

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

December 16, 1997

7:30 PM

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting to order in joint session with the Library Trustees.

Mayor Wieczorek called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Domaingue.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll. There were twelve Aldermen and six Library Trustees present.

Present:

Board of Aldermen

Aldermen Wihby, Elise, Reiniger, Sysyn, Clancy, Soucy, Shea, Domaingue, Pariseau, Cashin, Robert, Hirschmann

Library Trustees

Kevin Devine, Karen Sheehan Lord, Kathleen Sullivan, Dr. Virginia Theo-Steelman, Madeleine Roy, Roger Duhaime

Mayor Wieczorek advised that nominations are in order to fill a vacancy on the Manchester City Library Board of Trustees; such nominee to succeed Karen Sheehan Lord, term to expire October 1, 2004.

Library Trustee Theo-Steelman stated on behalf of the Board of Trustees, we seek confirmation of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of Karen Sheehan Lord to succeed herself in her initial full appointment. She succeeded a prior appointee and this is the first full-term and we nominate Karen Sheehan Lord.

Alderman Wihby moved to close nominations. Library Trustee Theo-Steelman duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Wieczorek advised that nominations are in order to fill a vacancy on the Manchester City Library Board of Trustees, such nominee to succeed Romeo E. Dorval, term to expire October 1, 2005.

Library Trustee Theo-Steelman stated we nominate Carlos Gonzalez as a first full-term to fulfill Mr. Dorval's appointment on the Board of Trustees.

Alderman Pariseau moved to close nominations. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion.

There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Wihby moved to suspend the rules and moved to confirm the nominations of Karen Sheehan Lord, term expiring October 1, 2004, and Carlos Gonzalez, term expiring October 1, 2005.

Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the joint session, on motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Library Trustee Devine, it was voted to adjourn.

Mayor Wieczorek called the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to order.

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

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

Mayor Wieczorek stated this being the final meeting of this Board, we have four Aldermen that are going to be leaving the Board and we would like to recognize their services.

First recognized was Francoise Elise Spradling who was presented with a key to the City in recognition and appreciation for her service to the citizens of Manchester, January 1992 - December 1997, having represented Ward 2 for six years.

Mayor Wieczorek then called for Donna Soucy, noting she had served on the Board for four years, under two terms. She was presented with a key to the City in recognition and appreciation for her service to the citizens of Manchester, January 1997 - December 1997, representing the citizens of Ward 6.

Mayor Wieczorek next called for Jacquelyn Domaingue noting this was the second time she had served, once in 1991 and again in 96-97. Mayor Wieczorek presented Ms. Domaingue a key to the City of Manchester in recognition and appreciation for her services to the citizens of Manchester, January 1996 - December 1997, representing the citizens of Ward 8.

Mayor Wieczorek then called for Thomas Robert, and presented him with a key to the City of Manchester in recognition and appreciation for his service to the citizens of Manchester - January 1992 - December 1997 representing the citizens of Ward 11.

Mayor Wieczorek noted that Carlos Gonzalez had arrived and congratulated him on his confirmation to the Library Board of Trustees.

Mayor Wieczorek stated the "Spirit of Manchester" Award Committee recently convened and selected an individual to be honored in the month of December for outstanding service to the City of Manchester. The parameters of the award state that the recipient should have contributed to the quality of life in Manchester, performing acts that are clearly above and beyond the call of duty. This month's winner is Eva Caron, a 72 year old volunteer to the Crotched Mountain Foster Grandparent Program. Every school day for the past nine years, she has lent her helping hands to kindergarten and second grade classes at the Parker Varney Elementary School. There Eva has given students computer and reading instructions as well as general guidance. Through her selfless devotion and caring actions she has won the love of the children she assists. Eva Caron has truly shown the spirit of Manchester in her heroic volunteer efforts. As the teacher who nominated Eva stated she is both a reliable and fair individual who has touched the lives of so many children and, Eva, I want to offer our thanks and congratulations to you for being the nominee and winner of the Spirit Award in the month of December. Thank you very much.

Shari Wheeler, Coordinator at the Foster Grandparent Program stated I have been able to work with Eva at Parker Varney for the past couple of years. I just want to thank, on behalf of Eva and the rest of the Foster Grandparents who number about 40 here in the Manchester area to thank the City of Manchester for allowing them, the seniors, to touch so many children's lives.

Mayor Wieczorek stated thank you very much.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Wieczorek advised if you desire to remove any of the following items from the Consent Agenda, please so indicate. If none of the items are to be removed, one motion only will be taken at the conclusion of the presentation.

Minutes Accepted

- A. Minutes of meetings held October 7, 1997; October 21, 1997; November 5, 1997 (two meetings); November 6, 1997; November 18, 1997; and December 2, 1997 (two meetings).

Informational to be Received and Filed

- B. Communication from the Manchester Airport Authority submitting minutes of their September 23, 1997, and October 23, 1997 meetings.
- C. Communication from the City Clerk reporting on Personnel Committee action taken the full Board on December 2, 1997, authorizing the Finance Officer to fill the Second Deputy Finance Officer position and returning the two Financial Analyst positions to Grade 27.
- E. Communication from the Library Director extending appreciation to the Board for meeting with Jan Shepherd regarding the City's Library Literacy Volunteers of America program.
- G. Copy of a communication from the Chairman of the Safety Review Board to the Board of School Committee regarding safety concerns relative to school stages.
- H. Communication from Rev. Msgr. Norman Bolduc, Chancellor, Secretary for Pastoral Services of the Diocese of Manchester, expressing their gratitude to the City of Manchester on the occasion of the recent death of Bishop Leo E. O'Neil.
- I. Copy of a communication from MediaOne to Dr. Grace Sullivan, Manchester Community Television, confirming MediaOne's decision to donate any unused portion(s) of their 1997 payment of Public, Education, and Government (PEG) Access use to Manchester Community Television.
- J. Communication from the State of NH, Department of Transportation, submitting copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Volumes I & II) for the Bedford-Manchester-Londonderry-Litchfield-Merrimack project.
- K. Communication from U. S. Senator Judd Gregg updating the Board on Special Education funding.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION/INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- L. Communication from Laraine Prive expressing her displeasure with MediaOne.

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- N. Communication from the Health Officer advising of the receipt of a \$60,000 grant from

the Robert Wood Johnson/Kellogg Foundation's "*Turning Point: Collaborating for the Next Century in Public Health*" initiative, requesting the Board accept same and expend for the purpose intended.

- O.** Communication from the Health Officer advising that the Manchester Kiwanis Club will donate \$100,000 to the City (over a 7-year period) for the purchase of a new dental van and requesting the Board accept same and find a method to finance a new van in a manner consistent with the terms of this award.
- P.** Communication from the Deputy Public Works Director requesting authorization to register two electronic message boards for traffic control during downtown snow removal operations as well as street reconstruction projects.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

R. Resolutions:

"Amending the 1997 Community Improvement Program, changing the administering authority for the 1997 CIP 8.30397 ADA Compliance."

"Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the 1998 CIP 4.10117 Domestic Violence Program."

"Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) from Contingency to the Manchester Traffic Department's budget."

"Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (\$24,671.00) from Contingency to the Manchester Police Department's budget."

COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL/INSURANCE

- S.** Communication from Michael Roche, President of the United Steelworkers of America Local Union #8938 regarding the matter of salaried employees being paid overtime.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- T.** Recommending that a request for discontinuance of Boston Street from Gingras Avenue to Coral Avenue be denied with a finding that same has been released and discharged from public servitude in accordance with State Statute.

**HAVING READ THE CONSENT AGENDA, ON MOTION OF ALDERMAN WIHBY,
DULY SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PARISEAU, IT WAS VOTED THAT THE
CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED.**

- D.** Communication from the Executive Director of Intown Manchester, expressing gratitude and appreciation to Tom Lolicata, Jim Hoben and the employees of the Manchester Traffic Department for their assistance with the various downtown programs.

Alderman Reiniger noted the letter complimented one of the departments for a great job done and wished to have the letter read. The letter was presented as follows:

Dear Honorable Mayor and Board Members:

Intown Manchester was asked by the Mayor's Office to design the 1997-1998 holiday decoration program. We saw that as an opportunity to highlight the visual improvements already made as well as the ones that are currently underway in the downtown. The revamped program emphasizes the newness of the downtown, but also retains the characteristics and charm of the traditional Elm Street that we are attempting to recreate.

As with most programs, the public sees the results, while those behind the scenes deal with the anxiety of deadlines and the laborious tasks of installation. The success of this program would not have been possible without the assistance of the Traffic Department. Employees had the unglamorous task of installing lighted snowflakes two days prior to the City's annual Christmas parade. They accomplished their task and these special lights now provide a handsome touch to the downtown. They also took the initiative to repair three of the snowflake lights that had been dented by trucks driving too close to the curb.

All too often we hear about what isn't being done, but in actuality, much has been done by the Traffic Department. In addition to the installation of holiday lights, they have lent their assistance to the Downtown Farmers' Market, and have also fabricated signage for the Intown Manchester *Shoppers Park Free* program.

On behalf of Intown Manchester, I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to Tom Lolicata, Jim Hoben and employees at the Manchester Traffic Department for their support of the downtown.

Sincerely,

s/Richard C. Davis
Executive Director
Intown Manchester Management, Inc.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to receive and file this communication.

- F.** Communication from the Manchester Transit Authority submitting minutes of their October 28, 1997 meeting and the Financial and Ridership Reports for the month of October, 1997.

Alderman Elise stated I just wanted to commend the Manchester Transit Authority's efforts to increase bus routes throughout the City. I know that the commuter service Downtown has been working pretty well, as well as they've put on a new route up to the Hitchcock Clinic in my ward and I think this is the direction we need to go in and I just wanted to bring the full Board's attention to this if they hadn't experienced or observed the increased routes throughout the City.

On motion of Alderman Elise, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to receive and file Item F.

M. Ordinances:

“Amending Sections 33.025 (School Crossing Guard) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester.”

“Amending Sections 33.025 (Communication and Security Supervisor, LAN Administrator, Information Systems Communication Specialist, Micro Computer Systems Specialist, Systems and Programming Supervisor, Programmer Analyst, Senior Computer Operator and Computer Operator) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Manchester.”

Alderman Wihby noted this item had passed the Personnel Committee and basically a reorganization of the computerization program. He noted they were having difficulties hiring and felt the normal process of referring it to Committee on bills on Second Reading and Committee on Enrollment should be suspended.

Alderman Wihby moved to suspend the rules to place these ordinances on their third and final readings by titles only without referral to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading or the Committee on Enrollment. Alderman Robert duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Robert, it was voted that the Ordinances be read by titles only, and it was so done.

These Ordinances having had their third and final readings by titles only, Alderman Wihby moved on passing same to be Ordained. Alderman Robert duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

Q. Communication from the Riverfront Park Foundation, Inc., requesting that the in-depth proposal for a Riverwalk Esplanade along the Merrimack River be referred to the Committee on CIP.

Alderman Shea stated I certainly agree, your Honor, that the in-depth proposal for the Riverwalk Esplanade along the Merrimack River is a very important project, however, at this time I want to be on record that before we invest public funding for this that we look into handling the problems that are existing within the wards. I have two parks within my ward that get little consideration and before I am going to support projects such as this, I want my ward to be taken care of. So, I'm making a point of that at this meeting and I hope that we will bear that in mind when we propose different projects through the CIP Committee. In other words, private funding I'm one hundred percent for that, but when we begin to use public funds for projects such as that

and neglect other very important projects within our wards, I think that we should look upon those things as being more important.

Alderman Shea moved to refer the communication to the Committee on Community Improvement Program. Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Wieczorek acknowledged the Boy Scouts from Troop 135 who were present at the meeting to earn their Merit Badges in Citizen Government. The Boy Scouts present were Glenn Raymond, Aubrey Roukey, Steve Paris, Lee Boissoneault, Brian Soucy, John Garrish and Jeff Laurendeau.

Presentation to the Board relative to Manchester's graffiti problem to be made by Alderman Shea and Regis Lemaire.

Alderman Shea first reviewed an earlier report provided in April of 1997, stating our committee focused on three important points. First of all, the identification of places where graffiti had been present and what the response had been to such problems either positive or negative. Second, how certain segments of the private sector as well as the public sector had reacted when graffiti had been found on their property and third, what steps could be used to eliminate criminal acts of graffiti from occurring in our community. I'd like to mention that there is a definite relationship between vandalism, graffiti and poor sanitary conditions and I think that they are interrelated. I've tried to call attention of the Board to the fact that poor sanitary conditions exist in certain parts of the ward. I think Police Chief Driscoll mentioned instances of vandalism occurring around the Millyard area through the notification of Alderman Reiniger and also the graffiti problem certainly accompany these two points. I mentioned at an earlier meeting we conducted the importance of or the necessity of a City Ordinance and you, your Honor, mentioned that your staff member was working on that particular problem and I also mentioned at our previous meeting that graffiti problems were going to be referred to Regis Lemaire the capable Director of the Youth Services for the City of Manchester and he has been working on this problem since that time. So, without further ado I'd like to introduce Regis to you and have him make some comments.

