

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

May 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Mayor Craig called the meeting to order.

Mayor Craig called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Levasseur.

A moment of silence was observed.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Cavanaugh, Stewart, Long, Fajardo, T. Sapienza, Sharonov, Trisciani, Levasseur, Heath, E. Sapienza, Burkush, Barry, Gamache, George-Kelly

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Craig advised that this public comment session, not to exceed 30 minutes, is an opportunity for residents of Manchester to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak and all comments shall be limited to three minutes. Any comments must be directed to the Chair. When your name is called, please step forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state your name and address when recognized and give your comments.

Ronald Rene, 50 Brown Avenue, stated:

I want to thank you Mayor Craig for your leadership and the direction you are bringing our city into. It is a good change from previous administrations. Also, the aldermen and alderwomen that seek the common good. I belong to the Father Phil Kenney House-NH Catholic Worker, along with GSOP. My sisters and brothers working in our city need a minimum wage of \$15/hour at this time. I ask the full Board to consider this. Our paraprofessionals in the schools, and I know this Board doesn't deal with that but you deal with budgets, need \$20/hour for the work they do with our students. That would be a bare minimum. Let it not be said that in our post-COVID world where we try to build a beloved community, that we fail to provide just wages for our employees. Instead, let us be a model for others. Other people I am sure are going to talk about the same thing but I really hope that it is a direction we can go in as a city. Thank you.

Winter Trabex, 200 Hanover Street, stated:

I just have a few disconnected thoughts I would like to share. I owned an RV in Manchester for about a year. It was very difficult finding parking on the streets or parking in the city...the parking garage on Chestnut Street did not accept RV's and in the city parking lots I would have to take up two spaces. If I did park it on a public street, I would always get stickers because you can only keep it there for 24 hours at a time. I think we should have...if someone owns an apartment and has an RV, they should be able to keep it in the same spot seven days at a time as long as they are not living in it. I think there is a city ordinance that prevents that. It is just a nuisance living in an apartment and trying to own an RV and find a place to park it so I can use it whenever I want. I think that educational institutions should not be private and accept public funds. I have been reading a lot about that lately. These private Christian schools accepting public funds from the state. I don't think we should do that. I think if an institution wants to accept public funding they should be under the same oversight and guidance from our School Board that the rest of our public schools are. Finally, as to wages, I personally think we should have \$25 minimum for full-time and part-time workers. You guys might not like that but that is the reality and that is the living wage. That is what we can afford with rental prices being what they are. Thank you.

Eric Zulaski, 851 Beech Street, stated:

I just wanted to say that I am thrilled that the city is considering raising the minimum wage for city workers to \$15/hour. Also, as Winter said, I think we should be considering an even higher wage like \$25/hour. Can this Board imagine living on \$15/hour? It has to be really hard given the cost of living and rent. At least \$15 is a start so that is good and I would like us to set an example for the rest of the state. It is shameful that we live in a state where we don't even have a minimum wage honestly. The only reason why people are required to get at least \$7.25/hour is because the federal government requires that. I also just wanted to add that I understand that this proposal would not include school employees and paraprofessionals. I believe they should also be included in this. I know that you do not have any say over that but I think you are all very influential people and I would like to personally request that you do what you can to make that happen. Thank you.

Elizabeth Ropp, 851 Beech Street, stated:

I also came to speak in support of raising the minimum wage for city employees. Honestly when I got the message from my friend, organizer David Holt, I thought this was going to be a city-wide ordinance raising the minimum wage for all employees like many cities across the country. I am surprised that there are people who work for the City of Manchester who are making less than \$15/hour. I am glad I showed up anyway just to say that. Seven years ago yesterday, Senator Bernie Sanders from Vermont came to my house. I am just a resident of NH and he needed a place to give a house party and he talked about incrementally raising the minimum wage to \$15/hour back then. That was seven years ago and we can't even do that in NH. Keep in mind that his campaign won the hearts and minds of NH voters two primaries in a row. The other thing I would like to add and I know that many people support raising the minimum wage for paraprofessionals and that is something the School Board has to decide so I hope that you can appeal to them to think about families and family values. Roe v. Wade can be overturned. We don't pay paraprofessionals even \$15/hour. I don't have kids. All I can say is we don't live in a family values society. It just justifies why...whenever I hear of anyone having kids I think that is really optimistic because we can't raise the minimum wage and we are taking away women's reproductive freedom which I know has nothing to do with this, we can't help our homeless...like what is going on. That is where I am at and thanks for taking my comments.

David Holt, Somersworth, stated:

I am here on behalf of the State Employees Association, SEA Local 1984, which has hundreds of members who are citizens here as well as hundreds of folks that work within the City of Manchester. The SEA is a member of the Raise Up NH campaign, which has been working for years to try to allow people the dignity of a living wage. We need to relate the cost of living in NH and specifically Manchester to the price. So the SEA is fully behind raising the minimum wage for Manchester municipal employees to \$15/hour and hope that you will move forward on that. Thank you very much.

Glenn Ouellette, 112 Auburn Street, stated:

I am in favor of the minimum wage but I am disappointed that it is only for full-time employees. How many part-time employees do we have that work part-time and have families? The cost goes up for them too yet their income has not gone up. That is not equality. I am ashamed that NH has \$7.25/hour for its minimum wage which is the federal one. It is 2022 and we are one of the richest states in the union and we are still saying we won't raise it above \$7.25. That is horrible. How do we really care about our people who are in poverty and the parents are working and they are not making close to \$15/hour. Please consider all employees. That is important. You can't raise part of them and not raise the bottom because the bottom will never go up and that is not democracy. Downtown. I think we missed another opportunity. It may not be too late but I know that Portsmouth does it every year and it really cleans up their downtown but once a year they pressure wash the sidewalks on both sides of their main streets. With what goes on downtown throughout the year, it is pretty nasty stuff sometimes so if we could at least clean it once a year, it would be much more refreshing. That can't cost that much more. In fact, I believe we have a pressure washer for that at the Highway Department so it should be able to be done. Concerts downtown. You know it is not just concerts but festivals and plays. We need to bring back the arts. We have lost them since 2019. It is time. It is time to allow people to leave their apartments and go to activities. We have a lot of senior citizens who live downtown with nowhere to go. It has been two years. It is time. I have a plan and I will share that plan with you guys at the next meeting. It can still be done this year. It doesn't mean you have to have sometime every week but I am talking August and early September. With that, I wish you well and be cautious of your budget. You have lots of money. Be careful where you use it. I want to end on this note. 2019 is when Intown really got in trouble because everything got closed and they didn't get any money. I think there is enough responsibility to share all the way around. It didn't happen with one organization. There was supposed to be somebody in this city to make sure that the audit happened every year. If it hasn't happened in four years and nobody enforced the rules, the city has to take some responsibility for that too. To me that is important. We need to work together as a city and continue doing what is best for our city. I want to see the Manchester downtown lifted to full activities so that we can support our downtown. Thank you.

Sue Corby, 2094 Elm Street, stated:

I am here to support raising the city workers' rate to \$15. At least \$15/hour. The more we talk about this, the lower that sounds. As prices rise, we know that the demand for housing is way up and the supply is down. We just need to treat the people who work for us decently. Thank you.

*On motion of **Alderman Cavanaugh**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented.*

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Under Supervision of the Department of Highways, subject to funding

2. 50/50 Sidewalk Petitions

Residential:

- 73 Massabesic Street
- 93 Perley Street
- 190 Fleming Street
- 235 Bremer Street
- 289 Vinton Street
- 290 Vinton Street
- 974 Belmont Street

Information to be Received and Filed

- 3.** Communication from Peter Chiesa, Deputy City Solicitor, providing an update on pending lawsuits against the City.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS, ENROLLMENT AND REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

- 4.** Advising that the update on the Revolving Loan Fund has been accepted.
(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Cavanaugh who was absent)
- 5.** Advising that the Financial Report for the first nine months of FY22 has been accepted.
(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Cavanaugh who was absent)

6. Advising that the Finance Department reports:
 - Accounts receivable over 90 days
 - Aging report
 - Outstanding receivableshave been accepted.
(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Cavanaugh who was absent)
7. Recommending that Ordinance:

“An Ordinance amending the Housing Code Chapter 150 of the City of Manchester Code of Ordinances to allow a single means of egress as allowed by the Manchester Building Code and NFPA 101 - Life Safety Code and to allow a ceiling height of seven feet in one and two family dwellings as allowed by the Manchester Building Code.”
be Enrolled.

ought to pass and be Enrolled.
(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Cavanaugh who was absent)

COMMITTEE ON LANDS AND BUILDINGS

8. Recommending that the request from the Parks Division to negotiate an agreement with Brigit A. Feeney Foundation for the design, construction and perpetual maintenance of a proposed garden at Livingston Park be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
9. Recommending that the request from the Economic Development Director for authorization to execute an MOU with Manchester Connects for the installation of a mural on the Arms Park stairs be approved with City staff having final approval of the mural design.
(Aldermen Long, Fajardo, T. Sapienza and Trisciani voted yay; Alderman Levasseur voted nay)
11. Advising that the proposal for a collaborative project between Southern NH Services and the Granite State Children’s Alliance for the Hallsville School building at 275 Jewett Street has been received and filed.
(Unanimous vote)
12. Recommending that City staff from the Planning Department, Solicitor’s Office and Economic Development Office draft a Request for Interest (RFI) for the Hallsville School building taking into consideration the concerns raised at the neighborhood meeting.
(Unanimous vote)

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON LANDS AND BUILDINGS

10. Recommending that the P&S agreement for 521 Maple Street be approved for the original purchase price of \$239,000.
(Unanimous vote)

Alderman Long stated in the P&S agreement there is a provision related to the approval of Zoning and Planning. I would *like to amend the report and remove that provision from the P&S agreement.*

Alderman Fajardo duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Long stated I am concerned that if this goes into the winter, we would be paying to winterize it and keep people out of there. If it is going to be sold, let it be sold.

Mayor Craig asked so you are looking to approve without being contingent on Planning Board approval.

Alderman Long answered correct.

Mayor Craig called for a vote. *There being none opposed, the motion carried.*

REGULAR BUSINESS

13. Nominations:

Airport Authority

Marlana Trombley to succeed herself as a regular member, term to expire
March 1, 2025

Board of Registrars

Claudia Carr to succeed herself as a regular member, term to expire
May 1, 2025

Elizabeth Wester to succeed herself as a regular member, term to expire
May 1, 2025

Fire Commission

Keri Pappalardo to succeed Scott Cairns as a regular member, term to expire
May 1, 2025

Planning Board

Molly Lunn Owen to succeed herself as a regular member, term to expire May 1, 2025

Christopher Wellington to succeed himself as a regular member, term to expire May 1, 2025

John Goeman to succeed himself as an alternate member, term to expire May 1, 2025

Bob Gagne as Ex-Officio Administrative Member

Pursuant to Rule 20 of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, these nominations will layover to the next meeting of the Board.

14. Communication from Alderman Fajardo nominating Daniel Elliot for a second term as a member of the Manchester Transit Authority Commission, term to expire May 1, 2027.
(Note: Pursuant to Rule 20 of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, this nomination will lay over to the next meeting of the Board.)
15. Communication from Kathleen Ferguson, Human Resources Director, advising the Board of her retirement effective June 30, 2022.

*On motion of **Alderman Stewart**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to accept the retirement with regret.*

16. Acceptance of public way dedication for Scenic Drive.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was voted to accept the public way dedication.*

17. Tentative Agreement between the Manchester School District and the Teamsters Union, Local 633 for Directors and Coordinators.

***Alderman Cavanaugh** moved that the tentative agreement be ratified and layover.*

***Alderman Long** duly seconded the motion.*

Alderman Levasseur stated I just want people to realize and to know that while we are doing negotiations with many city unions all at the same time and the school district, this is going to be the precedent that the other unions are going to go by. The first year, I think, is reasonable. I am not sure why we are going to be doing a \$1,000 bonus. I am not sure where that money comes from. Of course they have \$25 million in reserve accounts so it could come out of that money. That second year is based on CPI. We

have seen CPI at 3.57% this year. I would venture to guess it will be a minimum of 5% next year. I caution the Board to consider this carefully over the next two weeks. Matt you are here for a reason. That second year really isn't...I know it is a small group but it is still the first one coming in and the first one is always basically the deal setter. It looks like this is a good deal but you are talking about people at the highest end of the pay scales in the school district. I imagine that not many of them, if any, make less than \$100,000. So you are looking at least a 5% increase next year with a \$500 bonus. No one thinks it is going to be less than 4% next year for inflation and the inflation isn't tied to the way we do it on the city side with the tax cap. That is based on a three-year average. This contract is referencing a singular one year whatever it happens to be. If it comes in at 7.3% or 7.4%, that is going to be there increase and if I was any other union in this city, I would want the same exact number and I don't think we want to go down that path.

Matt Upton, Negotiator, stated I think there is one thing that is missing here and that is that this group does not have a step scale. This is their total raise. This isn't just a COLA plus step. This is their total raise. They also receive no adjustment other than the \$1,000 in the current year. They didn't receive that because this is on the school side.

Alderman Levasseur asked where is the \$1,000 coming from. I would imagine it is coming in the FY22 budget?

Mr. Upton responded it is coming in the current FY22 budget.

Alderman Levasseur asked so it is basically retroactive so they are getting the \$1,000.

Mr. Upton replied it is \$1,000 for the current year out of ESSER funds. It won't be retroactive. It will be paid prior to the end of the current year. Obviously we can't tell what the tax cap is going to be in the third year because there are actually three years here. In the second year it is 2.2% effective July 1, 2022 which is significantly below what the current CPI is. The third year is based on the tax cap that the city uses.

Alderman Levasseur responded well it says it is based on the National CPI. It doesn't say tied to the city's tax cap which is weighted.

Mr. Upton replied it stays "effective July 1, 2023 employees will receive a wage increase equal to the CPI tax percentage utilized by the City of Manchester."

Alderman Levasseur stated I thought it said something else. So it says utilized by the City of Manchester weighted?

Mr. Upton answered it doesn't say weighted. It just says the tax percentage utilized by the City of Manchester. We have utilized it in past practice for so long...

Alderman Levasseur interjected so it is weighted.

Mr. Upton stated it is based on whatever the city uses, for instance the 3.57% this year.

Alderman Levasseur asked and next year it is going to be based on the three-year CPI and not one year.

Mr. Upton stated compared to the other groups that we are negotiating with who receive steps and longevities in addition, this is a very modest deal. It won't even come close.

Alderman Levasseur responded but you are also talking about people at the highest end of the spectrum on wages. You are not talking about the guys making \$14/hour.

Mr. Upton replied you are right in that regard but I would also just add that this group is highly under-waged. They have been looking to do a wage adjustment for the last seven or eight years. They are far below average. For instance, the Athletic Director for a school district this size has an annual salary of \$60,000. It is very, very low.

Alderman Levasseur stated for the record, I want to make sure we clear one thing up. We are currently in the FY22 budget correct?

Mr. Upton answered yes.

Alderman Levasseur stated so we only gave a \$1,000 stipend in the FY22 budget for city employees.

Mr. Upton responded I think it was more than that.

Alderman Levasseur asked so it was \$1,500.

Mayor Craig answered yes.

Alderman Levasseur asked so this group would actually be getting \$1,000 in the FY22 budget.

Mr. Upton answered that is correct.

Alderman Levasseur stated so it is retroactive. Well it is not retroactive because we are still in this year.

Mayor Craig stated it will be given upon ratification of the agreement.

Alderman Levasseur stated so they will get it this year which will kind of match what everybody else got.

Mr. Upton stated but they have received no other base increase – no CPI or step...nothing else. They will only get the \$1,000. The city employees got \$1,500 and steps and longevities.

Alderman Levasseur stated on the issue of tying it to the city CPI. You don't see that being a problem?

Mr. Upton answered it is going to be what it is going to be. I can't project what that rate is going to be. The principal contract, for instance, for the last eight years has been tied

to the CPI tax cap number. You are right to be concerned about that third year. It could be in the 4% range or higher but given the fact that they have received no increase and only \$1,000 in one-time money this year and they are receiving 2.2% in the second year, even if that number is in the 4% range, it will likely be far less than any of the other groups will see.

Alderman Levasseur asked do you know how many people are included in this contract.

Mr. Upton answered it is 15.

Alderman T. Sapienza stated there was a suggestion that these people are making over \$100,000 but I don't see that in the appendix.

Mr. Upton responded in my experience they are significantly below market.

Alderman T. Sapienza stated right. The top rates are less than \$100,000.

Mayor Craig called for a vote. *The motion carried with Alderman Levasseur being duly recorded in opposition.*

18. Recommending that the request from the Manchester taxi owners and drivers for a rate increase from \$5.00 per mile to \$8.50 per mile be approved and that the ordinance amendment be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading for technical review.

The Committee further notes that the proposed rate increase will expire in one year.

(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Sharonov who was absent)

Alderman T. Sapienza moved to amend the report and reduce the proposed drop charge from \$6 to \$4. *There was some confusion on the part of the taxi industry. They showed up at the wrong meeting and missed our committee meeting. We are making an amendment to lower the rate that we initially approved after discussions with the taxi industry.*

Alderman Long duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Levasseur asked I don't know why we are in the business of regulating what they can charge. I don't know...Uber does all the business they want in this city and we don't set a rate that they have to charge. We don't even know. I don't know if you can even see what their increases are. I haven't driven with Uber for a while but when I was in Florida the price was pretty much the same from going to an airport to an area that we generally go. I didn't see a major \$3 per mile jump. I am wondering if when they came to you with that increase request if it went to committee first or is it going to go to committee now to figure it out?

Matthew Normand, City Clerk, stated this is a report that came out of committee. There was some concern from the committee members about the significant increase so I went back and talked to the taxi owners and they agreed to lower that initial drop. Their per mile cost currently is \$5 per mile. It would go to \$6.50 per mile. They had initially requested \$8.50 per mile and have dropped it down.

Alderman Levasseur asked why are we deciding how much they charge.

City Clerk Normand responded with respect to Uber and Lyft, as you may recall, the Board did actually pass an ordinance to apply the same regulations to them and the state preempted the city. The Board did try to regulate those industries.

Alderman Levasseur replied yes but the regulations we were trying to pass back then were like a sign in the window and some sort of recognition and criminal backgrounds checks and such. We do make the taxi cab drivers do those but the state said we can't do it for Uber and Lyft. I still have an issue with us deciding what they charge. It is a free market out there and they should be able to compete with the private industry.

City Clerk Normand stated that is a policy decision of the Board and something we can take up in committee in the future. I will tell you that the resident that takes the cab...I think you want consistency for them when they get in that cab so they know what that rate is going to be. If it is going to fluctuate from one day to the next, I think that is a problem for the people who are taking these taxis.

Alderman Levasseur asked on the Uber app it tells you how much it is going to cost right up front. I don't think we have that for the taxis correct?

Mayor Craig answered it fluctuates based on time of day and any events going on.

Alderman Levasseur asked it is still your choice on whether you take it or not.

Mayor Craig responded it is the same thing with a cab.

Alderman Levasseur stated but they don't have an app where it tells them what the price is going to be from A to B. They just get in and it is \$5.50/mile.

City Clerk Normand stated they don't have an app in the taxi industry currently but you have a lot of seniors using the taxis here in Manchester going to Market Basket and such and I don't know that they necessarily would even be able to use an app if there was one.

Alderman Sharonov stated I will be abstaining to the vote due to my conflict of interest because of my business relationship with Uber.

Alderman Levasseur asked did they ever try to get away from being governed. Do they have a lobby of some sort that says we can go change the laws up there or are they just okay with being regulated by you?

City Clerk Normand asked the taxi industry.

Alderman Levasseur replied yes.

City Clerk Normand responded they seem to be fine with it.

Mayor Craig called for a vote to amend the committee report. The motion carried with Alderman Sharonov abstaining.

- 19.** Communication from the HR Director regarding Open Enrollment for FY23.

*On motion of **Alderman Cavanaugh**, duly seconded by **Alderman E. Sapienza**, it was voted to receive and file.*

- 20.** Report(s) of the Committee on Community Improvement, if available.

There were none.

- 21.** Report(s) of the Committee on Public Safety, Health and Traffic, if available.

The Committee on Public Safety, Health and Traffic respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the following request from Fuss & O'Neil regarding the multi-family development project on 21 W. Auburn Street and 24 Depot Street be approved:

- o Temporary Depot Street Closure of one lane for demolition.
- o Temporary City Lot Closure (Tax Map 930, Lot 6) for temporary contractor parking and material storage, with the developer paying 100% of the parking revenue for the 19 spaces on a month-to-month basis for up to 24 months.
- o Dedicated Loading Spaces and Conversion of Depot Street Parking Permit Enforcement Time from 8 PM to 6 PM.

***Alderman Barry** moved to accept the report and adopt its recommendation. **Alderman Heath** duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. The motion carried with Aldermen T. Sapienza and Long duly recorded in opposition.*

- 22.** Report(s) of the Committee on Human Resources/Insurance, if available.

The Committee on Human Resources/Insurance respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the proposed resolution from Alderman Long supporting the minimum wage of \$15/hour for city employees be approved.

***Alderman Long** moved to accept the report and adopt its recommendation. **Alderman Fajardo** duly seconded the motion.*

Alderman T. Sapienza stated I want to make sure that it is what is on the last page that we are approving and not what is on the other pages.

Alderman Long replied correct.

Alderman Sharonov stated I have the same question. Is the text of the resolution going to change from all employees to just full-time because right now it says all employees? I think it is on page 2.

Alderman Long stated the motion coming out of the HR Committee was redlining full-time employees.

Alderman Levasseur asked is there a cost. I hope the public realizes what this vote is about because it is \$15/hour for people who are full-time and already working in the City of Manchester. The amount that it is going to cost to bring the people currently below \$15/hour is about \$4,500 correct?

Alderman Long replied I don't have that number. I know that 10 weeks ago it was \$9,025.

Mayor Craig stated that was for one year. It was \$9,019 according to the documentation.

Alderman Levasseur asked do we know how many employees this affects.

Mayor Craig replied five.

Alderman Levasseur asked do we know where they work. I am not on the committee.

Mayor Craig stated it is on the report that was handed out. It is a customer service rep, library clerk, two office assistants and a parking maintenance worker.

Alderman Levasseur asked and it brings them to exactly \$15/hour.

Alderman Long answered yes.

Mayor Craig called for a vote. *There being none opposed, the motion carried.*

23. Bond Resolutions:

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000) for the 2023 CIP 710123 Mill Girl Stair Replacement (DPW-Highway)."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000) for the 2023 CIP 710023 FY23 Roadway Program (DPW-Highway)."

*On motion of **Alderman Heath**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to waive the reading by titles only.*

*On motion of **Alderman Cavanaugh**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted that the Bond Resolutions ought to pass and be Enrolled.*

24. Appropriating Resolutions:

"Appropriating to the Parking Fund the sum of \$5,652,561 from parking revenues for the Fiscal Year 2023."

"Appropriating the sum of \$16,324,572 from Sewer User Rental Charges to the Environmental Protection Division for the Fiscal Year 2023."

"Appropriating to the Manchester Airport Authority the sum of \$36,682,992 from Special Airport Revenue Funds for the Fiscal Year 2023."

"Appropriating to the Manchester Transit Authority the sum of \$1,373,420 for the Fiscal Year 2023."

"Appropriating to the Manchester School District the sum of \$189,097,818 for the Fiscal Year 2023."

"Appropriating all Incremental Meals and Rooms Tax Revenue Received by the City in the Fiscal Year 2023 and held in the Civic Center Fund, for the payment of the City's Obligations in Said Fiscal Year under the Financing Agreement."

“Appropriating to the Manchester School Food and Nutrition Services Program the sum of \$5,819,971 from School Food and Nutrition Services Revenues for the Fiscal Year 2023.”

“Raising Monies and Making Appropriations of \$166,471,585 for the Fiscal Year 2023.”

“Appropriating to the Central Business Service District the sum of \$258,000 from Central Business Service District Funds for the Fiscal Year 2023.”

“Resolution ‘Approving the Community Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2023, Raising and Appropriating Monies Therefore, and Authorizing Implementation of Said Program.’”

Alderman Long moved that the Appropriating Resolution “Appropriating to the Parking Fund the sum of \$5,652,561 from parking revenues for the Fiscal Year 2023” be approved. **Alderman Levasseur** duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Long moved that the Appropriating Resolution “Appropriating the sum of \$16,324,572 from Sewer User Rental Charges to the Environmental Protection Division for the Fiscal Year 2023” be approved. **Alderman Heath** duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Long moved that the Appropriating Resolution “Appropriating to the Manchester Transit Authority the sum of \$1,373,420 for the Fiscal Year 2023” be approved. **Alderman Cavanaugh** duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Long moved that the Appropriating Resolution “Appropriating all Incremental Meals and Rooms Tax Revenue Received by the City in the Fiscal Year 2023 and held in the Civic Center Fund, for the payment of the City’s Obligations in Said Fiscal Year under the Financing Agreement” be approved. **Alderman Cavanaugh** duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Levasseur stated if I remember correctly, that increased pretty substantially. Will that lower the amount of years we have left to pay on that obligation? I think we were at \$5 million and it jumped pretty significantly by \$2 million.

Sharon Wickens, Finance Officer, replied the annual debt service payment on the civic center is \$5.140 million and that stays flat until I think 2030. What we are doing now with the excess money we receive, and you are correct that this year we received about \$8.2 million, is put it in the debt service reserve fund. That reserve fund needs to reach a balance of \$5.140 million. When it does, there is a second debt service reserve fund that needs to be filled to \$5.140 million. Once the second one reaches \$5.140 million, the entire amount comes back to the city and only one debt service reserve fund remains with the trustee. It is part of the financing agreement.

Alderman Levasseur asked so originally part of the finance agreement was whatever comes from the state goes towards that bond.

Ms. Wickens replied yes it goes towards the bond and any excess needs to fill up the debt service reserve account. We never did if you recall. The state for years kept the rooms and meals appropriation flat so we were actually in default of the bond. We were making the debt payment but only because we were drawing against the debt service reserve fund.

Alderman Levasseur asked what happens with the reserve funds when they are at \$10 million. Do they go to pay the bond off or do we keep them?

Ms. Wickens responded you can't pay the bond off because we would have to call the bond and we don't have that. The second reserve in totality would come back to the city so until the bonds were paid off there would only be one reserve that the trustee holds in the amount of \$5.140 million.

Alderman Levasseur asked is that expected to be paid off in 2029.

Ms. Wickens answered it might be 2029 or 2030. I don't have that in front of me.

Mayor Craig called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Long moved that the Appropriating Resolution “Appropriating to the Manchester School Food and Nutrition Services Program the sum of \$5,819,971 from School Food and Nutrition Services Revenues for the Fiscal Year 2023” be approved. **Alderman Cavanaugh** duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Long moved that the Appropriating Resolution “Appropriating to the Central Business Service District the sum of \$258,000 from Central Business Service District Funds for the Fiscal Year 2023” be approved. **Alderman Fajardo** duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Levasseur asked why are we not approving the Airport resolution. Do we not want to give them all of that money? Is there a reason?

Alderman Long answered the Airport Director called and asked me to table it.

On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was voted to table the balance of the Appropriating Resolutions.

25. Ordinance:

“An Ordinance amending the Housing Code Chapter 150 of the City of Manchester Code of Ordinances to allow a single means of egress as allowed by the Manchester Building Code and NFPA 101 - Life Safety Code and to allow a ceiling height of seven feet in one and two family dwellings as allowed by the Manchester Building Code.”

On motion of **Alderman Cavanaugh**, duly seconded by **Alderman E. Sapienza**, it was voted to waive the reading by title only.

The ordinance, having had its final reading by title only, on motion of **Alderman Barry**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was Ordained.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Craig stated I will quickly go through my new business packet. The school district, city departments and community organizations are having a job fair this Saturday, May 7, from 10 AM until 2 PM at Memorial High School. There are full-time, part-time and seasonal jobs available and there is free shuttle bus service to Memorial. Information is in the packet and posted on the website. Every year one elementary school is honored by the NH Excellence in Education Award, the EDies and today Highland Goffes-Falls was named the top elementary school in the state and I want to congratulate the staff, students and parents there. It is a great honor. There is a public hearing tomorrow, Wednesday, May 4 at 1 PM at the Hillsborough County Complex in Goffstown on the Hillsborough County Commission's proposed FY23 budget. We just received this information and it is in your packet. There are a couple of significant national days of recognition this week. Teacher Appreciation is today, May 3 and International Firefighter's Day is tomorrow, May 4. Both of those professions obviously have changed over the years and go beyond just teaching and firefighting. I want to thank all of our educators and firefighters for all that they do. The Taco Tour is this Thursday, May 5, from 4 PM to 8 PM downtown. City Hall will be closing at 3:30 PM. The Planning Board that usually meets on Thursday evenings is meeting tomorrow night, May 4. I want to congratulate Anna Thomas who was awarded the 2022 SNHU Loeffler Award. They recognize, on an annual basis, individuals who extended themselves to help others in ways that are often extraordinary but overlooked. I just want to thank Anna for all that she does for the Manchester community.

Alderman Levasseur stated I have a question on the county budget. I am trying to go through it but it is a lot to come at you really quick. Alderman Long do you know if they are looking at a significant increase? I am reading it and some of it sounds like a big increase but I am not sure what to make out of that.

Mayor Craig stated we just received it. Sharon has made phone calls and we are waiting to hear back. As soon as we get more information, we will certainly share it with the Board but we just received it in the mail as well and we are trying to go through it.

Alderman Long stated this is the commissioner's hearing. Currently, the delegation is in sub-committee and on June 23 we will be voting on a budget.

Alderman Levasseur stated that is after our budget. Are we going to have an idea on what it is going to be? This looks like an increase but will we have some kind of idea?

Alderman Long responded I am not sure it is going to be an increase. We have ARPA funding that they are utilizing within the county.

Mayor Craig stated they are using more ARPA funds this coming year than they did last year.

*On motion of **Alderman Stewart**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to recess the meeting pursuant to RSA 91-A:2, I(a) for strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining.*

ADJOURNMENT

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was voted to adjourn.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

City Clerk