

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**February 19, 2008
Mayor and all Aldermen**

**Upon Recess of BMA
Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)**

Mayor Guinta called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen M. Roy, Gatsas, Sullivan, J. Roy, Osborne, Pinard,
O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Ouellette,
Domaingue.

3. Resolution:

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Forty Eight
Thousand Dollars (\$48,000) from Contingency to the Manchester Police
Department.”

On motion of Alderman J. Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted
to read by title only.

Alderman Pinard made a motion that the Resolution pass and be Enrolled. The
motion was duly seconded by Alderman Domaingue.

Alderman Gatsas asked is there any reason why we have to do this some five
months before the year end? There's no reason why we can't wait until the year
end to see if there is enough money in their budget to do this. I'm not opposed to
the transfer, but there's no reason to transfer it this early, out of Contingency. I'm
not saying we shouldn't do it.

Mayor Guinta stated I'm being informed, Alderman, that it was passed at a
previous meeting, so this is just a technical reading.

Alderman Gatsas stated so we can still table this and wait three or four months to see if there's money in their budget, where we don't have to allocate it out of Contingency.

Mayor Guinta stated that's true. I have no objection to it laying on the table.

Alderman O'Neil stated this was something that was not planned, and though I don't disagree with Alderman Gatsas' thought processes, the departments want to move forward. They don't want to be looking over their shoulder. Do they have enough money at the end of the year? This was not planned. It was not planned when they presented their budget. I think the appropriate action is pulling the money from Contingency and getting this done.

Alderman Gatsas stated every year there is always money left in budgets as we appropriate them forward. There's no reason why the Police can't go forward with this and why we don't understand that we can wait and do this in May if they don't have money in their budget. There's no reason to move it out of Contingency into a budget when there may be enough money there, when right now we know that Highway is \$450,000 in the red. Once it's in there, you can't get it back.

Alderman O'Neil stated Your Honor, I'll yield to Mr. Sanders. The bottom line is I think either way, we're going to send the officers to the school. Correct? So what is the best way to handle this? We've had this discussion previously on similar items. I don't think it's an issue for the department. I think it's a finance issue for the City.

Mr. Bill Sanders, Finance Officer, stated I think it would be perfectly appropriate to make a note of the expenditure being approved but await transferring the Contingency until we see what the overall budget for the Police Department is and whether they can absorb some of it.

On motion of Alderman Gatsas, duly seconded by Alderman Sullivan, it was voted to table this item. Aldermen Roy and DeVries voted in opposition.

Alderman O'Neil stated just to clarify, this does not prevent this program from going forward.

4. Budget Authorization:
CIP 411108 – NH speed Enforcement Program

On motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to approve this budget authorization.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee