

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SOLID WASTE ACTIVITIES

June 6, 2023 at 5:15 PM

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Stewart, Cavanaugh, Fajardo, E. Sapienza

Messrs.: C. Newton

- 1.** Communication from Chaz Newton, Solid Waste & Environmental Programs Manager, regarding a collaboration with Granite United Way to increase litter collection participation and promote a cleaner environment.

Chaz Newton, Solid Waste & Environmental Programs Manager, stated good afternoon, thank you for having me here this evening. I am pleased to present an overview of an exciting collaboration between the Department of Public Works and Granite United Way aimed at significantly increasing litter collection participation in our city, and promoting a cleaner environment. Granite United Way, a reputable non-profit, will spearhead the organization of monthly clean-up projects and mobilize community volunteers to actively participate. Here are some of the key highlights of our partnership. Granite United Way will coordinate monthly clean-up projects targeting areas in need of significant litter collection efforts, which will be determined in collaboration between the Department of Public Works and Granite United Way. Their goal is to engage a minimum of fifty volunteers per month, resulting in a total of 600 volunteers per year. The collaboration will be integrated into Granite United Way's volunteer engagement marketing and social media efforts. To support this initiative, DPW will provide essential resources and work closely with Granite United Way. We will supply blue trash bags for use during the clean-up projects, compensate Granite United Way at a rate of \$3.00 per full bag of litter collected, and coordinate the collection and proper disposal of the bags. Additionally, we will collaborate with Granite United Way to prioritize clean-up sites on public property with the goal being one site per ward throughout the year. We're excited about this partnership and its potential to make a significant impact on our communities' cleanliness and environmental well-being. I also want to point out that the \$3.00 per bag will be going to Granite United Way. Granite United Way is a non-profit, so volunteers will determine a charity that they want that money to go to. So, 94% of \$3.00 per bag will be going to that charity; 6% goes to Granite United Way for administrative costs.

Chairman Stewart stated it certainly sounds like a great public-private partnership and the true definition of that which is that it benefits the public. I'm curious to know when this will be starting and if people who are watching this are interested in taking part how they can get involved.

Mr. Newton stated we're going to do a social media blast. As I mentioned, Granite United Way will also be integrating it into their marketing. If people are interested, I would definitely follow DPW on social media as well as Granite United Way. We're currently drafting the memorandum of understanding. Once that is complete, I see no reason why we can't get that going soon thereafter.

Chairman Stewart stated excellent. I encourage you to let the Aldermen know so we can encourage our constituents to take advantage as well.

2. Ordinance Amendment:

“Amending Chapter 91 Solid Waste & Littering of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by establishing eligibility requirements for collection, and modifying volume restrictions and various definitions.”

Chairman Stewart stated we’ve had a presentation on this previously.

*On motion of **Alderman E. Sapienza**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, it was voted that the Ordinance Amendment ought to pass and be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading for technical review.*

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

A True Record. Attest.

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

Clerk of Committee