Mr. Lemaire stated, Mayor, Members of the Board, I want to acknowledge also some of the members that served on that Criminal Acts of Graffiti Committee. There was Alderman Shea, Alderman Clancy, Alderman Robert, Chief Driscoll, Frank Thomas, Armand Gaudreault, Tom Clark, Dick Houle and Ron Ludwig. What basically what we decided at that meeting is that anything that dealt with graffiti that needed removal would be referred to our office and from there we devised a system of reporting. In other words, the persons would report it to me and then I would go to the proper department because it's a lot more involved than just having a citizen of the City looking for who could handle this particular problem. We thought that it was

best that whoever reported as a citizen should have one person to deal with, that would be myself and that person would give us the site of the graffiti, the date of the report, where I would put down where the graffiti was reported to and check on it. Now, as you well know, some of the reports that were given to us are things that we really have a hard time doing. Primarily when I report to Parks & Recreation there is graffiti on the ledge over on the west side we're not going to be hanging somebody down from a 200 foot cliff to remove the graffiti. Yet, at the same time, this is something that we're probably going to have to deal with in the future. What we thought is let's take a look and see what we can get in terms of report and see what we can work with. I can say that all of the departments that I've contacted have been excellent in terms of getting back to me, signaling out an individual. We've had, in some of the schools, some serious race and real slurs in the bathrooms and I can tell you at this point by the reporting from the schools coming back to us and going to the Buildings Department much of this has been taken care of and is being taken care of on a regular basis. Once the individual's in the schools realize we're doing this they really diminish a great deal. Recently, we've gotten a lot more graffiti in some of the wards. I've got a call from Alderman Reiniger regarding some graffiti that we're looking at at this point and the quicker we get to it, the faster it will go away. It's a problem that won't go away right away, it's something that we're going to work on, something that basically I need help not just from department heads, I need help from anyone in the City that will call us up. Our job is to explain to them what the situation is and let them know that we are going to do the best that we possibly can with it. If anybody would have any questions, I'd be glad to entertain them.

Alderman Reiniger stated as the gentlemen have mentioned, recently there has been a spat of increased graffiti and vandalism in the Downtown and the Millyard and I do want to thank Alderman Shea for his prompt response and his hard work on this and also Mr. Lemaire and I do want to ask that you mentioned on the phone the connection between graffiti and vandalism and could you explain from your experience.

Mr. Lemaire replied if an area, for instance, I've recommended in certain schools that they remove the graffiti around the schools. It diminishes the graffiti, as soon as an individual sees that graffiti is being removed, it indirectly means that they're being supervised or watched and if they get the sense that that graffiti is being removed and somebody is watching them, it reduces it a great deal. It is also a crime as Chief Driscoll has mentioned in our committee, we would really like to get the perpetrators into court where they not only do restitution, but basically they can be fined for the offenses that they are doing. Some of it is costing the City money, some of it is causing private business money. When Alderman Reiniger contacted me I contacted the individual who has received damage to his property, a number of windows were taken out. I have with me today the Community Outreach person, his name is Jeff Gore. Jeff works for the Office of Youth Services. Basically, his job is in the evening hours. He is usually working at this time and I've asked him to look at that. Obviously, after I talked to the owner of the building I talked to his janitors as well and he told me when he thought that was taking place. So, I've asked Jeff to go out there and to check on it. He's already brought back some

information that we'll be sharing with the Police Department, we're making further investigation into it. We asked them also so that any type of vandalism that occurs that they report it to us immediately, because sometimes we can identify youngsters that are in that area and from the youngsters that are there find out who really is responsible for it.

Alderman Reiniger asked do we have any resources to help private building owners to remove graffiti quickly, I think you were mentioning that's a key way of fighting this to remove it quickly and maybe the ordinance being worked on would help with that too.

Mr. Lemaire replied what we need from them is permission. I think at some point, I've looked at the City of Chicago...they've actually given tools for anti-graffiti removal to be removed immediately by the Police Department. I mean to talk to Chief Driscoll about that if there is some possibility that we could remove it. I've also talked to Armand Gaudreault and reported on private property if we could notify an individual to have it removed if the person wanted us to remove then we have permission to remove it. We need to set up some sort of team and some structure to do that. I think we haven't gotten there, but I think that is where we need to go.

Alderman Elise asked do you have enough manpower to do this.

Mr. Lemaire replied at this point, I would say no, but it's not the manpower as much as the tools as to how to set up the manpower. I don't want to start something until we're ready to take action, so my feeling is let's take a look at the problem, let's see what can be done and then develop a team out of it. I don't want to make it...and we had mentioned this in the Anti-Graffiti Committee...we're not looking to add to our City taxes and City responsibility, it's a community responsibility. I think there are times when we have even talked about graffiti paint outs where we've used Boy Scouts, other groups in the community, Girls and Boys Club and I feel that's something that can be done as long as we have permission to remove the graffiti. I've talked to Alderman Shea as well in terms of his ward and it's something that we've got to establish.

Alderman Shea stated when Chief Driscoll presented his curfew ordinance proposal, I think that would tie in well because as I mentioned previously there is an inter-relationship between all of these matters...youths being out late at night without necessarily being supervised, vandalism, poor sanitary conditions existing in different parts of the City and it's an open invitation sometimes for people then to start using vandalism for things like graffiti and other things, so I think that we really have to look at this from the broad sense and not from a narrow sense and see how we can connect all of these things together and that's really why I've tried to bring to the Board's attention certain types of problems that I have seen existing in my ward and I'm sure they permeate throughout the City, maybe not in Ward 1, but in other wards. Thank you, your Honor.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Soucy, it was voted to recess the regular meeting to allow the Committee on Finance to meet.

Mayor Wieczorek called the meeting back to order.

OTHER BUSINESS

A report of the Committee on Finance was presented recommending that Resolutions:

“Amending the 1997 Community Improvement Program, changing the administering authority for the 1997 CIP 8.30397 ADA Compliance.”

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ought to pass and be Enrolled.

On motion of Alderman Sysyn, duly seconded by Alderman Robert, it was voted to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee.

A report of the Committee on Community Improvement Program was presented recommending that the Mayor be authorized to dispose of a parcel of property located at 8 Goffstown Road to the second highest bidder on the property at an auction held on December 6, 1997. The second highest bid being \$30,000.00, an amount deemed fair compensation by the Board of Assessors. The Committee notes that the highest bidder on the property has elected not to purchase the property and forfeited his deposit on same.

On motion of Alderman Hirschmann, duly seconded by Alderman Wihby, it was voted to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee as presented.

A second report of the Committee on Community Improvement Program was presented recommending that a request to extend CIP Projects, as listed, until June 30, 1998, be granted and approved.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee as presented.

Communication from Armand Gaudreault, Building Commissioner, submitting his retirement as Building Commissioner effective

December 26, 1997.

Alderman Pariseau jokingly moved that it be denied.

Mayor Wieczorek requested Alderman Pariseau's presence at his side. Mayor Wieczorek stated you've been trying to get this for a long time (re: the "Commish" sign) and presented it to Alderman Pariseau. Mayor Wieczorek stated, Armand, it appears as though they don't want you to go, so unless someone moves on your request, it looks like we're going to have you around for awhile.

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to accept Mr. Gaudreault's retirement with regrets.

Mayor Wieczorek stated while I'm on this subject, as you know with the new Charter, we have a different system for appointment department heads, so now I have to go through another process. But, in the interim since Armand will be leaving on December 26th and we will not have another meeting until the new Board convenes on January 6th Inauguration Day, there still won't be much business taken up, I'm going to appoint Leon LaFreniere to be the Acting Building Commissioner in the interim. In response to question, Mayor Wieczorek advised a vote was not required. Members so concurred.

Communication from the Finance Officer requesting acceptance of the bequest of funds from "The Estate of Angela J. McCullough" to establish a scholarship fund for a Manchester West High School student.

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Robert, it was voted to accept the bequest of funds as requested by the Finance Officer.

Communication from Robert R. Rivard, Chairman of the Manchester Highway Commission, submitting his resignation from the Commission, effective 12:01 AM on Tuesday, January 6, 1998.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to accept Mr. Rivard's resignation effective 12:01 AM on Tuesday, January 6, 1998 with regrets.

Communication from Cathy Burnham, Director of Marketing for First Alliance Bank and Trust Company, seeking permission to use the City Seal to be placed on a granite monument to be located at the corner of Elm and Salmon Streets.

Alderman Hirschmann stated this was a private bank and asked how appropriate is it.

Mayor Wieczorek replied it's going to be right on the corner where the New Hampshire Insurance building is at the corner of Salmon and Elm Streets, the entrance to the Amoskeag Bridge.

Alderman Elise stated I'd like to speak in favor of this. I think it's wonderful, it's just an example of another company or group of individuals who have stepped up to the plate and volunteered to do something really good for the City. I see on this monument that there is no documentation of the sponsor, it's just a monument that will go close to the intersection next to the larger structure and I don't have any problems with this. Was this reviewed by the Building Department.

Mr. Gaudreault replied it was not reviewed.

Mayor Wieczorek stated if you read the letter there's an indication that they have a time crunch here, they want to do a dedication in January if this is going to be done.

Alderman Soucy stated this monument has no commercial purposes whatsoever other than advertising the City and I think it's a wonderful thing.

Alderman Soucy moved to approve the request. Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Reiniger stated I agree with Alderman Soucy.

Alderman Shea stated I too agree except for the fact that if somebody unfortunately being the devil's advocate, somebody strikes this, will the City be in any way culpable because of the City Seal being on it.

Solicitor Clark replied no.

Alderman Cashin stated I think it's commendable, but what are we going to say to anybody else who wants to use the Seal.

Mayor Wieczorek replied I think it depends on what they'd want to use it for.

Alderman Cashin stated you're doing something that we have never done before, to my knowledge. I think First Alliance is to be commended for it and I think it's a wonderful idea but I also feel by letting them use the logo you're going to allow other people to use it and you're not going to be able to stop it.

Alderman Robert asked could we throw on a caveat saying that this cannot be used or they cannot tie in their business to it in any way, shape or form, can't be used for commercial purposes or gain by them, is that possible to put in as a condition.

Clerk Bernier stated according to the Ordinance this Board is the only group of people who can authorize this, so you can add anything you'd like or take anything away you want.

Solicitor Clark stated you can place a caveat on it, Alderman, but enforcing the caveat is another issue. Enforcing it would be hard...if they put it in their ads or on television or in the paper and they showed this...enforcing it is another issue, but you could put a caveat on it if you want to.

Alderman Robert asked should this be sent to the legal office for recommendation.

Mayor Wieczorek stated it's a policy question.

Alderman Pariseau stated I thought it would be a good idea with the public/private sector getting together again and doing something for the City. I don't see anything wrong with having a "Welcome to Manchester" sign with the City Seal.

Mayor Wieczorek stated I think somebody did bring up the point though that if they use that in the advertising...

Alderman Elise stated I don't think many people know of the City Seal itself, we have a flag right in back of us that many people don't notice. The City Seal represents how the City of Manchester came about and if a lot more people were made aware of it they may have more of an increased pride in the City also. I really think that this is a wonderful project and I wouldn't limit them from utilizing it in publications that they might so choose to do so. I had a great experience coming down Wellington Road into the City of Manchester where I saw the Chamber of Commerce "Welcome to Manchester" sign, very colorful, City Hall crown, it was just a very pleasant experience and this will do a lot for the City in that area. It's going to welcome people to the City and show the City off which we really haven't been able to do financially for a long time.

Alderman Wihby asked to amend the motion to say that it would be allowed subject to making sure that there was nothing else on there that states the name of the bank.

Alderman Soucy replied sure. I'd be happy to add that it not be used for commercial purposes, but merely for the purposes shown in the agenda. Alderman Pariseau concurred with the amendment.

Alderman Cashin asked what happens now if St. Mary's Bank comes in and tells you they want to do the same thing. Are we going to let them do it. Where is it going to stop, it's a wonderful idea and if you want to vote for it, that's fine. I'm just telling you where does it stop once you start. We've been very cautious with this over the years. In fact, we've never let it out, this is the first time I think. I think it's the first time we've allowed anyone to use the Seal in anything that's going to be this permanent and it's pretty tough for me to sit here and say this, but I don't think it's a good idea although I think First Alliance is doing a wonderful job, I think that

“Welcome to Manchester” is great, I appreciate everything they’re doing, but to allow them to use the city Seal on something like this, I think we’re making a mistake.

Alderman Hirschmann stated if this were going on public land it would probably be more appropriate, this is going on a site that could be bought and sold and this could be dismantled at a future time. If the City owned the property...of course we want to great people and show off the City Seal but we really don’t own this parcel.

Alderman Wihby stated it is something we’d be thinking of doing to welcome people to Manchester except it would be ours and we’d be paying for it. So, as long as there is nothing on there advertising who’s putting it up, just because it’s on a corner of a lot, I don’t see anything wrong with it.

Alderman Sysyn asked aren’t they giving it to us. In the letter it says they want to give it to us in a public ceremony in January.

Alderman Clancy stated this is a real busy corner at the intersection of Elm and Salmon, we’re going to get some nice exposure from this, I’m for it one hundred percent, let’s vote on it tonight.

Alderman Reiniger stated personally I’d be thrilled if people were beating down our doors to use our City symbol, so this is great that they have enough pride to want to use our symbol, it’s very nice.

Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote on the motion.

Alderman Wihby asked that the motion be read as it was amended.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied the motion was to approve the request subject to nothing else being placed on the monument and that same not be used for any commercial purposes.

Mayor Wieczorek called for a vote on the motion as read by the clerk. The motion carried with Aldermen Cashin and Hirschmann duly recorded in opposition.

Communication from Jill VanVranken, Bell Atlantic Mobile, advising that city/town employees are entitled to unadvertised corporate employee discounts on cellular phones and services and requesting that such information be distributed to employees.

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted that such information be distributed to City employees via payroll checks.

Mayor Wieczorek advises that a motion is in order that all matters pending

before the present Board of Mayor and Aldermen and its Committees as of January 1, 1998 be referred to the next Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

On motion of Alderman Soucy, duly seconded by Alderman Wihby, it was voted that all matters pending before the present Board of Mayor and Aldermen and its Committees as of January 1, 1998 be referred to the next Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Resolutions:

“Amending the 1997 Community Improvement Program, changing the administering authority for the 1997 CIP 8.30397 ADA Compliance.”

“Amending the 1998 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds for the 1998 CIP 4.10117 Domestic Violence Program.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) from Contingency to the Manchester Traffic Department’s budget.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (\$24,671.00) from Contingency to the Manchester Police Department’s budget.”

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

On motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted that the Resolutions pass and be Enrolled. There were none recorded in opposition.

Mayor Wieczorek stated I did have nominations that I mailed to you with the Police Department, the one to renominate Fern Gelinas to succeed himself for another term, term to expire September 15, 2000 and to add Mr. O’Shaughnessy to succeed Thomas Noonan on the Police Commission, term to expire September 15, 2000 and I’m going to ask that these nominations be voted on tonight and the rules be suspended because they will not have a quorum if we don’t do that tonight.

Mayor Wieczorek presented a letter of resignation from Dorothy Wageman which read as follows:

Dear Mayor Wieczorek:

The new City Charter states that there are to be no more than two members from any one ward on the Commission and at the present time there are four members from Ward 2. At this point in time, due to circumstances beyond my control, I must step down as a member of the Manchester Police Commission from Ward 2, effective December 8, 1997.

Chairman Fern Gelinas is coming up for reappointment and this will not be possible unless one of the other Commissioners from Ward 2 decides to step down. He’s a valuable member of the Police Commission and I firmly believe that he should be reappointed.

It is with this thought in mind that I tender this resignation. I have enjoyed being a member of the Manchester Police Commission and serving the City of Manchester. I believe this is the best solution to this problem, at this time.

s/Dorothy Wageman

On motion of Alderman Elise, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to accept Ms. Wageman's resignation as a member of the Police Commission with regrets.

Alderman Reiniger moved to suspend the rules, Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with none recorded in opposition.

Alderman Wihby moved to confirm the nominations of Fern Gelinis to succeed himself to the Police Commission, and Michael O'Shaughnessy to succeed Thomas Noonan to the Police Commission, terms expiring September 15, 2000. Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Aldermen Domaingue, Shea and Hirschmann duly recorded in opposition to the nomination of Mr. O'Shaughnessy.

TABLED ITEM

Discussion with the Chair of the Planning Board, Planning Director, Chair of the Zoning Board and the Building Commissioner relative to the reasoning behind decisions being made, processes involved and future plans for the City.
(Tabled 12/2/97)

This item remained on the table.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wieczorek stated as you know I have been working on the situation here with Optima to see what we can do about trying to get some resolution to that problem and I've been meeting with the various groups and we're making some progress. It's been very difficult to try to get a chairman, I've been in contact with seven different people and obviously people recognize how difficult the task is going to be, but I've also been working with some of the other groups and today at a meeting with Optima I received the following notification:

Dear Mayor Wieczorek:

Optima Healthcare has given long and careful consideration to your request for a moratorium on construction at Elliot Hospital while your Committee on the Future of Health Care in Manchester addresses the outstanding issues related to our consolidation plan. After receiving input from the many departments at Optima Healthcare which are involved in the consolidation process, we have concluded that there are several strong, valid reasons why a full moratorium on construction is not possible. A full moratorium on construction would raise several operational, safety and financial issues, the most pressing of which are as follows:

1. The security, comfort and safety of patients requiring that certain portions of the construction project be completed due to heating, ventilation, fire protection, and operational and related matters. The

functional efficiency and capacity of the facility will be jeopardized unless key elements of this contract are completed.

2. The cost of a total moratorium may be in excess of \$1 million. This would escalate the cost of the project and be harmful to our efforts of providing high-quality health care for the community at a lower cost.
3. Optima Healthcare's contractual responsibility to local contractors and their employees. This includes materials and equipment purchased, committed to, or delivered. As importantly, a full moratorium would eliminate as many as 150 high-paying construction jobs provided through this project.

I am sure you will agree, based on the aforementioned conclusions, that a full moratorium on construction is unfeasible and irresponsible at this juncture. However, as we have stated unequivocally since the day you announced your Committee, Optima Healthcare is committed to coming to the table, discussing the issues in an open, fair manner and working towards a mutual resolution to those issues. Therefore, to further demonstrate our commitment to this process, I will ask the Board of Trustees to consider the following action be taken:

1. Optima Healthcare award no contracts for construction of Phase 3 and 4 of the project be made for ninety (90) days from the date the Board of Trustees takes action on this matter. This includes outfitting of new space.
2. Optima Healthcare will review the already awarded work now under contract in Phase 2, the largest portion of the project, to determine which, if any, portions of the work might be slowed or delayed with minimal operational and financial impact.

