16) from the 1994 CIP Projects. 3.30513A Wilson School Community Center 3.30513B Hallsville School Community Center, 6.50218 Science & Technology Center Acquisition & Development Project and 7.10405 Hampshire Plaza Municipal Parking Garage projects to the 1997 CIP 5.10155 School Recreational Facilities Parking Lot Resurfacing, 5.10258 Livingston Park Capital Improvements, 8.30202 City Hall Roof Replacement and 8.30349 West Branch Library Renovations."

"Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars from the 1996 CIP 7.50101 School Sidewalk Construction Program to the 1997 CIP 7.50102 Sidewalk Fifty-Fifty Program."

"Amending the 1996 & 1997 Community Improvement Programs, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$100,000 for the 1997 CIP 7.50102 Sidewalk Fifty-Fifty Program."

On motion of Ald. Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Shea, it was voted that the Resolutions be read by titles only, and it was so done.

On motion of Ald. Clancy, duly seconded by Ald. Soucy, it was voted that the Resolutions ought to pass.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 7 of the agenda:

1994 CIP Budget Authorizations:

- 3.30513A Wilson School Community Center
- 3.30513B Hallsville School Community Center
- 6.50218 Science & Technology Center Acquisition & Development
- 7.10405 Hampshire Plaza Municipal Parking Garage
- 8.10401 Code of Ordinance Update

On motion of Ald. Clancy, duly seconded by Ald. Sysyn, it was voted to approve the 1994 CIP budget authorizations subject to the final adoption of related resolutions.

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Chairman Wihby addressed item 8 of the agenda:

1995 CIP Budget Authorization:

7.40370 Sanitary Landfill Management Closure

On motion of Ald. Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Shea, it was voted to approve the 1995 CIP budget authorization.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 9 of the agenda:

1996 CIP Budget Authorizations:

4.10303 Pedestrian Safety Program

7.10216 Traffic Signal LED Replacement Program

8.20135 Public Access CD-ROM Library

On motion of Ald. Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Pariseau, it was voted to approve the 1996 CIP budget authorizations.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 10 of the agenda:

1996 CIP Budget Authorizations:

5.10117 Gill Stadium Rehabilitation-Phase II

7.50101 School Sidewalk Construction

8.20401 Archival Record Retrieval

On motion of Ald. Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Clancy, it was voted to approve the 1996 CIP budget authorizations subject to the final adoption of related resolutions.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 11 of the agenda:

1997 CIP Budget Authorizations:

6.10312 CIP Housing Administration (CDBG)

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On motion of Ald. Clancy, duly seconded by Ald. Reiniger, it was voted to approve the 1997 CIP budget authorizations.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 12 of the agenda:

1997 CIP Budget Authorizations:

2.10105 Youth Community Outreach Worker

4.10127 NH Drug Task Force

4.20104 Juvenile Jail Removal

5.10155 School Recreation Facilities Parking Lot
Resurfacing

5.10258 Livingston Park Capital Improvements

7.50102 50/50 Sidewalk Program

8.30202 City Hall Roof Replacement

8.30349 West Library Improvement

On motion of Ald. Shea, duly seconded by Ald. Sysyn, it was voted to approve the 1997 CIP budget authorizations subject to the final adoption of related resolutions.

Chairman Wihby addressed item 13 of the agenda:

Personnel Committee Actions on agenda PC-5.

Ald. Robert moved that the personnel committee actions on agenda PC-5 be approved. Ald. Domainque duly seconded the motion.

Ald. Cashin asked that some of the positions be sent back to Personnel; that the Airport Assistant Director of Public Relations, Finance Analyst, an accounting position at PBS; that there was \$135,000 worth of either new or positions which had not been filled for two years and asked how could the Board go to its employees saying they didn't have the money for negotiations if they were to allow these type of things to happen noting it had to stop; that they just couldn't afford it any longer and he wasn't saying they weren't needed and were not nice to have but thought they were now at a point where they really had to take a hard look at some of these things.

Chairman Wihby asked which ones was he concerned with.

Ald. Cashin replied his concerns dealt with the Director of Public Relations for the Airport, a Financial Analyst in the Finance Department, an Account Clerk at \$27,000; that the Public Relations position was \$58,000, the Analyst was \$49,000 noting they were talking about pretty heavy money for a grand total of \$135,000.

Chairman Wihby stated they were budgeted positions.

Ald. Cashin stated he did not believe they were.

Ald. Hirschmann stated they were budgeted positions within the '97 budget.

Ald. Cashin stated just because a budget was passed did not mean they had to spend it noting they were sending a very negative message out there to those people.

Ald. Hirschmann stated Ald. Cashin had an opportunity to pull them out during the budget process.

Ald. Cashin stated he was willing to vote against the whole budget process, if they recalled correctly.

Ald. Domainque stated she would speak only to the Airport Assistant Director for Public Relations because she had questioned it noting that position was budgeted for would mean a savings of approximately \$50,000 a year in the amount of money they currently use to hire contracted public relations people.

Chairman Wihby asked Mr. Moran if they were all budgeted positions requested for.

Mr. Moran replied to the best of his knowledge, yes.

Chairman Wihby called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried with Ald. Cashin duly recorded in opposition.

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.

Lois B. Berman
Clerk of Committee