

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

July 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Mayor Craig called the meeting to order.

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 the purpose of the public comment session is to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board. All people wishing to speak will have up to three minutes to do so and any comments must be directed to the chair.

Any resident wishing to speak will come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized and give their comments.

Jan Litvin, 1226 Chestnut Street, stated:

Thank you for allowing me to speak on behalf of the Parkside Community Garden. I have lived in Manchester for 23 years and I have worked in Manchester for 40 years and have been volunteering with a dedicated group of people who designed, created and built the Parkside Community Garden. Our group began at Mary Lizzie and Bob Marble's house, neighbors of Parkside Middle School. It was because needs were not being addressed in the area between Blucher and Douglas Street. There was an encampment of unhoused individuals with children. Many people avoided the area and some abutters moved away. Mary and Bob chose to do something about it and they notified the city and after much teamwork of many departments, the campers were relocated. During that time, the plans for the Parkside Community Garden were created with volunteers from the UNH Cooperative Extension, NeighborWorks, City Year and Manchester Community College Garden and many more. Because Parkside Community Garden is a place for growing vegetables and community connections, there is less fear of using the park as a public space now. Students walk to school on a wooden path away from traffic to play soccer and all ages sit on granite benches under large shade trees and grow healthy vegetables in a fenced in garden. What I would like

to address is the potential of the Parks & Recreation land since there are limited parks within the city, especially in this neighborhood. It seems valuable to tend to the green space that is remaining. Nearby apartment houses fill the entire block with no extra room for trees or grass to grow. There is danger of accumulated heat in these old structures. There are many physical and psychological benefits in being in a forested or pastured land. I believe it is a fundamental human need such as walking a beach, observing a sunset or viewing the night sky. Gardeners at Parkside Community Garden have often mentioned the health rewards of tending a garden. There is natural stress reduction after visiting vegetables, flowers and other growers. There is a willingness of experienced growers to advise the new gardeners with good advice. A healthy community is the result. Our wish is that you would seriously consider another location since time is of the essence. I have been told that West High School unfortunately will not be an option. I would like to thank all of the concerned citizens brought together by the good will and caring and kindness of the Stebbins Family who are shining a light on the needs of the underserved community. The addition of the Boys & Girls Club and Amoskeag Health nearby will improve the quality of life for Manchester, the west side and beyond. Thank you for listening.

Martha Methot, 247 Blucher Street, stated:

I have lived on Blucher Street for 44 years. As some of you know from the meeting last week, I just mentioned please with this project don't touch Parkside Avenue for several reasons. I would just briefly like to add on to what I said last week because I have been doing some thinking since then. Does this project really have to be so large if it is not going to be at West or somewhere else because when you think of the junior high and the elementary school it would seem like an ideal place but does the project have to be so big? The field behind the community garden and behind the back of Blucher Street near Conant Street is really a good size piece of land. Land is already being used for children to play ball. This community can be set back behind the two roads that the project wants to take. Parking could also be behind the junior high. If this project goes through, please make it smaller than what it is on the present map. Thank you.

Rich Girard, 283 Orange Street, stated:

I am here because neighbors of the proposed West Side Community Center asked me to speak on their behalf. Public speaking is not for everybody and some are concerned about having their face on TV or having their address made public. The concerns neighbors expressed revolve around the claim that their input is important and that they will be involved in the planning. At least two speakers at the Parkside meeting, which gave residents less than half an hour to raise their questions and concerns, said that they question should be whether or not the project goes forward not what it looks like. I think that gets to the heart of the matter. Today's *Union Leader* reports that the organizer's issued a statement which was not sent to neighbors saying "it has always been our intention to work closely with the local community and address any issues now and in the future." The neighbors I have heard from look at what has happened thus far and balk at the idea that their input will be seriously sought or considered given how things have worked to this point. The proposed site was chosen in mid-April yet the neighbor's input was only sought last week. From the meeting, it was clear that the bulk of the community input came from the constituency served by the agencies that have assembled the proposal, not the residents who will be impacted by the building and those it draws to their neighborhood. The statement promises "multiple avenues for public and neighborhood input as we move forward with the planning" which presumes two things. First, that the project will move forward though its size, scope and services have not been defined, and second that the neighbors input will be offset by the general public including the constituencies served by the agencies that want this space. That input is why this building is being proposed on this site in the first place so it looks like a stacked deck. Many neighbors believe they will have as much impact moving forward as they have had up until now. The organizers said that they feel "strongly that the community center can only function with the support and input from west side residents." Well, overwhelmingly the neighbors don't support it at all and who can blame them. Organizers frequently mentioned it being used by the Boys & Girls Club and Amoskeag Health but never any of the other eight organizations involved in the planning, most of which are social service providers who no doubt will want the building to serve their constituencies too. What that would mean to the neighborhood is no small consideration. If neighbor input is truly desired, then it would seem appropriate and wise to work out the details with the neighbors before this sale is approved. It is the only way to guarantee the neighbors aren't steam-rolled for the "greater good" which

honestly is kind of how it appears to them and many others who are directly connected to the project. This could be a great project and I applaud those who have brought it forward; I really do. That said, it would seem that they were so convinced of its merits that they overlooked, until it was mentioned by Alderman Levasseur at Lands & Buildings, those they believed would welcome it because in their eyes it is so good and so necessary. As with the Hallsville School Community Center proposal, this can only be corrected by waiting until the details are worked out with the neighbors before it can be given the green light. Approving this tonight will only further alienate the neighborhood.

Lisa DiBrigida, 145 Hollis Street, stated:

I am here as one of the representatives from Amoskeag Health. I grew up on the west side. My brother still runs our family business on the west side. When I spoke to him about this potential project he was very excited because he is really trying to find more people to work and live on the west side. I have been a pediatrician in this city for 30 years. I am the acting Medical Director for the Manchester Health Department and I have been working in partnership with all of the schools and the nurses for pretty much the last 15 years. One of the things that I think is tremendously exciting about this project is the whole concept of a medical home and a community home and a school home and having a group that all works together. That is the kind of community that a lot of people want to move to and be a part of. Of course, all of the neighbors that are around need to be consulted and at least be told about what is going on but this is such a need for our families that live in Manchester, especially on the west side. For all of the children that I care for currently at the Elm Street Office for Amoskeag Health, we constantly have people who are coming from the west side who don't have the ability for as many after school programs and the Boys & Girls Club would provide that which would be tremendous. I know in looking at all of this that there are so many things to consider. I know that this team that has been working on this idea has been trying to figure out a place and the place came about and I think it is always very difficult to figure out how to talk to the neighbors in a timely fashion. I hope that we will consider what is the right thing for families and for children on the west side of Manchester so that it can be a true medical home, a true community home and a true school home.

Gary Hamer, 221 Sylvester Street, stated:

I currently serve as Ward 10's representative on the Board of School Committee but I come here tonight as a lifelong resident of the west side. The west side has always been a melting pot for citizens of many different ethnic origins. When I was growing up, the neighborhoods on the west side included French Canadian families that immigrated from Quebec, the Germans, the Irish and the Belgian. Over the past 20 years, I have seen the population of the west side change and evolve. One constant has been the west side continues to be a melting pot. Our neighbors today are made up of families from Nepal, Bosnia, Vietnam, Africa, Asia and Central America. Currently there is a lack of access to services to meet the needs of west side children and families. Traveling for services to the other part of the city has become difficult and more challenging. The Mark Stebbins Community Center will play a key role in addressing these gaps by creating a multi-tenant, non-profit center that will bring collaborative services under one roof in an accessible central location for the children and families on Manchester's west side. For the past six months, over 150 community leaders, stakeholders, city partners and citizens have been working together to develop a comprehensive plan of services and infrastructure for this proposed center. Rarely if ever does an opportunity like this come along. A well-respected family known for their philanthropy offers to raise \$17 million in private funding to build a community center on the west side. A community center that will be anchored by two outstanding non-profits – the Boys & Girls Club and Amoskeag Health. This is something that certainly we know our city wouldn't be able to do. I am asking that tonight the Board of Mayor and Aldermen vote to support the Mark Stebbins Community Center and their request to purchase the Parks & Recreation land in order to locate the center in the heart of the west side. The community center will bring transformative, positive and lasting change to the residents because the project will be in the public's best interest as it will add health and welfare for these west side citizens. The next step is to secure the land. The property at Parkside Avenue and Blucher Street is the ideal setting for the community center because it is in the heart of the area in need on the west side. The land is immediately adjacent to Gossler Elementary School and Parkside Middle School. I certainly believe that securing this land for the Mark Stebbins Community Center is the highest and best use of the city property and for the public good and in the

public's best interest. I encourage you to approve the sale of this land tonight. Thank you for your consideration.

Sally Stebbins, 117 Bow Street, Portsmouth stated:

I was married to Mark Stebbins for 43 years before he passed away on June 17, 2021, just last year. Mark was a long-time native of NH. He grew up in Manchester, NH as did the rest of his family and was successful in business. Because of that, he always felt that he wanted to give back to the local community. For the past 20 years, Mark was a strong advocate of Manchester's non-profit community. He generously gave his time and talents to support their missions and encourage non-profits to collaborate. His philanthropic legacy includes a \$1 million donation to the Manchester Boys & Girls Club Camp Foster renovations in addition to the club's Union Street clubhouse; a \$500,000 donation to renovate Easter Seals headquarters in Manchester; \$250,000 to expand the Leader in Me Program which started at the Gossler Park Elementary School and expanded to the Parkside Middle School and then eventually to West High School, so the Leader in Me Program in all three schools as well as the Healthy Hearts Program in both Gossler Park and the Boys & Girls Club; a \$250,000 donation to establish WayPoint's Youth Resource Center in Manchester; and a \$150,000 donation to the YMCA Center for Youth and Teen Leadership in Manchester. I mentioned Mark's contributions not to pat ourselves on the back but to establish our family's credibility and long-standing support and commitment to the non-profit community and especially the children, youth and families in Manchester. In honor of Mark's memory, 30 community and non-profit leaders gathered with the Stebbins family to kick-off the planning and concept for the Mark Stebbins Community Center. The center is planned to be home for several non-profit organizations, which is a goal that Mark always foresaw as collaborating together that will become collaborative services under one roof for families on the west side of Manchester. What we are proposing is a unique partnership which I don't believe has ever been done before anywhere in the state for a private group of individuals to raise \$17 million to benefit the local residents of Manchester. We have all been working hard on the project for the past six months and would like to continue the process but we cannot and will not move forward without your support. My family will be fine with or without a community center and as for the commitment by the committee, nobody has anything to gain but the residents of Manchester can certainly use this type

of resource. I urge you to vote in favor of the land purchase so we can provide these services to the families.

Brittany Ping, 408 Rimmon Street, stated:

I usually do a lot better at preparing to talk to you all but I have to admit that I am a little conflicted here. I was one of those 30 at the November kick-off meeting due to my involvement with a non-profit that services the west side. Our goal is to enrich the lives of the residents on the west side. I am on the Community Needs Assessment Committee for the Mark Stebbins Community Center and I am also on the Planning...I can't remember if it is Development or Organization but it is okay. She will forgive me. Anyway, I am on two committees. I love this idea. I have been supporting it and I have been an advocate and I have to say that I am conflicted when I am sitting here as somebody that lives at Rimmon and Amory Street and somebody who owns property at Putnam and Blucher Street. I do believe that there is a best use for the land next to Parkside Community Gardens and I believe that the way the city has handled what is the best use for city vacated property is through a request for proposal process. We are seeing that in real life at the Hallsville School. The city was offered a proposal for the use and it is going through the request for proposal process appropriately now and that ends on July 29. I am not saying that maybe this isn't the greatest and best use for this space, but I believe that there is a process that will allow abutters the time that they need to connect with these organizations who truly have the west side's best interest at heart and it will allow the city's west side residents to know that this is truly the best use of this space if we have an accurate and full request for proposal to review that our aldermen and mayor have reviewed and that we can bring that trust in. I was sitting next to someone I worked with in the planning of this community center and I was reflecting on a conversation I had today about a study that says people don't like change. You can give them a small change and you can give them a large change and society is going to adapt to that change in the same amount of time. Obviously the larger change is going to cause more havoc. Again, I am conflicted. I am here in support of the Mark Stebbins Community Center and I am here as a concerned resident on the west side and I am asking that maybe the Board of Mayor and Aldermen take a moment to reflect and review a real request for proposal and maybe open it up for multiple proposals like we have done for the Pearl Street lot and the Pine Street lot and

Hallsville School. That is a process that we know and trust in this city and I believe it would restore a lot of faith with the abutters and neighbors on the west side. Thank you.

Diane Fitzpatrick, 120 Lexington Avenue, stated:

I am the CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Manchester as well as a long time Manchester resident. I am here to show support for this proposal to purchase the Parkside parcel on the west side by Mark Stebbins Community Center. Expanding childcare services into the west side has been a goal of the Boys & Girls Club for many, many years. Many of you might have heard about the Apollo project. If we can put a man on the moon, we can create a community center and that has been my motto for several years. These services that the Boys & Girls Club is hoping to provide include healthy meals, enriching activities and a safe place for kids and teens to thrive. The Boys & Girls Club presently serves over 500 children a day in our before and after school programs, as well as 470 kids who are experiencing a wonderful summer program out at Camp Foster and at our Union Street Clubhouse. One hundred and ten of these children are coming from the west side and we currently have a waiting list. The need is growing. Seventy percent of our members that are currently enrolled at the club live 200% below poverty. Forty-three percent of our club members are living in a single guardian household. Right now, our state is facing a childcare crisis. We know our families are struggling and need access to quality programs; quality programs just like the ones we have been doing successfully at Union Street for over 100 years. This new location would bridge the gap between home and school by providing affordable accessible programs and opportunities for children and families on the west side. Our Board of Directors, who are here tonight, and our staff who are here tonight, are committed to serving children and families in our Manchester community. Our sincere hope is that every child in Manchester is given access and opportunity regardless of their zip code. That is why the Mark Stebbins Community Center is an ideal project and the right step forward to make this dream a reality. I thank you for your time.

Kris McCracken, 8 John Gaffe, Bedford stated:

I am the CEO of Amoskeag Health at 145 Hollis Street. I am here tonight to share my support for the proposed purchase of Tax Map 318, Lot 3 on Parkside Avenue on the west side. We have been working closely in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club of

Manchester and over 150 volunteers for the last 6-9 months to identify possible locations to construct a building in which to house our two anchor organizations with space to provide other collaborative services for the children and the families on the west side of Manchester. Amoskeag Health is a non-profit and a federally qualified health center. We have provided primary care, prenatal care, counseling, nutrition and other supportive services to the community for almost 30 years. I have been with this organization for 26 of those years matriculating from entry level work doing crisis intervention and counseling and serving families to the position I am in today. During those times, I have come to know both from my own experiences serving families and the work that our staff does every day, about the number of needs on the west side and the lack of services available to the most populated ward. Amoskeag Health has worked closely with Gossler Park Elementary School and Parkside Middle School for many years providing counselors and community health workers stationed right in the schools as part of the community schools' initiative. We know that the children that we are serving there have a great need because of the work that those individuals are doing right in the schools. Our patients live on the west side; 40% of them live in Ward 11 out of the 4,137 patients we currently serve on the west side of Manchester. Of those, 32% are children, 14% need transportation in order to get to services and 38% require an interpreter in order to access those services which goes to one of the points made earlier about diversity in our community. We know through our work with several community non-profits, the Health Department, municipal departments, the Board of School Committee and aldermen in the community that the need for supportive services on the west side for children and their families is great and we hope through the development of the Mark Stebbins Community Center to provide access to those services for children and families that are not readily accessible on the west side. Through a lengthy property search for several months, it has become evident that the number of lots available on a bus line that will be appropriate for a project of this scope are very difficult and limited options. As such, we encourage your consideration of this really well-matched opportunity. Thank you.

Jeanine Tousignant, 471 Lowell Street, stated:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you tonight. I have been a resident and homeowner in Manchester for 22 years and I am the Project Facilitator for the Mark

Stebbins Community Center. I also own a business here in Manchester working with non-profits and was the CEO of a Manchester non-profit for 10 years. At the heart of the Mark Stebbins Community Center is the word community and we take that very seriously. We value input. We value community input. We feel strongly that the community center can only function with the support and input from west side residents. Tonight, I would like to share with you our community engagement efforts since we launched the planning just eight months ago, and more importantly going forward. A survey was sent out in April translated into 10 different languages and we held three community meetings to gather feedback. To spread the word, we placed adds on four radio stations, put articles on Manchester Ink Link, over a dozen non-profit shared the survey through email, posted on social media and assisted in-home clients to take the survey and more. The survey was shared on social media for us by Rimmon Heights Group, We Heart West, and the Manchester Police Department. The Manchester School District sent the survey to all west side parents. Flyers were put up at Kelley Falls. We put flyers up in over a dozen west side local businesses. We shared this with our 150+ volunteers to share on their social media accounts and we have been in constant contact with the Mayor, the aldermen and the Board of School Committee. At the recent July 11 neighborhood meeting, we acted immediately after the Lands & Buildings Committee voted. We contacted the City Assessor's Office, created and mailed a flyer to 91 abutters and neighbors within a week, posted on social media and there were articles in the *Union Leader* and Manchester Ink Link. We also posted a Q&A from the meeting on our website. We appreciate the honest candor that the area residents have expressed and are committed to working through all of the feedback we have and the feedback we will receive. If you choose to vote yes tonight, we will have many avenues for public and neighborhood input as we move forward with the planning. This will include holding workshops for programming, building, and site design; creating a design review committee with representatives from the neighborhood, the city and those receiving services; and several opportunities for public input during the zoning and planning process. Finally, I would like to leave you with these three salient points about the project which are truly in harmony with the NH way of doing things. It is almost an entirely volunteer effort. No tax dollars are involved. Services will be provided by non-profits to service youth and families on the west side. The property is being purchased by a non-profit, the Mark Stebbins Community Center, and we are not

asking the city to donate the land. Thank you for taking all of this into consideration as you consider your vote tonight.

Jim O'Connell, 265 Prospect Street, stated:

I am a member of the Board of School Committee and I was elected as a member at-large so I represent very proudly all 12 wards in the City of Manchester and I do hear from people in wards on the west side as well as every place else. A lot of people have spoken eloquently tonight and I think I particularly identified with my colleague, Mr. Hamer's, thoughtful contribution. I strongly support this. It seems to me that only in an alternative universe could you find a city of 100,000+ people that is underfunded generally and lacks the ability to fund fully the requirements and the great needs and increasing needs of its citizens somehow look that gift horse in the mouth and find some convoluted set of rationales to find a way to refuse it because we don't want it. That is the first thing I would say. The second point I would make is that the need is great and at the meeting at Parkside people talked about heat maps and what those heat maps represent...they look nice on a map like gray to orange blotches scattered across the west side of the city but those blotches represent hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of children in need; faces looking at us for support and looking at us to help them to be successful and looking at us to improve their lives and allow them to live the life that they deserve to live. That is what the face of the heat map looks like. It is not an abstract thing and we know that we have hundreds...thousands of children in this city who do not have the services they require. This to me makes this a very simple decision. The last point I would make is I would ask you to consider the chilling effect of a Board of Mayor and Aldermen in the City of Manchester finding difficulty with accepting the benevolence, the goodwill and the effort, and the money and the people involved in the community, etc. and the message that might send that we have difficulty accepting the most benevolent of causes. I would caution you that that message should not come out of this Board tonight. Rather, this Board should be greeting this with open arms and smiling faces and welcoming them and encourage them and say we need you and we thank you for what you do already and we need you more in our city. I thank you for your work and I hope that you find it as easy as I do to understand that this is a very good proposition for the families and children of the City of Manchester. Thank you.

Jill Thompson, 49 Hevey Street, stated:

I am a direct abutter to the proposed community center site and I am speaking on behalf of relatives that live at 33 and 52 Hevey Street as well. Today I am asking you to vote no or at least postpone your vote on the sale of the property located at Parkside Junior High School. There are so many unanswered questions regarding the intent of this development. What is the rush to sell the land right now? It is there. It will be there tomorrow and it will be there next month. They say the building will have a \$17 million price tag yet they offer no insight into what the building will look like. You have a dollar value that big in mind but you don't have some kind of knowledge of what you want and you have to say that it is 30,000 to 40,000 square feet. That is a huge building in a normally quiet residential neighborhood. They have undefined services and undefined clientele planned for this property. What is the age of services for this property? Is it up to 18? Is it for anyone or is it for only residents of the west side? Could it end up housing a homeless shelter or a warming shelter? Could it end up being more of a low income healthcare facility? Could it end up housing a needle exchange? These are all of the concerns that the neighborhood has. Let us not push this through now and find out later what their full intent is. Finally, the negative reception they received at the neighborhood meeting on July 11 at Parkside should have concerned them. It should have generated another neighborhood meeting or at least prompted a "neighbors we understand your concern" email to us yet we still haven't heard anything. I understand they are under no obligation to get neighborhood buy in at this point in time but boy they sure managed to get other representatives, former and current mayors, all three neighboring school principals, the Chief of Police, school board members and who knows how many others but they couldn't reach out to the direct neighbors. Why? Is that because perhaps they knew we wouldn't embrace it? As one of their representatives stated, an architect, "the center will only be successful if it is adopted by the neighborhood." Well the neighborhood isn't embracing it right now and to make matters worse, we are feeling cheated and we are thrown into this project with little time to respond. It has been in discussion since last November yet we didn't hear about it until June 30. It is a shame that they didn't respect or care about us enough. All of us are city taxpayers who will forever end up having to deal with this building and all of them who are for this will go back to their neighborhoods and be far removed from it.

Let me say that it is a horrible feeling to be so disrespected and not represented by my community where I have lived my whole life. Again, I urge you to vote no or at least postpone your vote until the developer can provide more details. Why rush the sale now? Thank you.

Mark DesGrosseilliers, 49 Hevey Street, stated:

I would like to share some thoughts and concerns related to agenda Item 38 which relates to the possible sale of Parks & Recreation land to the Stebbins Group for a possible community center. There are so many issues; more than can be covered in three minutes. I know many of you attended the meeting that was held on Monday, July 11 to gather community input. I can't tell you how incredibly disappointed I was on how that meeting was handled and the lack of concern that was exhibited by those leading the meeting. Essentially, they allowed for only about 25 minutes of input from the community and impacted abutters. Then right at 7 PM they shut the meeting down and refused to take any more input. They could have extended the meeting. They could have had a follow-up meeting the next night or the following night, etc. but they evidently did not really have an interest in hearing all of our concerns. It was completely unprofessional how they orchestrated that meeting and the lack of concern and consideration they exhibited for long-time property owners, taxpayers, and your constituents was appalling. I am really having a hard time understanding how things have progressed so far and none of the project owners or city personnel have provided notice or contacted abutting property owners until very recently. How can this be? It is a pretty sad commentary that you would allow your property owners to be disrespected like this. It really feels like someone is trying to quickly do something under the cover of darkness. It feels like a smack in the face of your fellow city property owners. The site of this proposed community center represents one of the very few green spaces we have in the area. It is a very valued Parks & Recreation space that is used every day by children and adults on the west side for all kinds of recreational activity. We see it. We live right next door. When every city and town in southern NH is clamoring for more P&R space, why are we looking to destroy what we already have and eliminate what is a tremendously valuable green space for our citizens? From what we have heard, they are proposing a behemoth sized building for this current green space which would forever destroy the nice residential nature of the area. Other sites would be much more

appropriate and we need to consider those other sites and underutilized spaces within the city that would be much more appropriation locations for a center like this. Tonight's meeting is a perfect example of the problem with the process here. Why are you actually taking a vote tonight on the sale of the land to this group when they haven't even done the work yet to review the plans for this with the future neighbors? It is like they are wanting to race to the finish without ever properly considering those people who would be most impacted by the development. I would ask you as city leaders and fellow property owners, would you appreciate it if someone was trying to quickly channel something like this into your backyard without ever talking to you? Why is there this crazy race to quickly get this in place without allowing a thoughtful, considerate process to take place that includes abutters and others who would be most impacted? The only appropriate thing to do at this point is to vote no or at a minimum table this action and have the project owners go back and include any possible impacted property owners in the deliberations and planning for their potential community center, wherever that may end up being placed. Thank you.

Brian Pepin, 87 Blucher Street, stated:

I am a high functioning disabled combat veteran. Now I don't articulate words very well and I have never done this. I am freaking out right now and I am sorry. I don't know how to articulate anger into words but this project will affect three sides of my property. I am probably the most effected. The traffic is crazy in the school right now. You guys can't control the flow. What happens when my niece and nephew want to come over and you guys now take that green space away and drop a giant brick building? I don't have any children but my friends and family do. We want the kids outside playing in those green spaces, not inside a brick building. I left 69 Laurel Street to get away from burglaries. My property was burglarized eight times. There was a nine millimeter hole through one of my back windows. There were drug addicts shooting up on the property next to mine. When I say you guys I am sorry. It is not a directed attack. I just don't know how to articulate words very well. These are the type of images I see coming to the property I tried to get away from by buying 87 Blucher Street. If I look out my back window, there is a green space and there is a community garden. Why do you guys have to put it directly behind my house. If you wanted to support the children, why not put it between the garden and the schools that are already there? It is the same square

footage and it is flat and ready to be paved. Put the parking lot there and the kids can go there. The buses that go to the Boys & Girls Club already go down that road. You don't have to do more construction. What about my job? I get up at 2 AM or 3 AM or 4 AM. Every day is different. My schedule is never the same. When I come home and want to relax after work, I can't even get in my driveway because of the buses and the kids are all over the place. What about my property now that has been burglarized by the kids...you want to draw even more? I understand that I live near a school and they are already there but I had to fight to get a shed and a driveway put in my yard. I had to fight the city and still you guys want to put a giant brick building behind my property. I don't understand. I am sorry. Thank you for your time.

Carla Gericke, 63 Durette Court, stated:

I have lived for seven years on the west side. I walk the neighborhood daily. I do litter pick-ups with We Are West. I check in on my elderly neighbors who are not in favor of this; not one on our street is and I generally take care of where I live. I have run for State Senate and I am now running for the House in Ward 11. What does community mean? In order for a community center to be acceptable in a community, surely the community, the literal people who live there should have a say. The abutters were only informed two weeks ago and we were given one opportunity to ask questions. About 100 people showed up and we were cut off without any attention being given to the issue of if not when. It was simply presented as this is what is happening and you guys need to shut up. Why? Why the haste? What other properties were considered? Off the top of my head, I can think of a few. Why don't we build it near the West Side Arena next to the highway or West High as someone mentioned? Candidly, let me ask you and someone mentioned this, if someone else was mayor and there was a park next to your house that had been there forever and over the past few years you noticed that people in the community had built a community garden where we grow vegetables and then one morning over coffee you just happen to read in the newspaper that within weeks that park would be sold to a private developer without any notice, due diligence or even the opportunity for us to buy it ourselves? How would you feel? Would you feel like we should trust these people? Would you trust people who didn't invite any feedback or hold another meeting? Even the mayor admits, in the sub-committee minutes, that it is very unusual and I might say I am not sure it is even legal, to turn a

park, a green space, into a parking lot. The law of economics are immutable which is a fancy way of saying that the laws of economics are undeniable and the laws of economics say that you get more of what you subsidize. If you want to subsidize services on the west side, what are you going to be subsidizing? Do you want to subsidize people learning to grow their own food and getting in touch with the land and children playing in parks which is what the community has literally already indicated that we want? That is what we are doing. That is our human action in our backyards. Or will you subsidize services that no matter how good your intentions will just end up causing more poverty, drug addiction and homelessness and drive people like us out of the city? No sense. I ask you today to reject this sale and work with us in the community to find a different option; one better suited to your goals and one that does not destroy the park in our neighborhood. I will leave you with this. The school is literally called Parkside. Thank you.

Luis Calitz, 63 Durette Court, stated:

I am actually married to Carla who just spoke. We live above Parkside school up the hill. I volunteer with We Are West. I pick-up litter in my neighborhood regularly. I also do that with We Are West. A vote to sell this property will destroy recreational green space that has been in the community for generations. There are kids playing there all the time, especially on the hill and on the field. The Piscataquog River Park and Rock Rimmon are less and less accessible because of homeless camps and trash being dumped in those parks. The amount of green space available to kids in the neighborhood is less and less and less. Removing this green space would be a mistake. Anyone who is interested in the health of kids should realize that. It is kind of the wrong neighborhood for a center like this. The people that live there, our neighbors, are long-term residents and people with deep ties to the history of west Manchester. Making the neighborhood less attractive to people like this would make the neighborhood less safe and less prosperous. There are neighborhoods in west Manchester that are more appropriate for a center like this. I think it is ironic that the first act of an organization that wants to help west Manchester is to do the opposite. I don't think it is intentional but doing something bad unintentionally in order to do good is still unacceptable. The remedy is simple. Find a more appropriate site for the center that would not harm the interests of west Manchester but really help. You could really

help today by not approving this sale. I also want to take a step back to see what we are doing here. We heard a lot of evidence of why the center is needing and all the great efforts by the Stebbins family to improve things in Manchester but that is not the decision here. We can all assume that everyone in this room wants to help assist people that need assistance. I think that is just how people are. The decision here is is this the right location to put the center. That is what you need to decide. Thank you.

Tammy Garthwaite, 166 Varney Street, stated:

I come tonight before this Board as actually someone who thinks that a Boys & Girls Club presence on the west side would be a wonderful thing but I implore you not to approve this sale tonight. Maybe we will approve that sale down the road but I think you have to take into consideration that every single person here who spoke for this project was involved in the project and every single person who spoke against it was a member of the community. You are beholden to the community, not to the non-profits and not to any benevolent donors. Don't get me wrong. The Stebbins family is an absolute wonderful family. They have donated so many times in such large dollar amounts that of course we want to work with them but taking a parcel of property that is utilized by the neighborhood that consists of a lot of single-family homes...to be honest Mayor Craig, at the last Lands & Buildings Committee meeting you made the comment that that property is completely underutilized, oh except for that huge community garden that that neighborhood built. We hear about food deserts all the time. That is one of those buzz words. Food deserts. People don't have enough access to healthy foods so they built a community garden which we should replace with pavement. That would be a plan. Let's get rid of the one few neighborhood parks left in that neighborhood which is just a neighborhood and replace it with a parking lot and a 40,000 square foot building that is going to house a medical facility. Now if Elliot or CMC or any other private medical company came to you and said we would like to put a medical facility next to Parkside Middle School you would be like you are crazy we can't put a medical facility next to a school. That is silly. We are not going to take out a park...I meant you said it in your own words. Corporations ask to buy city land all the time and we just flat out say no but because there is some rush to accomplish this goal in a short time-frame we are ignoring all that. I have heard time and time again that this is \$17 million that will be privately funded except I want to repeat the words that were used at the meeting on July

11 when asked about the funding. What is the funding? Federal funding that is coming in, grant opportunities, all of that to which the Executive Director jumped in and said well private funding as well mostly from individuals in the community and other people across the country as well as foundations. So there are a lot of uneasy tensions here. We don't know what the building looks like. We don't know who is going to be in the building. We don't know where the money is coming from. We don't know anything but yet we are going to rush to have this Board say by all means we should sell it for \$600,000, the lowest dollar possible in the assessment. It was appraised at \$600,000-\$750,000 so naturally the city will sell it for the lowest amount. Let's not put it out to bid and try to get more. I urge you all to vote no and vote for the people in your community...Alderman Gamache.

Brinck Slattery, 77 Durette Court, stated:

I am a direct abutter to this proposed project. As many of the people in the neighborhood mentioned earlier, I was notified about this two weeks ago. I had to change work plans as I was supposed to be traveling for work but instead I stayed home and went to this meeting to express my discontent with the fact that this was just rocketing forward without the input of the community. I think a lot of people have covered points that I was going to say so I am going to grab some random things. In the process of determining the usefulness of this site, they mentioned the use of surveys to determine whether or not people wanted it. Just a little thing about sampling bias. If you go and tell a bunch of groups that are organized for the purposes of community services being provided that you have a survey about whether or not you want more community services provided, they are very likely to say yes. You are going to get a high level of representation of people saying that those are needed. If you did an actual community survey, you might find a different result. I also wanted to mention that a gentleman mentioned heat maps about service needs. At the meeting I noticed there was a large orange and red dot over my house. My neighborhood has several elderly women and my neighbor Carla. I don't think that any of us have children. There are no services required on our street so I would question the nature of that. I think we need some sort of independent group to look at this; somebody that doesn't have a vested interest in pushing it forward. As was just mentioned, we were told that there are no tax dollars involved. At the meeting they said the budget is going to come from

federal grants. I pay my federal taxes and I hope you all do too and that means that is tax dollars. In conclusion, I understand that everybody that is trying to do this is trying to do something good for the community and it sounds like there is a lack of services and a need for this stuff on the west side to some extent but going from that observation to the answer is a 40,000 square foot building in a current park is a little bit of a fast jump. I think there needs to be involvement from the community; the neighbors and the people that actually live there which when they heard about this they turned out in force to say no. Again, I think that with time and with input from the community and the understanding that this is going to be for youth and something that is going to be providing services for kids...there are a lot of concerns about whether there are mental health services that will attract the homeless population to the area which doesn't exist now. So there are a lot of questions up in the air and I don't understand why we want to rush forward with this right now when we could actually talk about it. The only reason that comes to mind is there is a federal grant window closing or something but that is not my problem and this is my backyard. If I wanted to plan something, I would try to get the people that are going to be a part of it involved rather than just ramrodding it down. With time and reflection and involvement from the community I think something like this could be a great project that could service the neighborhood. I hope to have children and I would love to have them have a wonderful facility to play in but I would also want them to have a wonderful park and community garden that is right down the hill. Please, please, please consider this very thoughtfully. I hope you slow down this process and you give the community time to give feedback on this project. Thanks.

Brenda Thompson, 38 Hevey Street, stated:

The first thing on my mind is what does it take to really be heard. Having said that, I would like to now explain why I oppose the site that you have chosen for the center or the sale of the property. My reasoning is you are going to take a beautiful piece of city away to build a facility to help others. Although this is an awesome cause, I do not believe that this is an appropriate site because in the process you will also be taking away the place where a lot of activities happen each and every day. I believe we can all agree to this, don't you? Activities such as couples and families walking their dogs, kids playing and practicing sports such as volleyball and soccer, playing catch, throwing a Frisbee, flying a kite and sometimes kids even enjoying doing their homework out in the

open field in the sun on a sunny afternoon. There are times when science projects are in need of a big open space and this field is there for that to happen. If the hill were to be opened up, again the kids could once again have their sliding place back. It was only a few years back a wonderful place to enjoy winter activities such as sliding, building snowmen and just plain tromping around the hill and through the snow. I would love to see someone encourage more of these outside activities, not eliminate them. Activities that most of us all enjoyed as kids. Another area of agreement right? In closing many good times happen and memories take place in wide open spaces. There again are many activities taking place on the field each and every day and we don't have very many big open spaces nearby for kids and families to go outside and enjoy because this is a city where everyone is close to each other and we need the green space for all the reasons I just spoke of and more. I believe that if you were to think back on your childhood and your children's and possibly your grandchildren's childhood, you wouldn't want this to be taken away from you or them would you? Finally, I ask that you please reconsider this site as your choice because we as a community need this outside open field and I am counting on you to choose another site that is in desperate need of major repairs. Tear it down and build it back up. Now that would be a wonderful legacy for the Stebbins to be remembered by. Thank you for your time.

Patrick Binder, 96 Allen Street, stated:

I am a Board member on We Are West and I spend most of my weekends cleaning up the city parks, which means I go to all of the ones on the west side and what you guys might now know is all of them are full of drunks, needles and trash except for this one. I think being next to a middle school has saved it from that. All of the other parks...the middle school property is not even as clean as this park. This is really a gem of a park as far as parks go. There is not a lot in this area that children or anyone can use that is open green space that is not going to have a drunk in it yelling at you. I am firmly against this being sold. I am also against any city land being sold in this way – without an open market sale and to specific people. As far as I am concerned, none of you were voted in to pick and choose who gets park lands and what projects get approved in this way. To some extent, the Planning Board is but it seems like you guys are holding on to land and then just selling it when one of your friends comes and says hey let's do a project. I have seen other sales like this or similar type stuff. Reading what

came out of committee with a 91-A recommendation that this all be hidden away from public view which is how I read it, that the 91-A exemption recommendation meant that this came out of committee with a recommendation that the public not know about this and not be involved in the discussion and that is stamped right on the first page of the committee report. It is just really egregious. It makes the whole thing seem disingenuous. I thought the survey was disingenuous as well. I went to the meeting and was shut down. I had some recommendations and was shut down at the meeting. I thought it was a disingenuous meeting. I don't think that they wanted to actually listen. They already had their vision and their dream. Dreams and visions are beautiful but when it comes to destroying a city park to make it happen and getting a special rate on the land that wasn't available to me...I might actually want to build a community center. Why can't I buy that land? \$601,000. I will pay it. Is it a community center? Let's talk about that word. What is a community center? This is not what I think of when I think of a community center. This sounds like a government services center funded by the government with government funds. That is not a community center. Community centers are from the ground up. One more thing on the parks. We were cleaning Sweeney Park this past weekend and I had drunks yell at me and I picked up some needles and one thing that happened last year is there was a guy in his young 20's that was doing a basketball program unaffiliated with any of the stuff...this is real community stuff and not affiliated with any of this other stuff and he had been complaining to City Parks & Recreation that none of the basketball hoops had nets so he finally put in his own nets and then he was complaining that the basketball hoop was broken. You know what the City Parks Department did? They put in irrigation. That is what they did to that park. I don't think the city or this group, the Mark Stebbins Community Center, is listening to the people of the community and I implore you guys to listen to the community and to vote no tonight.

Sue Hannon, 13 Sundown Drive, Derry, stated:

I am going to change the subject for a minute. I teach at Hillside Middle School and am the President of the Manchester Education Association. I am here tonight to talk about our educator's contract. Our contract was negotiated in good faith and is a win-win for both the School Board and the educators. MEA voting members approved it by 95% and the Board of School Committee approved it unanimously. This contract brings

opportunity to attract and retain quality educators. Currently, the district is a bit strangled that they cannot offer the new contract to new hires yet and we may be losing some great people until this is completely ratified. We offer you time to meet with us and discuss the changes to the contract if you need more information. Thank you very much.

Robert Miville, 144 Blucher Street, stated:

We are involved with the community garden. I like kids. I think the community center would be a great idea. I also wonder why we have two schools within sight of my house that are empty after 3 PM. Why we have a high school that is smack dab in the middle of this heat map that we can't fill with students and why does the builder think the only thing we can do is build in a green spot that is used right now? We put in a request of the garden. That is probably not reason enough to keep it but the city made a promise even if it wasn't in writing, that we could have our garden there. I don't want there to not be a community center but why can't we use some of the buildings that are standing now to house it that are a shorter walk or the same walk and are underutilized? Why do we have to pave something over? They told us don't worry we will build parking lots. Gee that is what we need – more parking lots. I want all of these services. I want my community to have all of these things. We have the places now and if we have \$17 million why are we going to build something new? Why don't we just reduce, reuse and recycle our buildings? Thank you.

Hank Stebbins stated:

I am very excited about this project. In the last few months since a number of people got together and proposed this as a memory to Mark, we have been working very hard to do good for the community. Our goal is not to bring people who are going to use drugs to this area. We will be very clear about that. I also want everyone to know that this is very early in the process. What we are talking about is after the P&S agreement is signed, a number of things have to happen. We have to do our due diligence. We have to find out if this can be built. We have to find out how we can keep the community garden on the site and still have the benefit of that while we are doing all the good things. There is a process for this that the city has set-up and has laws about. This particular project is going to require approval by two city boards, both of which

require public notice and notice to the abutters. They will all have an opportunity for input at the public sessions. We have made a commitment that we will create committees which will include neighbors and people on the west side in how we design the property and the programs. A 40,000 square foot building isn't necessarily huge. In fact, the high school is I believe a 120,000 square foot building and the grade school is a 43,000 foot building all on one floor. What we are proposing is a two floor building which will take up 20,000 square feet and leave lots of green space on this over four-acre parcel. We are proposing to keep the community garden. We have made it very clear that we have made a commitment to the community garden people that the community garden will stand. We have also made commitments to involve a number of people in this process beyond the statutory requirements for approval. The real safety valve here as one of the abutters said is the Planning Board and the Zoning Board. The Planning and Zoning Boards both have to approve this. They are going to have an opportunity to discuss it. It doesn't make any sense for us to go before the Planning Board or the Zoning Board and have people like this come out and really emotionally express how they feel. We will work with them. We will not go to either board without working with them and making sure that we are meeting the community needs. The Stebbins Family has given a lot back to Manchester because Manchester is where I grew up and my brother grew up. It has been the core of who we became. The ethnic differential that was discussed earlier was a big part of our growing up. Having friends who were Polish and having friends who were French and having friends who were Greek and playing sports with them...it makes Manchester what it is but some of those people need help. Thank you very much.

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

Mayor Craig stated with the Board's indulgence, I would like to take items 43 & 44 right now. We have a number of people including an attorney here.

- 43.** Tentative agreement between the Manchester School District and the Manchester Teacher's Association.

(Note: The tentative agreement is contingent upon a future vote of the BMA approving an additional appropriation to the school district in the amount of \$3.9 million for FY23 and \$2.5 million for FY24 as a result of the passage of Senate Bill 420.)

Alderman Long moved to ratify and layover. **Alderman Trisciani** duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. The motion carried with Alderman E. Sapienza abstaining.

44. Tentative Agreements between the City and:

- AFSCME - Central Fleet
- AFSCME - Facilities
- AFSCME - Health
- AFSCME - Highway, Parks & Recreation and EPD
- IAFF - Firefighters
- MAFS - Fire Supervisors
- MPPA - Police Patrolmen
- MAPS - Police Supervisors
- PDSS - Police Support Staff
- Teamsters - Airport
- Teamsters - Welfare

Alderman Cavanaugh moved to ratify the agreements. **Alderman Long** duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Levasseur asked are non-affiliated included in this. Can we add that?

Mayor Craig responded we approved that at the last meeting.

Mayor Craig called for a vote. The motion carried with Alderman Burkush abstaining from the two Fire agreements.

Mayor Craig stated on Item 43, just to confirm the motion was to ratify and layover contingent upon the \$3.9 million from Senate Bill 420 being appropriated to the school district.

Alderman Levasseur asked is there any reason not to vote for that expenditure sent to the school board now or do we have to wait until the check is written. *I will make a*

motion that the \$3.9 million and the \$2.5 million being sent to us from the state be directed to the school district.

Alderman Long duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Matthew Normand, City Clerk, stated that is going to come before the Board as a supplemental appropriation at a later date.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Presentation of the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

Jen Heon, Financial Analyst II, stated I have Scott McIntire and Andrew Gordon here from Melanson to present the city's 2021 ACFR.

Scott McIntire, Melanson, stated thank you very much for the invite to come in this evening and give you a quick walk through of our audit of your June 30, 2021 financial statements. The audit was completed last March and we are pleased to be able to give you an update here tonight. With me as Jen just indicated to my right is Andrew Gordon. He is going to be new to the team for the FY22 audits. Every now and then we do like to make some rotations and he will be the new audit manager. I will remain the audit partner. Also with me back here is Megan from our staff. We just wanted to expose her to this concluding part of the audit to continue to further her development. With that said, just to get into the audit results, it is my understanding that the Board has an electronic copy of it. I am going to walk through just a handful of pages. I will reference the print page if anyone has a print copy and a .pdf page as I go through this. Before I do, probably the most important communication that we as your auditors can make to this Board is to let you know that our audit of your financial statements went very well. What that really means, at least in my opinion and in the most basic terms that I can think of is when we came in here to audit your books and records we found them in good working order. Key cash accounts were reconciled on a regular and timely basis. The same with your receivables and your long term debt and as a result of that we did not need to propose any significant audit adjustments for your financial

statements that you have in your files to be prepared in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). That is certainly one of three critical and required communications. That is letting you know how the audit went and if there were any significant audit entries. It is certainly, as I said, the most important thing you will hear from us tonight. It went well and we did not need to propose any significant audit entries. Our auditing standards also require that we let you know that there were no disagreements between the city and our firm on how to apply GAAP. The last of the three required communications deals with accounting estimates. There are a handful of estimates in your statements. I am not going to list them all. The most significant ones are your net pension liability and your net OPEB liability and the related accounts that are associated with those. I am going to speak in a minute about those accounts and if there are any questions I will try to take them at the end. That is sort of the required communication. Now to get into the audit a little bit, if you are following along it is print page 13 or .pdf page 21. This is our independent auditor's report. It goes on for several pages but I can summarize it I hope very succinctly in that after following the standards, the standards promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and generally accepted government auditing standards...after applying all of those standards in our procedures in our opinion your financial statements are totally in accordance with GAAP here in the United States. It is sometimes referred to as a clean audit opinion. Technically we in the audit world call it unmodified. Our opinion has no modifications to it so your financial statements are in accordance with GAAP. If I can take you over very quickly to page 29 on the printed copy of .pdf page 40, here I am going to focus very quickly on the first column of numbers. This is a long term perspective balance sheet. We are going to look at the general fund financial statements in just a moment but this long term financial statement that we are looking at right now...the focus here as I mentioned earlier with those two accounts are your net pension liability and your net OPEB liability. Just as a point of reference, if you look in that first column of numbers maybe two-thirds of the way down the page on the long term non-current liability section, you will see your net pension liability of about \$251 million. A year ago, that was \$208 million. So there has been a significant increase in that and there is one particular reason for that and that is that the discount rate, the expected future earnings of plan investments, changed from last year to this year. The year before it had an assumed discount rate of 7.25% and it dropped in FY21 to 6.75%.

That drop in the discount rate...if we are lowering the expected future earnings of the NH retirement...this deals with the NH Retirement System. The Manchester one changed its discount rate a year before. With the NH Retirement System and the reduction of the discount rate, it brought that liability up because the expected future earnings have been decreased. On the OPEB liability, which is just below that about two-thirds of the way down the page, it is \$46 million. That is down slightly or about \$2 million from the prior year. I will take any questions that the Board may have at the end on pension and OPEB. I did not want to elaborate on those. Those are big numbers but I think it is important to remember, at least with the pension liability, that there is a funding schedule out there to bring both your plan here in the City of Manchester and the NH Retirement System to full funding over time. I just wanted to put that into perspective a little bit. Now over on page 32 or page 40 of the .pdf, this is the first page that almost all readers want to turn to and they are going to focus on the general fund, the first column of numbers, and they are going to look at the very bottom of that first column in the fund balance section. The total fund balance, which is the difference between your assets and liabilities for your general fund on 6/30/2021 was just over \$24 million. It is down slightly from the prior year in total but most notably the reduction in total is because of the action that the Board took during FY21 with respect to the school district and the \$2.8 million note with them. Now of the total fund balance, most readers are going to focus on that third number up from the bottom. You have your total liabilities deferred out, inflows in fund balances and \$24.1 million in fund balance and right above that is your unassigned fund balance which is often referred to as surplus. That is just a common term but it is called your unassigned fund balance and as of 6/30/21 it had an account balance of almost \$10.9 million. Like total fund balance, your unassigned fund balance is down slightly. It is down about \$500,000 from the prior year for the same reason the total fund balance is down which is the school district loan. Now the good news with respect to the \$10.9 million is it represents almost 7% of your annual expenditures. Why I say that is good news is rating agencies want to see that at least between 5% and 10% and you are certainly within that range. While it is down, it is still a solid general fund balance sheet as of 6/30/21. One last account that I want to point out to the readers that is on page 40 of the .pdf is in that middle column, your non-major governmental funds. It is really a consolidation of many, many things but there is an account almost in the middle of the page that is called unearned revenue of \$32.9

million. For the most part, that represents your first tranch of your ARPA money that was received in June 2021. It is called unearned revenue because under the accounting standards until you do something with those dollars you haven't technically met what we in the audit world call the revenue recognition standpoint. So you had the cash but accounting standards didn't permit you to take it to revenue until you do with it what you say you are going to do with it. In all likelihood in future periods that will move simply from a liability...I am almost oversimplifying it but when you spend it we will correspondingly recognize the revenue so there is a matching between when you spend the money and when you recognize the revenue. That is a super, super quick walk through of our audit of your financial statements. Again, I think the most important communication we want to make is to let you know that our audit of your statements went very well and the highlight I think would be that we did not need to propose any significant audit entries as a result of the procedures we performed. With that, I will try to answer any questions the Board may have.

CONSENT AGENDA

Accept BMA Minutes

3. Minutes from the June 21, 2022 BMA meeting.

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

4. 50/50 Sidewalk Petitions

Residential:

- 10 Breton Street
- 30 Chad Road
- 44 Cricket Lane
- 74 Blucher Street
- 88 Irwin Drive
- 131 Chad Road
- 174 N. Adams Street
- 714 Beech Street
- 1475 Belmont Street
- 1569 Hall Street
- Lot 0746-0004 Lagrange Avenue
- Lot 0476-0003A Lagrange Avenue
- Lot 0746-0005 Lagrange Avenue
- 27 Bellevue Street
- 77 Liberty Street
- 159 Chad Road

- 175 Chad Road
- 1001 Hall Street

Commercial:

- 166 Lagrange Avenue

Information to be Received and Filed

5. Communication from Xfinity regarding programming changes.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

6. Resolutions:

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Five Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,200,000) for the FY2022 CIP 710622 Airside Improvements."

"Amending the FY2017, FY2018, FY2020, FY2021 and FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing, appropriating and transferring funds in the amount of One Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty One Dollars and 64/100 (\$177,481.64) for the FY2021 CIP 712621 Mill Girl Stairs."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the FY2022 CIP 412922 Manchester Gunshot Recognition Technology."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Six Dollars (\$30,676) for the FY2022 CIP 412822 Project Safe Neighborhood."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Two Hundred Seven Dollars (\$286,207) for the FY2023 CIP 210623 Public Health Preparedness."

"Amending the FY2023 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Forty Three Thousand Eighty Two Dollars and 79/100 (\$43,082.79) for the FY2023 CIP 211523 Oral Health Program."

7. Bond Resolutions:

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Ninety Six Thousand Three Hundred Three Dollars (\$96,303) for the 2023 CIP 410023 AED Replacement (Fire)."

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000) for the 2023 CIP 410123 Purchase of 5 Buses (MTA).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the 2023 CIP 510023 Derryfield Park Renovations (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the 2023 CIP 510223 FY23 Park Playground Replacements (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the 2023 CIP 510323 FY23 Park Deferred Maintenance (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the 2023 CIP 510423 Green Streets Tree Canopy (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the 2023 CIP 510523 Livingston Park-North Little League (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000) for the 2023 CIP 510623 Livingston Park-North Soccer League (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the 2023 CIP 510723 Livingston Park Track Renovations (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) for the 2023 CIP 510823 Precourt Park-South Little League (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the 2023 CIP 510923 Precourt Park-South Soccer League (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) for the 2023 CIP 511023 Sheehan Basquil Park-Pony League (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for the 2023 CIP 511123 Stevens Park-Cal Ripken Baseball (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the 2023 CIP 511223 West HS Tennis Courts Renovation (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the 2023 CIP 511223 West HS Tennis Courts Renovation-School (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the 2023 CIP 511323 Playground Replacements-Schools (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the 2023 CIP 511423 School Parking Lot Rehabilitation (DPW-Parks, Rec & Cemeteries-Schools).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the 2023 CIP 511523 Cullerot Park Access (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000) for the 2023 CIP 710023 FY 23 Roadway Program (DPW-Highway).”

“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 Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000) for the 2023 CIP 710623 MER Program (Fire Dept.).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the 2023 CIP 710623 MER Program (Fleet).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) for the 2023 CIP 710623 MER Program (MTA).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2023 CIP 710623 MER Program (Police Dept.).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000) for the 2023 CIP 710623 MER Program (Public Works).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) for the 2023 CIP 710923 Deferred Maintenance-Municipal (DPW Facilities).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000) for the 2023 CIP 711023 West Side Arena Refrigeration System Replacement (DPW-Facilities).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 2023 CIP 711123 FY23 Deferred Maintenance-Facilities (DPW Facilities - Schools).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the 2023 CIP 711223 ADA Sidewalk Improvements (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the 2023 CIP 711323 Amoskeag EB & Canal Ramp Design & Construction (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the 2023 CIP 711523 Commercial Sidewalk 50/50 (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the 2023 CIP 711623 Downtown Sidewalk Repairs (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the 2023 CIP 711723 Elm St Bridge Design & Construction (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the 2023 CIP 711923 Sidewalk Rehab & Expansion (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$76,500) for the 2023 CIP 712023 Weston/South Willow St Intersection (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the 2023 CIP 810023 Various Technology Projects (Information Systems).”

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS, ENROLLMENT AND REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

8. Advising that the update on the Revolving Loan Fund has been accepted.
(Unanimous vote)

9. Advising that the Financial Report for the first eleven months of FY22 has been accepted.
(Unanimous vote)
10. Advising that the Finance Department reports:
 - Accounts receivable over 90 days
 - Aging report
 - Outstanding receivableshave been accepted.
(Unanimous vote)

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION/INFORMATION SYSTEMS

11. Recommending that the proposed Social Media Policy be approved.
(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Fajardo who was absent)

COMMITTEE ON BILLS ON SECOND READING

12. Recommending that Ordinance Amendment:

“Amending Chapter 33: Human Resources of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by amending language under §33.080 Military Service.”

ought to pass and be referred to the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration.
(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Fajardo who was absent)

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

13. Recommending that the Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$30,676 for CIP 412822 Project Safe Neighborhood be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
14. Recommending that the Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$300,000 for CIP 412922 Manchester Gunshot Recognition Technology be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
15. Recommending that the Amending Resolution and Budget Authorizations providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$177,481.64 for CIP 712621 Mill Girl Stairs be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
16. Recommending that the communication from the Fire Department requesting a project extension until 12/31/2022 for CIP 411720 2018 Homeland Security Hazmat be approved.
(Unanimous vote)

17. Recommending that the request from the Highway Chief Engineer to change the administering department for CIP 712522 ARPA-Clean Water State Revolving Fund Projects from EPD to Highway be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
18. Recommending that the communication from Janet Horvath, Recreation & Enterprise Manager, requesting line item adjustments and a project extension until 6/30/2023 for CIP 510716 Recreation Out of School Program and CIP 310319 Summer Reading Program/Fun in the Sun be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
19. Recommending that the request from WayPoint to change their \$361,256 HOME loan, which they received for the 298 Hanover Street project, to a grant be received and filed.
(Unanimous vote)

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES/INSURANCE

23. Recommending that the request from the HR Director to remove the “United States citizen” requirement from various Fire Department class specifications be approved.
(Unanimous vote)

COMMITTEE ON LANDS AND BUILDINGS

27. Recommending that the land and building located at 515 Manchester Road in Auburn be deemed surplus to City needs, and that the Water Works Director be authorized to lease it to the Town of Auburn for a community center.
(Unanimous vote)

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND TRAFFIC

28. Recommending that the request from the Queen City Bike Collective for the placement of bicycle racks throughout the city be approved and coordinated with City staff.
(Unanimous vote)
29. Recommending that fee adjustments to the city’s towing contract presented by the Police Department be approved and that an ordinance amendment to Section 70.40 Towing be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading.
(Unanimous vote)
30. Recommending that a request to change two (2) ¼ hour parking spaces in front of 35 Kosciuszko Street to Covid Testing Parking from Monday through Friday, 8 AM–7 PM and Saturday from 9 AM–4 PM be approved.
(Unanimous vote)

31. Recommending that the request from St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral to close the following streets for their annual Glendi event to be held on September 16, 17 & 18 be approved:
- Kenney Street at Hanover Street
 - Hilton Street at Amherst Street
- (10 AM-11 PM on the 16, 17 and 18 and 11 AM-5 PM on the 18)
(*Unanimous vote*)
32. Recommending that the following traffic regulations be approved:
- NO PARKING ANYTIME**
On Circular Drive Connector, both sides, from Reservoir Avenue to Circular Drive
On Reservoir Avenue, north side, from Circular Drive Connector to Reservoir Avenue
On Beech Street, west side, from Orange Street to a point 100 feet north
Alderman Stewart
- NO PARKING LOADING ZONE**
On Grove Street, north side, from a point 150 feet east of Wilson Street to a point 40 feet east
Alderman Sapienza
- 30-MINUTE PARKING**
On Somerville Street, north side, from a point 20 feet east of Norris Street to a point 40 feet east
Alderman Heath
- RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME**
On Beech Street, west side, from Myrtle Street to Orange Street (ORD 2631)
Alderman Stewart
(*Unanimous vote*)
33. Recommending that the request from Mark Foster of 77 Scenic Drive for traffic calming/mitigation solutions for the north end of Elm Street be received and filed.
(*Unanimous vote*)
34. Recommending that the request from Alderman Sharonov to conduct a traffic study for the installation of a crosswalk for the Rockingham Trail just south of the roundabout on Candia Road be approved.
(*Unanimous vote*)

HAVING READ THE CONSENT AGENDA, ON MOTION OF **ALDERMAN LONG**,
DULY SECONDED BY **ALDERMAN BURKUSH**, IT WAS APPROVED.

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES/INSURANCE

20. Recommending that the request from the Tax Collector to eliminate one (1) vacant Administrative Assistant I, grade 12, position and add one (1) Administrative Assistant II, grade 13, position be approved.
(*Unanimous vote*)

21. Recommending that the request from the Water Works Director to increase labor grades as follows:
 - Water Works Director from a 28 to a 29
 - Water Works Deputy Director of Water Distribution from a 25 to a 27
 - Water Works Deputy Director of Water Treatment & Supply from a 25 to a 27
 - Water Works Deputy Director of Finance & Administration from a 25 to a 27be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
22. Recommending that the request from the Finance Director and Parking Manager to reclassify an Accounting Specialist II, grade 12, to an Administrative Services Manager, grade 16, be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
24. Recommending that the request from the HR Director to increase the labor grade for the Human Resources Analyst position from a 20 to a 21 be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
25. Recommending that the request from the HR Director to increase the labor grade for the Compensation Manager position from a 20 to a 21 be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
26. Recommending that the request from the Public Works Director to reclassify the Clerk of the Works, grade 17, to a Project Coordinator, grade 18, be approved.
(Unanimous vote)

Alderman Cavanaugh stated I would like to take all the HR Committee reports together. These are all grade increases from different departments and I just want to at least have...we are going to be having a new HR Director coming in here within the next month or two and I would like to get her opinion since she will be dealing with these and see if these will affect any other departments. I am asking to table these until we can get that opinion.

City Clerk Normand stated you probably want to refer it back to the HR Committee otherwise you will be discussing all of this at a future Board meeting.

Alderman Cavanaugh moved to refer all of the HR Committee Reports back to the Committee on Human Resources/Insurance. ***Alderman Long*** duly seconded the motion.

Alderman T. Sapienza stated I am assuming these are on here because they were approved by the existing department heads and went through the committee.

Alderman Cavanaugh responded they went through the HR Committee yes. I received questions about them after. I would be more comfortable with these if we had the new director's opinion. If they are fine, it's fine. If someone is going to be living with these increases that we are setting...someone new coming in, I would like to at least get that opinion.

Alderman T. Sapienza stated one of our overriding concerns is we are having a hard time filling positions because the pay is so low so we have been changing grades for many, many months. I don't think it is a good idea to hold these up. They have already been through the committee.

Alderman Trisciani stated I know we are having trouble hiring but a significant number of these increases are at management and director levels and I don't believe that is where our challenges are at the moment. I would agree with the motion on the floor.

Mayor Craig called for a vote. *The motion carried with Aldermen Fajardo, T. Sapienza and Barry duly recorded in opposition.*

REGULAR BUSINESS

- 35.** Communication from Jose Lovell advising the Board of his resignation from the Zoning Board of Adjustment effective July 7, 2022.

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

Mayor Craig stated I have three department head nominations this evening. The first is Jeffrey Belanger for the Director of Planning & Community Development. I am honored to nominate Jeffrey D. Belanger for the position of Director of Planning & Community Development for the City of Manchester. Mr. Belanger has been with the department for nine years and during that time he has shown his deep commitment to our

community and to our residents. Mr. Belanger has created long-standing relationships both within the department and within the community having overseen some of the city's largest developments like spearheading the city's overhaul of our zoning ordinances and working with departmental leadership on training, budgeting and managing of federal funds. In addition, he has a strong planning background. Mr. Belanger also brings with him a history as a municipal attorney. Manchester is growing quickly and attracting businesses and investments from across the country and Mr. Belanger is well suited to execute Manchester's Master Plan insuring our growth is intentional, cohesive and benefits all of our residents and businesses. This will layover until the next meeting. The second one is I am honored to nominate Timothy J. Clougherty for the position of Director of Public Works. Mr. Clougherty has served the city for 22 years and during that time has proven himself to be a forward thinker who is constantly striving to improve our city services. For the last 14 years, Mr. Clougherty has served as Deputy Director of Public Works alongside Director Sheppard and has been instrumental in all aspects of operations for all four divisions of the department. During this time, he has led the city's successful application for a \$25 million RAISE grant, the development of the city's first solar array and countless other transformative projects. Mr. Clougherty has shown tremendous growth as an individual and as a leader and I am confident he will elevate the Department of Public Work's commitment to excellence. Last is for Human Resources. I am honored to nominate Lisa M. Drabik for the position of Director of Human Resources. Ms. Drabik is an outstanding candidate for this position. She has a great deal of municipal human resources experience having served as both the Human Resources Director and Assistant Town Manager for the Town of Londonderry. In this role, she managed the recruitment, onboarding and retention of all employees, oversaw the benefits and compensation plans, and spearheaded all employee related policies. Not only does Ms. Drabik have significant human resource experience but she has a background in labor and employment law and played an integral role in negotiations with six labor unions. Ms. Drabik will bring professionalism, experience and passion to the role and will make an excellent addition to the leadership team within the City of Manchester. Again, these three nominations will layover until the next meeting. All, I am sure, will be in touch with this Board and look forward to talking to you individually to answer any questions that you may have. I would now like to turn it over to Alderman Long.

Alderman Long stated during the budget process, we added a Residential Assessor. Aldermen Barry, Trisciani and myself interviewed candidates. We looked internally first and there were two qualified applicants interviewed. We interviewed them Friday and discussed on a name to bring forward. We would like to nominate Lee Ann Provencher as the new Residential Assessor. This nomination will layover for two weeks. I believe everybody received her resume. Please feel free to contact her over the next two weeks.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was voted to nominate Lee Ann Provencher for the position of Residential Assessor.*

36. Nominations:

Conservation Commission

Isaac Rugali as an alternate member, term to expire March 1, 2023

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Guy Guerra moving from an alternate to a full member, term to expire March 1, 2023

Personnel Appeals Board

Max Latona as a regular member, term to expire March 1, 2025

Peter Madden as a regular member, term to expire March 1, 2025

Board of Health

Jennifer Wyman to succeed Stephanie Hewitt as a regular member, term to expire July 1, 2025.

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

37. Confirmations:

Senior Services Commission

Terry Gesel to succeed herself as a regular member, term to expire January 1, 2025

Central Business Service District Board

Ed Baroody as a regular member, term to expire May 1, 2025

Kristyn Van Ostern as a regular member, term to expire May 1, 2025

Anthony Coy as an at-large member, term to expire May 1, 2025

Conservation Commission

Marissa Chase as regular member, term to expire August 1, 2023

Heritage Commission

Thomas McGee moving from an alternate to a regular member, term to expire July 1, 2025

Personnel Appeals Board

Patrick N. Long as a regular member, term to expire March 1, 2025

Manchester Development Corporation Board of Directors

Amy Chhom as a regular member, term to expire March 11, 2025

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Anne Ketterer moving from an alternate to a regular member, term to expire March 1, 2024

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Gamache**, it was voted to confirm the nominations as presented.*

- 38.** Committee report from Lands & Buildings recommending that the parcel of Parks & Recreation land (Lot 318-3) be deemed surplus to City needs and that it is in the best interest of the City to authorize a direct sale to the Mark Stebbins Community Center at a cost of \$600,000.

The Committee further recommends that representatives from the Mark Stebbins Community Center work with the Solicitor's Office on deed restrictions.

(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Levasseur who voted nay.)

(Note: Updated information attached, including revised Purchase & Sale Agreement - starting on page 392.)

Alderman Trisciani stated in light of all the comments, I would like to make a quick statement before the motion. I think one of the things that is important to realize is tonight we as a Board are specifically being asked to deem property as surplus to sell to the Stebbins Community Center for what I personally believe is the highest and best use. Over the years, the Boys & Girls Club and Amoskeag Health have a solid history in our community. They continue to always look out for the safety and welfare of our children and their families. We have limited services available on the west side and this location is truly in the heart of an area where the data shows we have the highest need. This is really only, and I believe Atty. Stebbins alluded to this at the end, the first of many future votes and discussions around this proposed community center. Concerns raised will continue to be addressed and the input will continue to be taken as the process unfolds. As we have all heard, the community garden thankfully will remain as a key component. Concerns about the size of the building, the style of the building, the placement on the lot including buffers for the abutters and green space and the traffic impact will continue to be discussed as the planning process continues. In my tenure on the Planning Board, and I know Alderman Long can attest to this, this will be thoroughly reviewed by the city planners, engineers and traffic experts to really insure

that the challenges are addressed before and during presentations throughout the process going before the Planning and Zoning Boards. Abutters will continue to be notified of all of these hearings and all input will be considered prior to any decision being made or any permits being issued. Again, tonight's vote is to say that we feel this location is appropriate and we are enabling the Stebbins Community Center team to move forward and take the next steps in the planning process. I would encourage that my fellow aldermen vote yes on what is being put before us.

Alderman Trisciani moved to approve the deeming of Lot 318-3 surplus to City needs and that it be sold to the Mark Stebbins Community Center as this use is in the best interest of the community and will provide a valuable service to our west side communities. I also propose that Mark Gomez, Director of Parks & Recreation, continue to work with the Solicitor's Office as part of the final review and approval process.

Alderman Long duly seconded the motion.

Alderman T. Sapienza stated this involves selling park land which is something that I was absolutely against to begin with. Selling park land is just something that I don't do. We have put in safeguards in this paperwork where this property will only be used for non-profit social and health services focused on youth and families. That is the one thing this property can be used for and when it stops being used for that, it is going to come back to the city. That is what enables me to support this. I thank you for that change.

Alderman E. Sapienza stated in reference to one of the earlier comments, I am still struggling with why the process with Hallsville and the RFP was done so differently than this one. I still don't understand why there are two difference processes.

Alderman Cavanaugh stated I think the Board and people in the gallery heard loud and clear the concerns of the neighbors. It is real and none of us would want to have to deal with that without any input. Mr. Stebbins hit it on the head. There is work to do with the

neighbors to get them involved and get their input because you don't want to damage someone's quality of life in the neighborhood you are trying to improve. Thank you.

Alderman Barry stated I fully support this project. Back early on in my life I grew up down in the Elmwood project and then I moved to the east side of Manchester about a mile away from what back then was the Manchester Boy's Club. Myself and my brothers were involved at the Boy's Club. I was involved from the age of nine through my senior year in high school. I know the benefit that it serves and I think it is very, very important that we continue that on the west side of Manchester. In 2004, I moved there with my family and one of the first things I did was reach out to now a former member of the Boy's Club and asked him to research to find out if there was a way to get a Boys & Girls Club on the west side because I know how important it is. I coached baseball, basketball and football for almost 40 years. Those are the three sports that I played growing up and that is due to my membership at the Boy's Club. I played sports there and games there and I did arts and crafts there. One thing I didn't do was go to the library but it was enjoyable. My friends all went there and we hung around there. It was definitely our second home. We spent probably more time there than we did at our own homes. I know the impact that it has on our youth and I think it is really important. I really want to thank Sally Stebbins and her family. I can tell you that Mark would be very, very proud of you guys. Thank you.

Alderman Levasseur asked who may I direct my questions to.

Mayor Craig asked what are they specific to.

Alderman Levasseur answered the building. I don't know who is in charge of speaking. First of all, is Bob Gagne in the room. What is the zoning on this or maybe Planning knows?

Robert Gagne, Assessor, stated R-2.

Alderman Levasseur asked which means that it would have to go to the Zoning Board in order to get approved.

Mayor Craig stated yes.

Alderman Levasseur stated I just want to make sure that is on the record. It seems to me with two schools there the zoning would be different but I did hear that it was R-2. I wanted to ask somebody about the \$17 million and how you came up with that amount of money and is it planned for that full amount to go into the project and why. Is it going to be \$17 million or is it going to be \$14 million? I don't know if you did it based on the square footage.

Mike Reed, Mark Stebbins Community Center, replied that was more or less just an estimate. We are not even in the design phase yet. We have a way to go to figure out whether the building is going to be 30,000 or 40,000 square feet and what the component parts of the interior of the building would be and so forth. That was more or less a ballpark if you will. It is going to be \$17 million more or less.

Mayor Craig stated and zero coming from the city. I think that is important.

Mr. Reed stated yes. This will all be private funding.

Alderman Levasseur asked can you guarantee the amount of square footage that would be appropriated directly to the Boys & Girls Club including administration. Would it be fair to say that 90% of that building will go towards...in other words that would leave you 3,600 square feet if you are at 40,000 for Amoskeag Health?

Mr. Reed answered again at this point we haven't got into the design phase. If I had to pin a number on it, I would say it was 50-50 or maybe a little more than the majority to the Boys & Girls Club if it was to go to 40,000 square feet.

Alderman Levasseur asked so you are estimating that Amoskeag Health would take up almost 20,000 square feet.

Mr. Reed responded we don't know but I would say at a maximum. Again, we have not designed the building yet and 40,000 square feet is the maximum.

Mayor Craig stated and that is over two floors.

Mr. Reed stated right so it would be a 20,000 square foot footprint with two floors but again we are still working out how much the Boys & Girls Club will have and how much Amoskeag Health will have. We just don't know at this point.

Alderman Levasseur stated the project itself is perfect for the west side but imperfect for the neighborhood. In my years of being on this Board and spending four years on the Planning Board, it is rare that I would see this many abutters come out and be so upset. From the amount of people I have spoken to on the phone and otherwise, there is clearly not a desire by the abutters to have this building put in that location even though I understand why you would want to put it there and why you would want to spend the money and I do believe that you believe it is the right location. I do applaud all of you for at least having one hearing at Parkside for them. I would really appreciate it if there was probably one more. I did speak with one of the main abutters who came and spoke tonight and she is very nervous about a one-way dead-end road being opened up. I think those are legitimate concerns. Whether the garden is going to go in or not I know the gentleman who just spoke said that you are pretty much guaranteeing a garden will stay there. It is an imperfect location but a perfect location for the west side. As somebody who grew up down in the projects and was a participant of the Boy's Club, I do understand the need for this project. I am torn between the abutters and the homeowners because there is really no one who ever speaks out for them. No one seems to support them and they are the ones that are going to really feel the impact of a 40,000 square foot building on this property. I do trust that there are good qualified people that are behind this project and that you will do your best to be as gentle as possible and work as diligently as you can with the neighbors. I do believe that it is shock and awe for them and you can see what you saw tonight. It was pretty rough and they are upset. It is unfortunate that we have to make a decision this quickly. As far as the Hallsville project, we are comparing apples to oranges. Those people who came for that property wanted it for nothing. At least we are getting something for this property

because usually most people come with their hand out. I think it is very polite that we are at least going to get \$600,000 for this. I am torn on this.

Mr. Reed stated as Henry Stebbins said earlier, we are committed to participating with the abutters and the community on the west side. We want to work with them in a design review capacity and you know as being part of the Planning Board that there will be multiple subsequent meetings and technical reviews in which all of this will be vetted. We want their input because we want this to fit.

Alderman Levasseur stated I did look up Amoskeag Health while I was sitting here because I wondered what they did for work and the first thing I saw was 457 five star ratings. I don't think I have ever seen any website have anything...I used to have really good ones but then I got into politics and people can just put in whatever they want from California, Oregon and all over the country. When I see 457 five star ratings, I say well that is one heck of a good organization. As a child who grew up pretty poor and down on the lower south side of Manchester, it would behoove me not to support a project like this with somebody bringing in a ridiculous amount of money - \$17 million is just a staggering amount of money that is coming into the city like the mayor said without any money from us plus paying for the lot. I will support this project. I will take a beating for it from the neighbors but I will do so anyway.

Alderman Fajardo stated I just wanted to add that I also intend to support this and it helped a lot for me to review the Q&A handout that was prepared that really highlighted if everything goes to plan and you are successful in passing through the many gates that are ahead of you a shovel wouldn't go into the ground until November 2023 at the earliest and possibly December 2024. I am not sure if I am interpreting that exactly correctly but what I am seeing and what I heard from Mr. Stebbins earlier is that the process will take a lot of time to unfold. I very much heard tonight about a sense of urgency and a rush and I think tonight's vote is just one gate that you will pass through an additional gates are still forthcoming and the community will be brought to the table at each gate. I found that very reassuring so thank you.

Mayor Craig called for a vote. *The motion carried with Alderman E. Sapienza duly recorded in opposition and Alderman George-Kelly recusing herself as she is a full-time employee of WayPoint which is a private non-profit and a partner of the Mark Stebbins Community Center.*

- 39.** Committee report from the Special Committee on Riverfront Activities & Baseball recommending that the request for \$5,662,754 in proposed changes to Northeast Delta Dental Stadium be approved and divided 50/50 between the City of Manchester and the NH Fisher Cats.
(Aldermen Long, Barry and Trisciani voted yea; Aldermen T. Sapienza and E. Sapienza voted nay.)

Alderman Cavanaugh moved to approve. **Alderman Long** duly seconded the motion. *Mayor Craig called for a vote. The motion carried with Aldermen T. Sapienza, Sharonov, E. Sapienza and Levasseur duly recorded in opposition.*

City Clerk Normand stated this motion also includes referral of the Bond Resolution to Finance this evening.

- 40.** Communication from Melinda Cambiar, Executive Director of Hundred Nights, Inc., Keene, NH requesting a contribution of \$10,000 for shelter and crisis-related services they provide to residents of Manchester.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Stewart**, it was voted to receive and file.*

- 41.** Communication from Mark Gomez, Chief of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery, requesting authorization to execute an agreement with the Brigit A. Feeney Foundation for Hope & Healing for the installation and maintenance of a public garden in Livingston Park.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman T. Sapienza**, it was voted to approve.*

- 42.** Communication from the Manchester School District requesting authorization to transfer any revenue and expenditure surplus into the Teaching and Learning Expendable Trust Fund for fiscal year 2022.

Alderman T. Sapienza moved to approve. **Alderman Long** duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Long asked do we know how much they have.

Mayor Craig replied they don't know for sure. She said it could be as little as zero to as much as \$5 million at the last meeting.

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

45. Report(s) of the Committee on Community Improvement, if available.

The Committee on Community Improvement respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$503,918 for CIP 212320 Overdose Data to Action Supplemental Funds be approved and referred to the Committee on Finance.

*On motion of **Alderman Heath**, duly seconded by **Alderman Stewart**, it was voted to accept the report and adopt its recommendation.*

The Committee on Community Improvement respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$15,000 for CIP 211523 Oral Health Program be approved and referred to the Committee on Finance.

*On motion of **Alderman Heath**, duly seconded by **Alderman E. Sapienza**, it was voted to accept the report and adopt its recommendation.*

The Committee on Community Improvement respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the request from the Interim Planning & Community Development Director to apply for a lead hazard reduction grant from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development be approved.

*On motion of **Alderman Fajardo**, duly seconded by **Alderman Heath**, it was voted to accept the report and adopt its recommendation.*

The Committee on Community Improvement respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the request from the property owner of 279 Silver Street for subordination of a city lien in the amount of \$25,800 be approved.

*On motion of **Alderman Heath**, duly seconded by **Alderman Gamache**, it was voted to accept the report and adopt its recommendation.*

*On motion of **Alderman Stewart**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to recess the meeting to allow the Committee on Finance to meet.*

Mayor Craig called the meeting back to order.

48. Report(s) of the Committee on Finance, if available.

The Committee on Finance respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that Bond Resolutions:

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Ninety Six Thousand Three Hundred Three Dollars (\$96,303) for the 2023 CIP 410023 AED Replacement (Fire).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000) for the 2023 CIP 410123 Purchase of 5 Buses (MTA).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the 2023 CIP 510023 Derryfield Park Renovations (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the 2023 CIP 510223 FY23 Park Playground Replacements (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the 2023 CIP 510323 FY23 Park Deferred Maintenance (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the 2023 CIP 510423 Green Streets Tree Canopy (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the 2023 CIP 510523 Livingston Park-North Little League (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000) for the 2023 CIP 510623 Livingston Park-North Soccer League (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the 2023 CIP 510723 Livingston Park Track Renovations (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) for the 2023 CIP 510823 Precourt Park-South Little League (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the 2023 CIP 510923 Precourt Park-South Soccer League (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) for the 2023 CIP 511023 Sheehan Basquil Park-Pony League (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for the 2023 CIP 511123 Stevens Park-Cal Ripken Baseball (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the 2023 CIP 511223 West HS Tennis Courts Renovation (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the 2023 CIP 511223 West HS Tennis Courts Renovation-Schools (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the 2023 CIP 511323 Playground Replacements-Schools (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the 2023 CIP 511423 School Parking Lot Rehabilitation (DPW-Parks, Rec & Cemeteries-Schools).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the 2023 CIP 511523 Cullerot Park Access (DPW Parks, Rec & Cemeteries).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000) for the 2023 CIP 710023 FY 23 Roadway Program (DPW-Highway).”

“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 Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000) for the 2023 CIP 710623 MER Program (Fire Dept.).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the 2023 CIP 710623 MER Program (Fleet).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) for the 2023 CIP 710623 MER Program (MTA).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2023 CIP 710623 MER Program (Police Dept.).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000) for the 2023 CIP 710623 MER Program (Public Works).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) for the 2023 CIP 710923 Deferred Maintenance-Municipal (DPW Facilities).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000) for the 2023 CIP 711023 West Side Arena Refrigeration System Replacement (DPW-Facilities).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 2023 CIP 711123 FY23 Deferred Maintenance-Facilities (DPW Facilities - Schools).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the 2023 CIP 711223 ADA Sidewalk Improvements (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the 2023 CIP 711323 Amoskeag EB & Canal Ramp Design & Construction (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the 2023 CIP 711523 Commercial Sidewalk 50/50 (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the 2023 CIP 7111623 Downtown Sidewalk Repairs (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the 2023 CIP 711723 Elm St Bridge Design & Construction (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the 2023 CIP 711923 Sidewalk Rehab & Expansion (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$76,500) for the 2023 CIP 712023 Weston/South Willow St Intersection (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the 2023 CIP 810023 Various Technology Projects (Information Systems).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Million Eight Hundred Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$2,831,377) for the 2023 CIP Baseball Stadium Upgrades (DPW).”

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*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was voted to accept the report and adopt its recommendation.*

The Committee on Finance respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that Resolutions:

“Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Five Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,200,000) for CIP 710622 Airside Improvements.”

“Amending the FY2017, FY2018, FY2020, FY2021 and FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing, appropriating and transferring funds in the amount of One Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty One Dollars and 64/100 (\$177,481.64) for CIP 712621 Mill Girl Stairs.”

“Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for CIP 412922 Manchester Gunshot Recognition Technology.”

“Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Six

Dollars (\$30,676) for CIP 412822 Project Safe Neighborhood."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Two Hundred Seven Dollars (\$286,207) for CIP 210623 Public Health Preparedness."

"Amending the FY2023 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the FY 2023 CIP 211523 Oral Health Program."

"Amending the FY 2020 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Five Hundred Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$503,918) for the FY 2020 CIP 212320 Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Supplemental Funds."

ought to pass and be Enrolled.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Stewart**, it was voted to accept the report and adopt its recommendation.*

49. Report(s) of the Committee on Administration/Information Systems, if available.

The Committee on Administration/Information Services respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the request for an air rights lease between the City and Grand Central Suites, LLC to construct balconies above Central Street, Manhattan Lane and Litchfield Lane as part of their apartment building project be restricted to the 8th floor balconies only.

The Committee further recommends that the minimum liability limits under the Comprehensive General Liability provisions be increased every 10 years at the rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman T. Sapienza**, it was voted to accept the report and adopt its recommendation.*

The Committee on Administration/Information Services respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the request for an air rights lease between the City and 844 Elm Street, LLC for lighting over Dean Avenue (Cat Alley) be approved.

*On motion of **Alderman Stewart**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to accept the report and adopt its recommendation.*

50. Report(s) of the Committee on Public Safety, Health & Traffic, if available.

The Committee on Public Safety, Health & Traffic respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the request from Melissa Aupperle of Chaos & Kindness for the use of the Arms Lot from August 26 through August 28, 2022 for their event be approved.

*On motion of **Alderman Levasseur**, duly seconded by **Alderman Barry**, it was voted to accept the report and adopt its recommendation.*

51. Resolutions:

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Five Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,200,000) for the FY2022 CIP 710622 Airside Improvements."

"Amending the FY2017, FY2018, FY2020, FY2021 and FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing, appropriating and transferring funds in the amount of One Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty One Dollars and 64/100 (\$177,481.64) for the FY2021 CIP 712621 Mill Girl Stairs."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the FY2022 CIP 412922 Manchester Gunshot Recognition Technology."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Six Dollars (\$30,676) for the FY2022 CIP 412822 Project Safe Neighborhood."

"Amending the FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Two Hundred Seven Dollars (\$286,207) for the FY2023 CIP 210623 Public Health Preparedness."

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

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

52. Ordinance Amendments:

"Amending Sections 33.024, 33.025 & 33.026 (Attorney III) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

"Amending Section 33.026 (Deputy Fire Chief, Fire Battalion Chief, Fire Captain, Fire Chief, Fire District Chief, Fire Lieutenant, Fire Fighter) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

*On motion of **Alderman Trisciani**, duly seconded by **Alderman Stewart**, it was voted to Ordain.*

Ordinance Amendments:

"Amending Sections 33.025 & 33.026 (Compensation Manager) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

"Amending Sections 33.025 & 33.026 (Human Resources Analyst) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

"Amending Sections 33.024, 33.025 & 33.026 (Project Coordinator) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

"Amending Sections 33.025 & 33.026 (Water Works Director) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

"Amending Sections 33.025 & 33.026 (Water Works Deputy Director-Finance and Administration) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

"Amending Sections 33.025 & 33.026 (Water Works Deputy Director-Water Treatment and Supply) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

"Amending Sections 33.025 & 33.026 (Water Works Deputy Director-Water Distribution) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

*On motion of **Alderman Stewart**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was voted to table.*

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Stewart stated I just wanted to note that Ward 2 will be having a neighborhood meeting next Wednesday, July 27 at 6 PM at the Currier Museum. The focus will be homelessness in Ward 2 so I invite all Ward 2 residents, anyone who is interested in the topic, to attend. We are going to have a number of city staff there

including the Director of Homelessness Initiatives, Schonna Green, Parks & Recreation, the Police and Fire Departments.

Alderman E. Sapienza stated I have some questions for the Chief. What is the policy, written or otherwise, regarding minor offenses? The reason I ask is I represent Ward 8 in the south end and we have a lot of constituent input regarding lesser offenses like noise violations, fireworks, screeching tires and other quality of life issues. I understand that the priority obviously are things like rape, theft, murder and assault but what is the policy regarding minor offenses? Also I want to add that sometimes I read that some neighborhoods don't like seeing police. I want to say clearly that Ward 8 welcomes the police. The police are certainly in Ward 8 anytime and I just want to be clear about that. It is a working class ward and folks work hard and we value as much peace and quiet as we can get.

Allen Aldenberg, Police Chief, responded I have never had a ward tell me they don't want police presence.

Alderman E. Sapienza stated I have read it.

Chief Aldenberg replied those that usually do not want a police presence are the criminal element. In regards to your quality of life question, there are two ways those come into the Police Department. Mostly they are called in and get prioritized. The quality of life issues primarily right now are being handled by...if it is in progress and we can send a patrol unit over to address it in real time we will. There are the ongoing issues that all of you contact me about, some more frequently than others. Those ongoing quality of life issues get assigned to the Community Affairs Division. It could be the community policing officers that many of you work with in your wards who go out and further address the quality of life issues whether it is homelessness or drugs. I personally today went out on a bicycle with my bike cops on the day shift because I wanted to get a sense of what was going on in the parks. That is the biggest quality of life issue I am getting right now. Today the parks looked pretty good. Tomorrow they may not. The quality of life issues take constant work day in and day out by the Police Department and not just during the day shift. I am working with Alderman George-Kelly

on a quality of life issue that is probably happening overnight. Primarily, those quality of life issues are Community Affairs and the traffic officers who are handling the speed complaints and the stop sign and red light violations. Recently I was able to fill a vacancy within the Traffic Unit for a traffic enforcement officer which has been very helpful. That officer is working the 6 PM until 2 AM shift to address a lot of those traffic related issues during the night time. So we have one of those positions filled and I hope to fill another one relatively soon. I hope that answers your question.

Alderman E. Sapienza asked if the constituents have a complaint that they want to call in, should they call the non-emergency number which is 603-668-8711.

Chief Aldenberg replied yes but we also like to steer people towards the Click Fix app. I am sure most of you are familiar with that. It is on every social media outlet the city has and we speak about it at every community meeting. If there is trash that needs to be picked up in the alley you don't need to call the Police Department. You can go on the Click Fix app and report it. DPW is very responsive to those. There are a lot of things that come into the Police Department that aren't a police matter. Sometimes we may screen those out and that is why we are working with the community health workers to try to...we have to get those high users of the system...us along with the Health Department need to focus on those high end users and divert them to the resources they actually need. There is a lot of collaboration taking place between DPS, Health and PD right now and obviously Fire with all of the outreach that they do with the homeless.

Alderman Levasseur stated I thought I saw Kevin Sheppard here. I think this is his last meeting and I just wanted to say that he will definitely be missed. He has been an amazing public servant and we were very lucky to have him.

Mayor Craig stated I agree. I just want to mention that we have the movies and concerts in Veteran's Park tomorrow night. Wellness on Wheels. If you have time I recommend that you stop by at one of those. We have a number of service providers that get together. The next one is July 21 at Kelley Falls from 1-3 PM. The next one is Tuesday, August 9 at Beech Street School from 4-7 PM and then August 23 at Gossler

Park from 4-6 PM. The Chief mentioned collaboration and this is really a great example of the collaborative efforts of the city departments as well as the non-profits serving the residents in these neighborhoods.

Alderman Long moved to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(d) for consideration of property acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. **Alderman Levasseur** duly seconded the motion. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Craig called the meeting back to order.

On motion of **Alderman Stewart**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was voted to seal the minutes.

There being no further business, on motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Fajardo**, it was voted to adjourn.

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