Again, we anxiously await the formation of your Committee and the commencement of a process which will allow all of us to move forward on this matter.

Thank you for your continued support and leadership.

Sincerely,

s/Peter B. Davis, FACHE
Interim CEO and President

Mayor Wieczorek stated I think this is an important step for us to be taking, so we would like to be moving with all due haste on this and I appreciate the fact that finally we got a satisfactory negotiation with Optima and their cooperation and their willingness to do everything that can be done to see that we get a satisfactory resolution.

A report of the Committee on Traffic was presented recommending that a request of the Police Department to utilize "Seasons Greetings" your fine is excused cards, one per vehicle, for expired meters on December 24, 1997 be granted and approved.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to accept, receive and adopt the report of the Committee as presented.

Alderman Robert submitted two items relative to instituting a permit parking system in the West High/Catholic Medical Center area and expanding Police walking patrols further into the neighborhoods and moved that they be referred to the Committee on Traffic/Public Safety. Alderman Wihby duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Clerk Bernier stated the Board needed to authorize the setting of polling hours for the Special Election in Ward 11 to be held on January 20, 1998 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

On motion of Alderman Robert, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to set the polling hours as recommended by the City Clerk.

Alderman Sysyn stated I want to publicly thank Captain Pischetola and the Manchester Police Supervisors for the lovely roses that they sent to the women members of this Board.

Alderman Elise stated I do have a statement that I think needs to be said. I'm greatly disheartened about Optima's procedures in going forward with this consolidation. Way back when when I signed a voucher stating that I would support this merger which got sent to the Washington, DC Department of Antitrust, I agreed to on the basis that they were going to be consolidating administrative services and not closing all acute care facilities at Catholic Medical Center. Since I signed that voucher testifying, one thing after another has happened that caused me quite amount of dismay. Number one, finding out about the high salaries that the top administrators were getting, threatening to close the emergency room, then saying it will be open forever and then stating that would be open only for the next year or so. What really takes me back is the million dollars plus that they have supposedly spent as what I view as a political pact in trying to lobby the citizens of Manchester in the last election on the question of whether the City should have two or one acute care hospitals. The recent decision by the Trustees to ban

abortion at Optima facilities is very, very deeply affecting myself personally, never mind all of the women we are discriminating against or who will be discriminated against in the City at this particular time. In terms of supporting this merger, I did so under the guise that we're going to be providing more services and more quality services to the entire community and as a bad compromise to keep one hospital functioning the Trustees have made this type of a decision which is, I think, insulting the entire population of women in the City of Manchester. They are saying to the women of Manchester...if you need this type of medical procedure, we are not going to care for you. I know it's very hard to have compassion for this particular issue and it's hard for the general public too to attend to this issue, but it is a medical service that some women in the City are going to need and the only acute care facility in the City that can provide this service is saying that they will not do that at this particular time. So, I just want to say that since the proposed merger has taken place there has been one after another bungle, public relations move that has been very, very bad. Miscommunication of information and even information that hasn't been presented to us and I'm just greatly taken back by this and I know as an elected official I will not be able to take any public official stands on this, but in my own personal life going forward, I will be active in this particular area.

Mayor Wieczorek stated I would like to wish all of the citizens of Manchester on behalf of the Board, a very happy holiday season.

Alderman Domaingue stated at the last meeting we discussed funding for 20 mile per hour speed limit signs and flashers on Jewett Street and before I leave the Board, I want to make sure that the funding for those has been resolved.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied it was passed as one of the Resolutions this evening under the Contingency transfer to the Traffic Department.

Alderman Shea stated Councilor Normand plans a discussion this coming Thursday and asked will there be representation from the City at that meeting, your Honor.

Mayor Wieczorek replied our City Health Officer will be there. I will not be there.

Alderman Shea asked what about Optima Health, will they be there.

Mayor Wieczorek replied you asked me if the City is going to be there. Officially, I will not be there and I've discussed that with Councilor Normand.

Alderman Soucy stated I just wanted to say that it has been both a privilege and an honor to serve on the Board over the last four years and the thing that probably has been of the most help in my efforts to serve my constituents in my ward has been this City's greatest asset and that's it's City employees and I would like to publicly thank all of the City employees who have worked with me over the last four years in accomplishing what I have for my constituents and I'd like to wish them all a happy holiday as well.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk