

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

July 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Mayor Craig called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Absent: Alderman Fajardo

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.

Patrick Garrity, 471 Silver Street, stated:

It is good to see you again but unfortunately I am here with some matters that we talked about last time. I have resided in Manchester my whole life; the last 25+ years in Ward 7. I am here to speak on the issue of 199 Manchester Street again. First of all, where we were. We all know what we did three months ago or maybe not even three months ago. You had a big contingent come here and speak in reference to this issue. You folks addressed it and you cleaned it up. I am here to represent 168 Manchester Street which is the Winona Social Club but I am also here as a citizen of Manchester. It was cleaned up. Our patrons came forward and said it feels good coming back in here because it is cleaned up and we feel safe. I have family in South Berwick, ME that said wow it made the news and it is nice and cleaned up and good to go. Sixty days later, we are right back to where we were. We are back to the feces and the urine and the needles and the vomit. You name it, it's back. I can't understand why we allow them to congregate there. It creates crime. We have all seen the news and we have all seen the crimes taking place like hitting someone over the head with a lead pipe or you name it...stabblings and I could keep going on. You can't let people who are drug addicts so

on and so forth congregate in the same area. Things are going to happen. Crime is going to happen. We have to move these people. We invested millions of dollars for shelters and programs with the idea that we were going to move these folks. Why are they still there? We have places for them to go. It is time for them to move on.

Downtown cannot continue like this, the businesses downtown, with the price of goods and everything else with restaurants. They don't need this as another hurdle for their customers to come and enjoy the City of Manchester. You all were here years ago when the Mall of NH opened. Everybody knows what downtown Manchester was like. If you continue to allow this to happen, to eat at the fabric and core of this city for a certain population that we are trying to help...allow them to gather at yes Ground Zero but the perimeter is getting wider and wider and wider east, west, north and south. You allow them on street corners. It is dangerous and causes traffic problems. It is a distraction. They are on every street corner in the city; every street corner. People don't even know the streets in the city when they come to Manchester and this is another distraction. They don't really know where they are going and following GPS but they see people on the street corner. We need to have it corrected. I hate to be this way but the majority of the citizens in Manchester feel the way I feel and if you don't think so, think again. They do. This is an issue that is going to be in the next election and people are talking about it. Not just people in Manchester. Unfortunately, people are talking outside of Manchester and that is not a good thing for Manchester. So please address it and move them along. We spent millions of dollars. Why does FIT...if you go to any of their other properties like 122 Market Street or 177 Lake Avenue or any of the other properties that they operate, it doesn't look like 199 Manchester Street. They are receiving lots of funding and it should be part of their contract to keep that area clean. The businesses and residents of Manchester Street do their best to keep their business and residence clean. Why is 199 Manchester Street not forced to keep their area clean? Thank you very much for your help.

Kevin Hetticher, 445 Brown Avenue, stated:

I echo the previous speaker's sentiments. My topic is the engagement center. I must commend the crafty way that this has progressed. Four thousand square feet becomes 14,000 square feet becomes what? Multiple buildings with luxury accommodations? Where does it stop? I propose that it will not. Not because of the needs of the

downtrodden or those abusing substances because they will continue because of the misguided managers of this city who think you know just a little bit more money will get a handle on this thing. Citizens that align with my thinking say we have had enough. Stop the madness if you know how. You want to label me an outdated, heartless old coot? So be it. I say there are existing facilities and programs that would continue to benefit from the city's support financially and with staff but instead these programs are due to close because of lack of funds and staff. My position is that the engagement center will be another money pit that will prove one thing – government agencies know how to perpetuate the wasteful consumption of tax dollars. To bring some historical context, I doubt the present day reckless welfare programs were on LBJ's mind when he came out with his war on poverty. When I was in need, I benefitted from assistance but I didn't stay on assistance. I improved and I got out of it. Thank you for your time.

Deb Roux, 97 Springwood Way, stated:

I didn't realize that the hearing for the changes to the charter for the school board was at 6 PM so I just wanted to put my voice out there and say that I do oppose that question for a few reasons. One of which is I believe in checks and balances whenever you are dealing with a budget and I also believe that the way it was worded was deceptive to the voter that doesn't know anything about this question. I was also told by somebody that you are supposed to put what you are changing from out there as well, not just the changes you want so we can actually see what was originally in the charter. All of that wording should be available to the voter and it is not the way it is written. I just wanted you to know that I hope you vote no on this. Thank you very much.

Bryce Kaw-uh, 639 N. Bay Street, stated:

I came here this evening to express my strong support for the adoption of NH RSA 162-K relative to municipal economic development and revitalization districts. That is a lot of words but what this means for tonight is that I ask all of you to support Economic Development Director Jodie Nazaka's request to refer the matter to a future public hearing. I believe that is Item 34 on your agenda. Director Nazaka can speak to this far better than I, however, I would like to stress the importance of having some additional tools in our city planning toolbox. Tax Increment Financing Districts, or TIF districts for short, are an incredible way to encourage development in specific geographic regions of

our city without burdening the general property tax rolls. So through careful management of these districts, they can essentially pay for themselves and the various improvements that they necessitate. I ask that you approve a public hearing for that item when it comes up for a vote tonight. The only other thing I wanted to remark on this evening was encouraging you to approve the nomination of Dr. Max Latona as an alternate member position on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Those of you who haven't yet, you can see his CV for yourself if you refer to your packet. All I will say is that Dr. Latona was a major player in the NH Zoning Atlas which was recently released. The Manchester Planning Board heard a presentation about the Zoning Atlas in May and I believe it will do great things for the city. At this point, I also believe that Dr. Latona is one of the preeminent experts in zoning regulations in the state of NH. We are very fortunate here in Manchester that we have such an expert who would be willing to volunteer his time to serve on one of our city boards. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Joan Porter, 237 Woodcrest Court, stated:

I, too, thought the meeting was at 7 PM so we were eating dinner and watching the 6:00 PM meeting and I said I need to get down there. My reaction, and this sounds like it is planned, however, when I first read the charter amendment my reaction immediately was the order in which you put these questions on the ballot was not only deceptive, that was the first word that came to mind, but it was very demeaning to the voter in Manchester. You put two fluff things there that nobody cares about and then #3 is wow we want to be our own taxing authority and we want to be able to do everything ourselves, wipe out the Board of Aldermen, wipe out the Mayor and wipe out any oversight. That is #3. Then #4 kind of says gee on top of that we are going to add three more staff members. To me, #3 should have been #1 and you know that people would have voted no which is why #3 is #3. We, as taxpayers, and you may be out of touch with your taxpayers I don't know, but we are tired of this question coming back over and over. Taxpayers don't have the money. Our taxes went up a lot last year with the revaluation, most of us, and we are going up again and we are getting hit with everything else besides. We can't keep dishing out money. There is no money tree in my backyard. I don't know about anybody else. What this question did to me this time was if any of you are brave enough to put on the ballot a charter amendment to make

the school committee a department of the city, I am on it because I as a former department head in this city know what it is like to have your budget scrutinized at this level. You are the ones voted to watch our money and that is what the school department should have. Call them school committee or call them school board...I don't care what you call them but they should have oversight. They should not be independent and three of you are running for mayor. I wouldn't think you would want to touch this question on a ballot. One year, and some of you may remember because you have been here long enough, the mayor passed the school budget before he passed the city budget. It was a disaster because they gave the school department what they wanted and then all of the expenses that came in after that would absorbed on the city side; all of them. So you don't think the school department is going to do that again? Their budget is going to be approved in January or February or whenever and then the city side is going to have to say holy cow we can't raise these taxes too much because they have already done it. The logistics is another thing that I have not heard about and don't know if you have discussed. Who is going to collect it, because I am hearing there will be two bills, two bills? If the school department is collecting, are they going to be liening? No because they don't have state authority to put a lien on a property. So now you are talking about the Tax Collector's Office having to put the lien on the property. Now you get a Mall of NH who comes to you and says we want an abatement, where is that money coming from? My last question to you is this. Which department on the city side do you trust to have that same autonomy?

James Vayo, 427 Holly Avenue, stated:

I come today to make a request that some information be posted on the city's website. The city, on April 4, received or the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on April 4 received a presentation from Director Jeffrey Belanger. It was a presentation updating them on the progress of the zoning code rewrite. During that presentation, the slide deck that was presented included information that had not yet been made available to the public before and is still not available to the public on the city web page. One of the things that caught my eye is one of the slides included a cover page for an August 5 client draft of the zoning code. So in 2022, on August 5, the consultant that was hired by the city provided a draft land use code for the city to consider. Since then, it has not been published and is not available to the public and decisions have been made over the last

almost year or 11 months. There are changes to this land use code but nobody knows what they are because there is no public process. For me, the process needs transparency in order to have community buy-in so I am really concerned about what is going to happen when a draft finally does come out because we don't know what is going to be different from what the consultant proposed. This August 5, 2022 could have pretty game-changing proposals about what we should do with the land use code and help set a new direction for our city but we won't know because we will never see that draft unless it is released. So I am asking you, the city, to please post this draft on the city's project web page for the land use code rewrite so that we can see the differences between what the Planning & Community Development Department is proposing and what the consultant proposed and we can have a real community debate about what is right and wrong for the future of this city. I urge you to please make a special request to the director to post this to the city webpage. The second thing I wanted to bring up is that on July 21, so basically next week, Plan NH is coming to Manchester to have a community listening session about Beech and Maple Street. I will leave these on the table in the back. It is going to be a discussion about the safety of Beech and Maple Streets which cut through the core of the city. These streets pose a significant risk to the health and safety of the residents that live there, not to mention environmental degradation for things like noise and traffic. We have asked the community to come out and tell us how we can solve this problem. I want to extend the invitation to you, the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor to come out and be part of this listening session. On July 22, this design team is going to come up with proposals and present them at an afternoon recap on the process. I do encourage you to come out. Thank you very much for considering my request.

Rick Blais, 733 Chestnut Street, stated:

I want to talk about the homeless challenge. We had a vote a few weeks ago to allocate \$1.4 million to a new project. Basically, I talked in my email that I sent out to everybody, and thank you to the four that did respond, I appreciate that but for the rest of you, you are throwing money at problems and you don't have a solution to the problem. In business...Manchester I think is spending \$1 million to rebrand Manchester. What do you have to rebrand? You haven't fixed anything yet. I can see if you had a plan in place to fix the homeless challenges, an actual two or three-year plan, because it can

be done and that is what I outlined and talked about in my proposal that I emailed to everyone. I am hoping that you guys really start thinking about where all of this money is going. You have \$1 million for that and \$1.4 million for a Band-Aid box called 39 Beech Street. That money could have been utilized to help New Horizons with the shortfalls they have because they are losing money on that project on Manchester Street and that was thrown at them. Again, nobody is solving anything. I respect every one of you for sitting here tonight. I know this isn't an easy job. These are tough issues but the reality is you have to start thinking a little more like a business person. Why spend \$1.1 million on a marketing plan when you haven't come up with the solutions yet. Once you come up with a solution and a plan, then you can start the rebranding process but this is putting the cart before the horse. Again, I thank you all for serving but I really hope you start looking at it from more of a business perspective and have an outcome. There needs to be an outcome for every dollar that is being spent in our city. I want to thank the mayor because this might be the last time I see you at the podium. I want to thank you for the past few years and everything that we got to do on the non-profit side. I really enjoyed it. Thank you very much.

Griseliz Glenn, Homeless, stated:

I am homeless and my two children and I have been homeless since March 15. I am here today to bring some light to how the systems that are set in place to assist people in my situation are not being held accountable to follow their own guidelines and policies, rules, etc., in particular NH RSA 165 which clearly states that if one cannot provide their basic needs it will be provided for them by the city or town welfare. The city welfare guidelines state that their main objective is to try, whenever possible within their means, to keep the family in their apartment if they have one. Knowing that my income tax money was coming and with the city's help, I should have been able to keep and maintain my apartment. This was the first violation. Options for this were not explored. While staying at the shelter assigned by city welfare, I was being charged shelter reimbursement. According to the guidelines, anyone who stays in the family shelter must pay \$25/night if they have it available to them. That is what the guidelines read. It is not based on their resources or on their income or their expenses or other basic needs that they might have. I have a problem with this because the statute in 165:20(B) my town or city furnishing assistance to any person who has returned to

income status after receiving the assistance which enables him to reimburse the town or city without hardship may recover from such person the amount of assistance provided. The only people who seem to disagree with me that staying in a homeless shelter and/or being homeless is a hardship are the very people who are supposed to be following along with enforcing the NH statutes, not violating them. When I spoke to Shannon, the Mayor's Chief of Staff on the phone, she scoffed at me when I recited the statute that they were supposed to provide my basic needs like I was making it up and like it was a joke. It makes more sense to them and you guys for me to use the limited amount of funds I had coming to me from my income tax money, the \$4,000, on a hotel perhaps rather than to save that money to obtain suitable and adequate housing like the other part of the city welfare guidelines state. I was cited by the police unjustifiably for putting my tent up in front of City Hall last week because ultimately in order for them to enforce city ordinance Chapter 96, they had to first violate Chapter 130:13 in order to cite me. So these agencies that are in place to uphold the law seem to only being doing so when it comes to other people but not when it comes to themselves. Everyone has something to say about the homeless community – that they are junkies and they are crackheads and lazy and making a mess and doing this but no one wants to talk about why they are like that to begin with. I just want to say on their behalf, because a lot of them are not going to come here, they don't have any hope. Somewhere along the line, they were misled probably more than once and I am going to be so bold as to say that someone who let them down was in a position of authority and had some type of power and a responsibility to uphold their duties and to be held accountable when they didn't. That is what continues to play out over and over again. The people who have the power and the ability to aspire and lead by example and show the people and give the people hope that things can and will get better...if no one has hope they lose the meaning to life. There is no point in living if you don't have any hope. You have nothing to live for. Thank you.

Glen Ouellette, 112 Auburn Street, stated:

I am sorry I haven't been here but I am trying to get myself back together. I do want to make a couple of statements that really disturbed me. For one thing, unemployment in NH is at 1.9%. Remember that. 1.9% which means that most of the people are already working. Do you know how many businesses are in need of help? Do you know how

many people qualify for those positions? Some don't, some do. For some people, there are a few on this Board to say that these are lazy people is wrong. I have been working at Home Depot for four years, even when I was under the weather because I need to pay my bills and I love to be independent. They are hurting like all the other stores are in this country right now. It is not just because of inflation because inflation is down to 5%. It is no longer at 18%. We need to stop kidding ourselves here. So the hours are cut. Does the rent go down? No. Neither do the lights or any other bill. So then you become a hardship. Since when in this city can a landlord, or in this case a property management company, have the right to put a paper in someone's door because they are due the rent for June and it is only June 10? That is not being behind. There must be a law in this state on how long you have to be behind before you are served papers; not in hand but in your door. Do you know how many seniors right now are hurting? There are seniors who applied last year when there was money for rent reduction or rent reimbursement because they didn't have it. The state dropped the ball. One lady three times has sent in her paperwork and they lost it every single time. Today she is really hurting medically and financially. We need to get together with the state and county and local government to straighten out some of these problems in our state. It is as simple as that. Here is another question that I am not directing to anyone but I know that someone here could respond not today but could contact me. When I was told that I was in a hardship to pay my public utility, my electricity, I asked what does that mean. I didn't get an answer. I was told that I needed to get help but I don't know where to go because they didn't give me an answer. Today I am forced to pay \$233/month for three months to catch up and I am not working. I worked three hours last week because of this weather. Seniors who work only work part-time and when the weather is bad or their illness is up, it doesn't happen. Please, the last thing I want to say is when you ride around the city in the mornings, afternoons and evenings, how many cars and vans and SUVs do you see that have people sleeping in them with their families or with themselves or their wife or husband? We have a bigger problem here I think than you actually know and we need help and you can't do it alone. We used to go to the state and they used to help us. They are not doing such a good job today and one of the reasons I believe is because we are the biggest city in the state and the reps from other towns don't like big cities. Thank you.

Dam Wright, Manchester, stated:

I would like to start by thanking the 10 members of the Board who voted last month to extend the Beech Street shelter and to support the engagement center. I think this is going to be a big step along the long pathway towards fixing these problems. I didn't exactly know what I was going to say when I came up so I appreciate the inspiration from some of the earlier speakers. It seems like the gentleman from the Winona is very concerned about what is happening at 199 Manchester Street and why can't we just...first of all he said we have places for them to go now. We have 40 beds. Those 40 beds are filled and we still have well over 100 people looking for spots downtown. So no they don't have a place to go right now. Why can't we just move them to some other place? Well because they are American citizens with constitutional and human rights. As was alluded to by the second speaker, it seems like everybody wants to fix the problem without spending any money. So if we don't spend any money then somehow this will all magically get better. It doesn't work like that. We have to do something about these problems. We have to do more than we are doing. This is a step along the way. It is a great step and I am glad to see it. There are going to be problems outside of 199 Manchester Street regardless of whether people congregate there because there is a shelter on that block and we have addressed that before. He talked about how it creates crime and he cited the incident with what he referred to as a lead pipe. That is not at all what happened. First of all, what precipitated that incident was trying to move people out of there. It happened on a day where they were pressure-washing the sidewalks as an attempt to try to clear people away. It got everybody agitated and then we had somebody who happened to be one of the many graduates of the Sunrise program who is now back out on the streets come up and provoke people. He tried to attack some people and he tried to mess with their stuff. They tried to defend themselves. A woman who is about 3' tall starting wielding a very light aluminum pipe to try to defend themselves and when he went to strike her he was struck by somebody else and he fell backwards and he hurt his head. He is recovering and he is alright but again this wasn't provoking the kind of crime that this person wants people to be worried about. What we see around there is we see the agitation of these people. We see a lot of infighting. We see a lot of problems because of that. We don't see them going after random citizens or anything like that. He talks about the problems with the alleyways and the trash and the feces and the urine and having to see needles.

I was out there two mornings ago cleaning up myself and was able to get somebody to sneak me out a shovel and some trash bags. We were taking care of it. It took 5-10 minutes. I wouldn't have had to do that if there were trash cans out there. Everybody had actually neatly piled their trash because they had no trash cans so at least that way it was easier to clean up in the morning. The main thing here is we are not going to get our way out of this problem by sitting here and criticizing things like the engagement center and so on and so forth. I would really like to see people stop acting like they are the ones that are the victims for having to see homeless people exist. Whether it is seeing a needle or seeing urine in an alleyway, you seeing that doesn't make you a victim. It may offend your delicate sensibilities but it doesn't make you a victim to have to see something. The real victims are the ones who are out there dealing with the stigma and with the constant attacks, including drone drops which is people dropping things on them from drones, let alone all the things that have been thrown at them and the kicks and punches when they are on Elm Street. These are the people who are under attack, not the people in the neighborhoods. Let's help those people and in the process we can help the people in the neighborhoods. Thank you everybody.

Dennis Higgins, homeless, stated:

I didn't know Dan was going to talk about 199. He might disagree with me on this and I am not talking about the incident that happened but the scene that goes down there I have been trying to steer clear of for a month and a half now. There is rampant drug use and lawlessness happening. I don't know if the police can do anything about it. I think they are doing what they can. The people have the right to be on the sidewalk. You have to catch them doing what they are doing. I really don't think it would be that hard to do, but that is just me. I can walk down the street and no one is going to hide anything from me but when they see a cruiser they hide. I spent a lot of time at the Beech Street shelter over the last month. It seems like it will be an alright thing. I think the engagement center will be nice if it can get up and running. I don't know but it seems like they are dragging their feet there. I don't know how long it is going to take to get it up and running. The people that are there definitely breathed a sigh of relief knowing that they weren't going to be sent down to the other shelter because that is just unacceptable. As far as where the people go, the Chief would know. I am out by the Elliot at River's Edge and on city property which I am not supposed to be so I have to

move now. I racked up five or six tickets that are like \$62/each. I don't know how I am going to pay for those but that is my problem. My problem is where do they go? You have too many people here. You can't just keep them on a sidewalk. A lot of people aren't going to do that, especially if they have to move every five minutes or if they have to be with the people that are on 199 Manchester Street. That is not the same people and the same atmosphere that it was when we had all the tents up. That was a safer environment regardless of what you may think. It was definitely a safer environment. Right now it is out of control if you ask me. That is just my opinion and I have been around the block quite a bit. I don't know what you can do. Like I said, being the only Republican homeless guy out there, building more homeless shelters is not the way to go. We all know that. Education is something. When you go to rehab, you go through the program and then get kicked right back on the street in the same neighborhood. That is not working. They don't get taught any job skills or life skills so they can live in a house or anything like that. I think if any of them got a job, I bet 60-70% if their boss would just say hey thanks for showing up today you did a good job, that would be a drug in itself that they would want to keep doing. Without them getting any skills or any education...you see sometimes when someone gets a house or an apartment and within two months they are back out on the street because they don't know how to live in an apartment because no one has ever taught them that or they just forgot how to. Just don't give up. I know that it seems like a lot of money and it is a lot of money that is being thrown at certain things but you have to keep it up. Imagine that if we didn't do anything at all the money that we would be spending just with police, fire and all the hospitals and all the stuff we would have to cover because of the mayhem that would happen. We would look like Portland. That just wouldn't fly. I think you are going in the right direction. No one is going to be perfect. There is no way you could possibly know exactly what to do. This is a hit or miss thing and just something that you are going to have to figure out as you go. You guys are doing a good job and so are the Police and Fire Departments. Thank you very much. Everybody have a good week.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Axon Taser, Body Worn Camera, & Digital Evidence Management System presentation by the Manchester Police Department.

Allen Aldenberg, Police Chief, stated we appreciate your time and consideration tonight. With me on the right is Assistant Chief Peter Marr and to my left is Ben DeRites who is the key account manager for Axon who has been working on this proposal with us for quite some time. He has been very helpful and very patient and has gotten us to this point this evening. As you know, the Manchester Police Department currently has a body worn program that we have had since 2019. Tonight I want to provide a proposal of the strategy that we would like to follow and gain the full Board's approval to proceed. I understand that these items are expensive but they are needed to meet the expectations that the community has for the Police Department. In 2019, the Board voted for the implementation of a body worn camera program for the Manchester Police Department. This was in response to the public's desire for greater accountability, transparency and increased trust in policing. We want to continue our use of body worn cameras and enter into an enhanced phase of its use through initiating a long-term plan for the program including obtaining better equipment. I will also talk about Tasers, which we currently have and is the best less lethal option for our police department. The community and this Board wants us to have the best and least lethal use of force tools at our disposal. There are countless stories of Tasers saving lives and preventing significant injury. Finally, we will speak about digital evidence management (DEM) as it is becoming a piece of most police investigations. In 2023, we need the tools to manage the mountain of evidence that we take in on a daily basis. As part of this process, in December 2022 we posted a body worn camera RFP. The department's invitation for bids closed on February 2, 2023. The current contract holder is Utility. That initial contract term was from December 2019 until December 2024. It was a five-year term with a \$1 million price tag over five years and that initial contract was paid in full. The impetus for the department entering into the RFP process, however, were the ongoing issues with Utility and their product. The department is approximately 70% through the initial contract which ends in 2024. Based on the numerous ongoing issues with the product and the service, the department felt it was necessary to explore other

options. I will get into some of those issues. Right now what you see on that vest and what you see on mine is the current body worn camera provided by Utility. It is important to understand that Utility does not manufacture their own product. They purchase Samsung phones in bulk which are outfitted with their bodycam software. This requires constant updates for hardware and mounts and our body worn camera devices are fixed to our uniforms as you see there. This becomes an issue, however, when the department sends a device back to Utility for replacement from damage, which often occurs. We often receive a different version of the phone in return which requires a different mount. The mounts are not interchangeable with the different phone versions. This is compounded over time and currently the department has four different types of phones in circulation. This obviously creates significant issues keeping back-up hardware in stock and getting correct versions of the mount. Another problem was the initial set-up. The system was not set-up properly when we went live in December 2019 and that was through no fault of the agency. Our computer-aided dispatch system was not integrated with the cameras properly, which resulted in the advertised auto-tagging feature to not function. This issue was not resolved until November 2021. The auto-tagging feature insures that videos are retained for the appropriate amount of time and immediately tagged with accurate case numbers. This obviously was a significant issue that caused numerous videos to be unnecessarily deleted. In March 2022, our department requested to change video retention for unclassified videos from one year to three years. This was requested due to the large amount of unclassified videos the department had due to the issue caused by the poor initial set-up. Despite what we felt was clear language allowing us to do this in the contract, Utility refused to change the retention for unclassified videos. We ended up changing hundreds of videos manually ourselves to try to resolve the issue on our own. There was also an attempt at overcharging on the part of Utility. In December 2021, we had to order 20 new bodycam packages to bring us up to complement. We were initially quoted \$85,000 by Pillium, the vendor who sells the product for Utility. Obviously we informed them that we were being grossly overcharged. They responded with a second quote of \$67,000. Again we told them that was not accurate and they finally came back with the appropriate quote of \$54,000 which was a 37% difference from their initial quote. That would obviously be concerning for any consumer or any customer. That is why I came to the decision to do the RFP and do another test and evaluation period. When the

contract with Utility was signed in 2019, we did that process with them as well and as you can see from the screen in 2019 the officers that participated in the testing and evaluation overwhelmingly wanted Axon at the time. You see the same results in 2022. Our officers overwhelmingly chose Axon as the superior product. Officers strongly agreed that the department should transition from body worn to Axon. Compared to other products, and these are the other companies we received proposals from, the Axon camera is easy to use, durable and reliable. It is a very simple design and is manufactured by Axon and Axon alone. Simply put, this allows our officers to focus on their jobs and alleviates the constant and ongoing issues that occur with the Utility product. It also immediately solves the Utility mount and hardware issue that I discussed earlier. It is no secret that as of late our police officers and our Police Department have dealt with a great deal. There are many critical incidents that we deal with on a daily basis. Our officers are regularly placed in life-threatening traumatic situations and expected to perform flawlessly. That is a high expectation. In the past 40 months, our officers have been outfitted with the Utility product. This product has caused a great deal of frustration and angst due to the constant performance issues. Our city is fortunate and I am fortunate as a Chief of Police to have some of the best law enforcement officers in this country. They sacrifice and perform for our citizens on a daily basis. Our department has vetted the Axon product thoroughly and is confident that it is, by far, the best product available. This Board and the Mayor and city have put faith in me as the Chief of Police. If I did not think that this was the right path forward, I would not be sitting here this evening. I ask you to continue to trust me in the fashion that you have. Here are some testimonials from officers that were included in the packet that you all received. Now we will get into the nuts and bolts and that is why I have Ben here. He can answer any particular questions you may have about the cost and the loss that we are taking on the current contract which I fully recognize. During the negotiations with Axon, we made it clear that we would require significant discounts to offset remaining years in the Utility contract. If this proposal is accepted, the implementation would take place in September 2023. That would leave approximately 17 months remaining on the Utility contract with the remaining value being \$283,000. After significant negotiations with Ben and his team, I am here to tell you that we wore Ben out very significantly. Axon has agreed to provide all Axon body 3 cameras and charging docks to the department at no cost. This amounts to a savings of \$267,000.

Axon also agreed to provide 280 licenses for the Axon performance feature for the entire six-year contract at no cost. This feature is actually very critical because it allows us to streamline supervisor reviews of body worn camera footage and measure our body worn camera policy performance in near real-time. This feature would have amounted to about \$201,000 over the six-year contract. As you can see, the remaining value is \$283,000 and with the discounts applied to the Axon contract of right around \$470,000. The discounts provided by Axon are significant and I think you would all agree with that. We are extremely unlikely to get the same consideration if we revisit the Axon proposal in December 2024. We would be the first large department in NH to be outfitted by Axon and Ben and his team have made it very clear that they consider this a flagship contract which they expect will lead to many more in the state. Additionally, departments such as ours switching from a competitor mid-contract would obviously be an excellent marketing tool for Axon. Digital evidence management (DEM). What is it? It is exactly that. It allows departments to archive all forms of digital evidence directly to data servers that are professionally maintained. Today currently Manchester police officers collect digital evidence on portable electronic media like thumb drives. This media is then physically submitted to the evidence unit for long-term storage that is available for subsequent investigative prosecutorial efforts. Implementing a digital evidence management platform would no longer have to enclose disks and thumb drives in envelopes to store these in the evidence unit which quite frankly is a pretty antiquated system given that it is 2023. Instead, we would be able to upload the digital evidence to DEMS through the DEMS cloud server for storage using the same computers that we already use currently. The cost for a year of portable electronic media storage is about \$11,000/year. Again, we initiated the RFP for the DEMS at the same time in December 2022. It was posted and closed in February 2023. We arrived at Axon DEMS. Axon is the industry leader in many law enforcement technology options. Their products, professionalism, customer service, research and development are world-class. In conjunction with their body cameras, our officers would have one website to store, access and manage footage in all digital evidence. Additionally, given a minimum anticipated \$35,000 in cost-savings annually by switching from our current method of handling digital evidence to a full featured Axon DEMS platform would potentially yield another cost savings of \$25,000/year. Finally, the Taser that we currently have that you can see is affixed to my vest. We have been using Axon

Tasers since 2012. It has become our most used and most effective less lethal option. It has been utilized in hundreds of incidents as both a deterrent and an effective less lethal tool. We currently have the Taser 7 which again is affixed to my vest that we received in 2020. We are in year 3 of a five-year contract. The final portion of our proposal this evening is to transition from Taser 7 to Taser 10. Taser 10 is a significant advancement from the Taser 7 model in two critical areas – range and cartridge capacity. These advancements will allow our officers to deal with armed aggressive suspects from almost twice as far. Currently it is 25' and we would go to a 45' stand-off distance. We would also have an additional eight opportunities for a successful deployment. We would go from two cartridges to ten. This depicts the 25' to the 45'. Why now? That is a very fair question that many on this Board have asked me. Why are we asking to enter into a new contract in the middle of an existing one? Again, that is a very fair question. The body worn camera contract entered into with Utility in 2019 I would not say was a total mistake. I credit Chief Capano and Assistant Chief Grant at the time for having the initiative to start a body worn camera program which this Board approved. I think that was the right thing to do at the time but I think we have learned that the current product is not what is best for our officers. We have caused a noticeable degradation in our officer's morale and it is time to recognize our mistake and move to a product that we should have had in the first place. Forcing our personnel to deal with an inferior product for an additional 18 months to me would not be fair to our men and women who sacrifice so much for the city on a daily basis. Moving to a cloud-based DEMS from our current usage of portable electronic media would result in a net savings in the department's operating expense. Finally, the Taser 10 with the adoption of both the Axon body worn camera and DEMS, the department would be receiving credit for the remaining years of our Taser 7 contract. Ben would be happy to address that should you have any questions. With that, the pricing is a result of months of negotiation like I mentioned earlier. This contract includes a credit for the two remaining years of our current Taser contract and a credit for the remittance of our current Taser hardware. The total price for the life of this contract would be \$4.28 million. The total cost savings by bundling the body worn, the DEMS and the Taser brings our total savings to just about \$809,000. With that, I would be happy to take your questions and I appreciate your support.

Alderman Long stated so there is \$283,000 still owed on the current contract but you are saying there is a \$468,000 savings that we are getting to offset that. Is that correct?

Ben DeRites, Axon, responded that is correct. Understanding the situation that the PD and the city were in, myself and Axon leadership took that into consideration and provided the hardware cost, body cameras, docks and the performance software at no cost to help you recoup some of those funds and that is \$468,000.

Alderman Long asked is the state still offering grants for body cameras.

Chief Aldenberg answered not for departments our size and not for departments that currently have a program. They were looking at the smaller police departments across the state and I believe you may have been part of that discussion.

Alderman Barry stated first and foremost, safety is our number one concern. As for the funding, are there any grant opportunities out there?

Chief Aldenberg replied we have explored that but again we are not in the window to qualify for those types of grants. We have researched that federally and will continue to research those options should they become available in the future but what we found at this time is they are not available to agencies our size.

Alderman Barry asked is ARPA funding available.

Chief Aldenberg responded the ARPA funds we received have already been allocated and dedicated to the projects that we agreed to with this Board and I don't think they would even remotely equal what we are looking for here.

Alderman Barry asked so where are we going to get the funding for this.

Mayor Craig answered I believe that they were talking about bonding.

Chief Aldenberg stated yes we are requesting a motion to bond and I have had conversations with the Finance Director and she is prepared to answer that question if you would like.

Sharon Wickens, Finance Officer, stated the bonding for the fiscal year we are going into I thought was very reasonable. The Mayor was able to keep the level down low. My only suggestion would be that we bond this in two tranches. It is a four-year contract and when you bond the expectation is that you will spend the money within three years and because this is a four-year contract, I would break it into a bond for some of it this year and then two years later bond the rest of it.

Alderman T. Sapienza stated isn't it a five-year contract.

Mayor Craig responded it is six years.

Alderman T. Sapienza asked so this contract ends in 2029.

Chief Aldenberg replied yes.

Alderman T. Sapienza asked so it is a six-year contract.

Chief Aldenberg answered yes and I think it is also important to note, like I said earlier, probably at the beginning of 2024 I will be back here if we don't go this route now having the same conversation and the savings we have been able to accomplish early, Ben told me as early as this afternoon to my face that those savings probably aren't going to be there next week.

Alderman T. Sapienza stated that leads to my next point. Is Axon going to...you have touted the discounts and I appreciate them but are you willing to say that no other departments in NH are going to get a lower price than what we get?

Chief Aldenberg responded just on sheer volume they are not. We are outfitting 270 officers. Is that what you are talking about?

Mr. DeRites stated there are a couple of factors there. Obviously the volume of the Manchester PD. The other factor coming in is the situation with the current contract and the third thing is the bundling of three critical elements of Axon Solutions which are the body camera, the DEMS and the Tasers. That puts this discount at the highest level.

Alderman T. Sapienza stated I am simply asking if you will put that in the contract that this is the lowest price that is going to be offered in NH. That is kind of what you are telling us tonight isn't it?

Mr. DeRites responded I would have to have the contracts manager review that if you want that verbiage in.

Alderman T. Sapienza stated let's do that. I see that this is a pay-as-you-go contract and I appreciate that change because that is how we got in trouble with the other one. One slide that bothers me is, and I don't want to go over old mistakes and the problems going back to 2019 when body cameras were a new thing but one of the slides says that in 2019 the officers indicated that Axon was the best product, not Utility, and we disregarded that.

Chief Aldenberg replied no, we didn't disregard it. I can tell you in being a Captain at the time that Chief Capano had, as I understand it, a ceiling or a price point that he had to hit. That was the direction he was given and at the time Axon could not get down to that price point. Chief Capano, again, wanted to get the program initiated. He had his left and right limits and at the time he had to go with what was within the price point and the best product at the time. I give him credit for getting the program started.

Alderman T. Sapienza stated I do too, and I don't want to go over mistakes but that did stand out. That is a good explanation so thank you for that.

Chief Aldenberg stated I will also add that this Board approved the Fuses technology that we are doing now and Axon is in a strategic relationship with Fuses and Fuses integrates to the Axon body camera. Again, all of the technology that we have adopted

is coming together as we plan and we design. That is just another reason that I think we should continue this partnership with Axon.

Alderman Stewart stated thank you Chief for the presentation. As was mentioned in committee last month, I am a big fan of the body worn camera program and the evidence based management and the less lethal options that are available for a number of reasons. Particularly with body worn cameras they can help with, as you said, prosecutorial issues and making sure that convictions are happening after arrests are made because they can show in literal color what happened and how it happened. I also believe it increases accountability for our police officers and as a result public trust in law enforcement which in turn I think makes the public more trusting of the department and more willing to cooperate. I am supportive of this request tonight. All of that said, with the money that we are on the hook for with the current vendor, can you talk about what efforts are being taken with regard to recouping some of those costs?

Chief Aldenberg answered they built in those savings that Ben talked about.

Alderman Stewart replied I meant with the current vendor. Are we able to...

Chief Aldenberg interjected I don't want to put the Solicitor on the spot but we had those discussions a while back with the Solicitor's Office. I don't remember the finer points of the discussion but the likelihood of recouping that money would be very unlikely. If the Solicitor wants to pipe in...Utility has not breached their contract. We are just making a decision to try to get out of it on our own.

Alderman E. Sapienza stated thank you Chief. I just want to say briefly that I am putting my faith in the Chief and taking his input at face value. Chief would you say that the potential savings here as far as litigation is hard to even measure?

Chief Aldenberg responded I think with any body worn program...we have had officer involved shootings, three in the last year, where bodycam footage has played a critical role in the investigation in favor of the city.

Alderman Levasseur stated I am a huge proponent of body worn cameras for a lot of reasons. They help solve cases and convince your client to remember a lot more than they forgot and it is helpful if the officer's report is not the same as the actual video cam. I was a very big proponent of Manchester getting that when it first came out. The state police use Utility and most of the small towns I deal with use Utility. I haven't found anybody else that is using Axon. From a software perspective, Utility sends us a video over the internet so we don't have to go and get a thumb drive. The problem is that when I get it my clients can't open it. Is this a better transferable, usable system for attorneys that are receiving these from MPD?

Mr. DeRites replied yes. So a couple of things. The Cloud based system allows for seamless electronic sharing of evidence. We are going to capture everything so it is readable and you will be able to open and view it from that email.

Alderman Levasseur asked so via email you will get a copy of the actual video and it will open without too many problems. What software opens it up if you are just using a Microsoft browser on your computer? There is Media 1 and a whole bunch of different software but what opens it?

Mr. DeRites answered when you get that email, you are going to see a link in there. You are going to click that link and create a user name and password and when you get in there you will have an opened evidence.com and be able to access the video, view it and download it. It will be in MP4 format. So Windows media player or whatever software you are using. You will be able to play it and view it directly from evidence.com.

Alderman Levasseur stated as far as the bonding on this goes, I am not sure that not getting the bonding upfront...every indication is that interest rates are going to go up. I don't get an indication that interest rates are going to drop so I don't know if you are planning on locking up a rate and go one year and get some money and in two years you are going to go out and try to get some more money. Maybe you could explain that thought process a little more. From everything I am reading, the rates are going up and they are really high right now. I don't know what you are getting for a bond rate right

now. Is it 4.5%? The regular rate for a home mortgage is 7% so what are we getting a bond for?

Ms. Wickens replied I don't think it would be 7%. It would probably be right now between 4% and 5%. The city normally goes out to bond every other year. Obviously we will take into consideration what the rates look like in the spring of next year. We were just in the market with almost \$40 million in bonds last spring. We do it every other year. I expect we will be looking at it in the spring and depending on what our cash flow is, it could be summer or fall. We will work with Bond Counsel and our financial advisor to see when the best time for the city to go out is. The city is still well rated and we tend to get better rates than others that would go out. Because we are a municipality, nobody in NH that is a municipality has ever defaulted on debt and we have a good credit rating. We do get a rate that is a little bit less than what you are seeing. My best guess if we go out in the spring is it would be between 4% and 5%.

Alderman Levasseur asked who else in the state is using Axon right now.

Mr. DeRites answered Laconia, Hillsborough, Gilford and Belmont police departments.

Alderman Levasseur asked have you spoken to any of those departments Chief.

Chief Aldenberg answered yes I have and you would be shocked, Alderman, at the amount of calls I get from police departments and chiefs that are exploring body worn programs that have looked at Axon and Utility that tell me they are leaning towards Axon based on our experience. I will also tell you that the NH State Police were having the same challenges we have had with Utility. They are a bigger machine to move to make that change but I am seeing more police departments that have Utility starting to transition to Axon. That is from chiefs across the country that I attended the FBI National Academy with who had Utility. They are also moving away and going with Axon.

Alderman Kantor stated Chief I just want to say thank you because I believe in accountability and transparency and I was just wondering, because I am all about

recycling, do you have any plans if and when you get the new equipment as to what you will do with the old equipment.

Chief Aldenberg replied I know what I want to do with it.

Alderman Kantor asked do you think you will pass it on to another community.

Chief Aldenberg responded I think we will have that conversation with Utility and obviously do the responsible thing. Should they want that equipment back...I don't know if I have the authority to sell it or pass it to another police department. I don't think we want to go down that road. Have you had any experience with that Ben?

Mr. DeRites answered no.

Chief Aldenberg stated that is a fair question. We will have to come up with a plan and I will let you know when we have one if we get approved.

Alderman Cavanaugh moved to approve bonding the \$4.28 million for the Axon contract.

Ms. Wickens stated I just did a quick add. I thought the contract was four years but since it is six if we bond \$2 million now and the rest in another two years that should work.

Alderman Heath duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Long moved to amend the motion and request that Finance and the Planning Department work out the financing and come back to the Board at their August meeting. ***Alderman Cavanaugh*** duly seconded the amendment.

Alderman Cavanaugh asked do you need this by September.

Chief Aldenberg answered we have to wait for the resolution to be approved at the August meeting. In the meantime, I think we can finalize the contract and work with the legal department to get everything ready to go.

Alderman Levasseur asked when are you expecting delivery of the bodycams and when are payments going to begin and where is the money coming from. Is it going to be out of this current budget or is it going to be in FY25?

Ms. Wickens answered once a resolution is approved, the Police Department can start spending it. I will not issue the funds for that bond until probably the spring of next year, 2024.

Alderman Levasseur stated I guess I should have asked you what you are going to get for a bond. This is a six-year contract.

Ms. Wickens responded I guess I would be talking to the Chief to see what the useful life of the product is. If the useful life is six or seven years, then that is what the bond is going to have to be. If the useful life is 10 years, we would make it a 10-year bond.

Alderman Levasseur replied well it makes a big difference on what our yearly payments are. If it is a six year bond we are going to have to make bigger payments and if it is ten years, then we will make smaller payments and those have to be added in to a budget at some point. So what is the useful life?

Mr. DeRites answered the useful life of a body camera is two and a half to three years. Within this proposal, you will be receiving new cameras and docks every 30 months. The useful life of a Taser is five years. That answers the useful life question. In terms of when the payments start, when we initially ship those products we will invoice for them. That would conceivably be somewhere in the November/December timeframe.

Alderman Levasseur stated I would imagine this is going to be a lifetime payment. If it is six years we will still have bodycams for a long time or at least until they come up with something else.

Mayor Craig stated the motion is that the financing component of this will be worked out and brought before the BMA at their next meeting.

Alderman T. Sapienza asked if the product life matches the contract term and payment schedule, doesn't that defeat the purpose of bonding. In fact, you have to make these payments every year.

Ms. Wickens answered I think he has to go out to bond at this point. He doesn't have any money in his budget to pay for this. There is no other way to do it and it is considered a capital item. I know that the other body worn cameras they purchased were bonded. I don't think they were bonded for six years. I think they were bonded for 10 years. I will have to check on that.

Alderman Levasseur asked regarding what you said about replacing the cameras every three years, are you doing that at no cost to the city or is it an additional cost.

Mr. DeRites answered it is included in the life of the contract.

Alderman Long asked so it appears to me that the life of the bond would be six years because the contract is for six years and you are replacing the cameras at no cost. For all intents and purposes, the bond would be a six-year bond. I am wondering if there is any consideration to maybe taking the money out of the rainy day fund or something like that.

Mayor Craig stated I think that the Chief and Sharon should get together and talk about the product life and what we did last time. I trust both of them to come back to this Board with their recommendation on moving forward.

Alderman Long stated right so the best recommendation whether it be coming out of our rainy day funds or bond it or something else. Also, Alderman T. Sapienza mentioned some language regarding Manchester having the lowest price and you said you had to discuss it with your supervisors. I would suggest that would be the case because of the

complement that we have but it would be nice to see that in the contract to show the residents that we are keeping the price at a reasonable cost.

Chief Aldenberg stated we can come back with that for the August meeting. We will work with Axon.

Alderman Levasseur asked do you know what the original bonding was for what we purchased last time.

Chief Aldenberg answered \$1 million.

Alderman Levasseur asked for how many years.

Chief Aldenberg replied five.

Alderman Levasseur asked did you bond for a year at a time or all five years at once.

Chief Aldenberg responded the whole five years but that was just for cameras.

Mayor Craig called for a vote on the amended motion to approve the contract with Axon and have Finance and Planning work together to bring back a recommendation for funding at the August BMA meeting, including language regarding Manchester getting the lowest price in the state. Alderman Long requested a roll call vote. Aldermen Long, T. Sapienza, Kantor, Trisciani, Levasseur, Heath, E. Sapienza, Burkush, Barry, Gamache, George-Kelly, Cavanaugh and Stewart voted yea. Alderman Fajardo was absent. The motion carried.

Chief Aldenberg stated thank you very much. I appreciate it as do the men and women of the Manchester Police Department.

CONSENT AGENDA

Accept BMA Minutes

3. Minutes from the 6/6 BMA meeting.

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

4. 50/50 Sidewalk Petitions
Commercial:

- 708 Pine Street
- 764 Hall Street

Residential:

- 32 Eaton Street
- 37 Salmon Street
- 90 Villa Street
- 112 Gordon Street
- 119 Medford Street
- 212 Ray Street
- 238 Ray Street
- 319 Somerville Street
- 399 Oak Street
- 873 Belmont Street
- 1424 North Russell Street

Information to be Received and Filed

5. Communications from Xfinity regarding changes to service.
6. Communication from Marcia Sink, President & CEO of CASA thanking the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for their \$13,000 contribution in FY23.

REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

7. Resolutions:

"Amending the FY2023 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Thirteen Thousand and Seventy-Seven Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (\$13,077.52) for the FY2023 CIP 211723 Opioid Litigation Settlement Trust."

"Amending the FY2021 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) for the FY2021 CIP 213021 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity "Enhancing Detection" Fund."

"Amending the FY2023 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Five Hundred and Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$512,000) for the FY2023 CIP 412023 Community Response Unit."

"Amending the FY2012 and FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing, appropriating, and transferring funds in the amount of Fifty-Four Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-Eight Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$54,348.45) for the FY2012 CIP 510712 South Manchester Rail Trail."

"Amending the FY2012 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred and Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$217,393.80) for the FY2012 CIP 510712 South Manchester Rail Trail."

"Amending the FY2018 and FY2023 Community Improvement Program, authorizing, appropriating, and transferring funds in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the FY2018 CIP 711218 Bridge Design - Amoskeag & Queen City."

"Amending the FY2023 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) for the FY2023 CIP 712623 Roadway Program - FY23 Excess Funds."

"Amending the FY2023 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the FY2023 CIP 712723 Work and Learn Grant Program."

8. Bond Resolutions:

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the 2024 CIP 410324 Gear Replacement (Fire Department)."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the 2024 CIP 510224 Sheehan-Basquill Park Phase IV (DPW-Parks, Rec. and Cemetery)."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the 2024 CIP 510324 Parks Deferred Maintenance (DPW-Parks, Rec. and Cemetery)."

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the 2024 CIP 510424 Park Playground Replacement and Retrofitting (DPW-Parks, Rec. and Cemetery).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the 2024 CIP 510524 FY24 School Deferred Maintenance (DPW-Parks, Rec. and Cemetery).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) for the 2024 CIP 710124 FY24 Roadway Program (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Million Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,350,000) for the 2024 CIP 710224 MER Program (Fleet).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2024 CIP 710424 Transit Center (MTA). ”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Twenty Million Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$20,250,000) for the 2024 CIP 710724 Christian Brook C-2 (DPW -EPD).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000) for the 2024 CIP 711224 JFK Roof Replacement (DPW-Facilities).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) for the 2024 CIP 711324 Municipal Deferred Maintenance (DPW-Facilities).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the 2024 CIP 711424 Central Fire Apparatus Bay Floor Repairs (DPW-Facilities).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,300,000) for the 2024 CIP 711524 FY24 Deferred Maintenance Program-Facilities (DPW-Facilities-Schools).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2024 CIP 711624 School Parking Lot Rehabilitation (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) for the 2024 CIP 711824 Raise Local Match (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the 2024 CIP 711924 Sidewalk Rehab and Expansion (DPW- Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the 2024 CIP 712024 Residential Sidewalk 50/50 (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the 2024 CIP 712124 SMRT-To Londonderry T/L (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$310,000) for the 2024 CIP 712224 Bridge Fencing (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the 2024 CIP 712324 FY24 School Playground Replacement and Retrofitting (DPW-Parks, Rec. and Cemetery).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the 2024 CIP 712624 Commercial Sidewalk 50/50 (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000) for the 2024 CIP 712724 Purchase of 5 Buses (MTA).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000) for the 2024 CIP 712924 JFK Arena Rehabilitation (DPW-Parks, Rec. and Cemetery).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the 2024 CIP 810024 Election Infrastructure Improvement (City Clerk).”

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON BILLS ON SECOND READING

9. Recommending that the following Ordinance Amendment:

"Amending Chapter 32: Boards, Commissions, and Departments by adding a Lead Exposure Prevention Commission."

ought to pass and be referred to the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment & Revenue Administration.
(Unanimous vote)

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

10. Recommending that the summary of abatement requests submitted by the Chief Engineer be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
11. Recommending that the Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$13,077.52 for FY2023 CIP 211723 Opioid Litigation Settlement Trust be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
12. Recommending that the Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$217,393.80 for FY12 CIP 510712 South Manchester Rail Trail be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
13. Recommending that the Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$54,348.45 for FY12 CIP 510712 South Manchester Rail Trail be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
14. Recommending that the Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$200,000 for FY18 CIP 711218 Bridge Design - Amoskeag & Queen City be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
15. Recommending that the Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 for FY23 CIP 712623 Roadway Program - FY23 Excess Funds be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
16. Recommending that the request from the Planning & Community Development Director for various CIP project extensions be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
17. Recommending that the request from the Solid Waste and Environmental Programs Manager for authorization to accept \$18,330 from the State of New Hampshire to conduct two Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events (to be held October 14, 2023 and May 11, 2024), and to execute any documents necessary to enter into a contract with the NH Department of Environmental Services for this purpose be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
18. Recommending that the petition to discontinue a portion of Goffs Falls Road be referred to a road hearing to be scheduled at a later date by the City Clerk.
(Unanimous vote)

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES/INSURANCE

- 19.** Recommending that the request from the Human Resources Director for the following complement changes:
- Add one newly created Human Resources Project Coordinator (grade 17), to be hired for a limited term and funded with Compensation Study project funding;
 - Adopt new classification for Human Resources Project Coordinator (grade 17) be approved.
(*Unanimous vote*)
- 20.** Recommending that the request from the Deputy Public Works Director for the following complement changes:
- Eliminate one (1) vacant Traffic Maintenance Worker I (grade 12);
 - Eliminate one (1) vacant Laborer (grade 10);
 - Eliminate one (1) vacant Survey Instrument Person (grade 15);
 - Add two (2) Equipment Operator IV (grade 15);
 - Add one (1) Engineering Technician I (grade 16)
- be approved.
(*Unanimous vote*)
- 21.** Recommending that the request from the Water Works Director to add the Power & Process Controls Manager to the list of exempt positions eligible for overtime pay be approved.
(*Unanimous vote*)
- 22.** Recommending that the request from the Library Director for the following reclassification and complement changes:
- Eliminate the Office Assistant and Library Clerk I classifications, create and adopt the new job classification of Library Technician (grade 12), and reclassify all current Library employees in the positions of Library Clerk I and Office Assistant to such new classification;
 - Eliminate the Library Clerk II classification, adopt the revised class specification for Assistant Librarian, and reclassify all current Library Clerk II employees to Assistant Librarian (grade 14);
 - Add a full-time Librarian I (grade 16), reclassify the current Assistant Librarian to the Librarian I position, and retain the vacated Assistant Librarian position as an unfunded position
- be approved.
(*Unanimous vote*)

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND TRAFFIC

23. Recommending that the following traffic regulations be approved:

NO PARKING ANYTIME

On Island Pond Road, south side, from the dead-end to a point 190 feet westerly
Alderman Kantor

On Bartlett Street, west side, from Putnam Street to a point 75 feet north
Alderman Gamache

On Bridge Street, south side, from Belmont Street to a point 118 feet west
Alderman Fajardo

STOP SIGN

On Johnson Street at Gray Street, NE corner
Alderman Heath

RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME

On Mitchell Street, south side, from a point 100 feet east of Calef Road to a point 150 feet further east (ORD 10532)

Alderman Burkush

On Island Pond Road, south side, from the dead-end to a point 90 feet westerly (ORD9832)

Alderman Kantor

NO PARKING ANYTIME

On Manchester Street, south side, from Union Street to Pine Street

On Manchester Street, north side, from a point 125 feet west of Union Street to Pine Street

Special Condition Traffic Ordinance

ONE HOUR PARKING

On Manchester Street, north side, from Union Street to a point 125 feet west

Special Condition Traffic Ordinance

RESCIND ONE HOUR PARKING

On Manchester Street, north side, from Union Street to a point 145 feet west of Union Street (ORD3281)

On Manchester Street, south side, from a point 282 feet east of Pine Street to Union Street (ORD9823)

Special Condition Traffic Ordinance

RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME

On Manchester Street, north side, from a point 290 feet west of Union Street to a point 100 feet west (ORD3282)

On Manchester Street, north side, from a point 294 feet west of Union Street to a point 96 feet westerly (ORD9847)

On Manchester Street, south side, from a point 175 feet west of Union Street to a point 75 feet west (ORD8487)

On Manchester Street, south side, from a point 210 feet east of Pine Street to a point 72 feet easterly (ORD9848)

Special Condition Traffic Ordinance

RESCIND NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER

On Manchester Street, south side, from Pine Street to a point 54 feet easterly (ORD9822)

On Manchester Street, north side, from Union Street to a point 33 feet westerly (ORD9821)

Special Condition Traffic Ordinance

RESCIND NO PARKING LOADING ZONE

On Manchester Street, north side, from a point 260 feet west of Union Street to a point 30 feet westerly (ORD7198)

On Manchester Street, north side, from a point 390 feet west of Union Street to a point 30 feet west (ORD3283)

Special Condition Traffic Ordinance

RESCIND NO PARKING LOADING ZONE, 8AM-5PM, MON-FRI

On Manchester Street, north side, from a point 390 feet west of Union Street to a point 22 feet westerly (ORD9829)

Special Condition Traffic Ordinance

(Note: Special condition regulations will become effective immediately and will remain in effect until official ordinance is passed during regular business of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.)

(Unanimous vote)

24. Recommending that the Police Department make a presentation on body worn cameras to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at its July 11, 2023 meeting.
(Unanimous vote)
25. Recommending that the request from Chaos and Kindness to use Arms Lot for their Skyshow event scheduled for August 26, 2023 (rain date August 27) with set-up on August 25 be approved contingent on a meeting with City staff and abutters.
(Unanimous vote)
26. Recommending that the request from City On A Hill to use Arms Lot from September 14 through September 17, 2023, for their Hope Over America event be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
27. Recommending that the request from Able-NH to use a portion of Arms Lot for their Disability Justice Festival scheduled for October 14, 2023 be approved.
(Unanimous vote)
28. Recommending that the request from Millennium Running to use a portion of Arms Lot as home base for their Trick or Trot 3K road race scheduled for October 28, 2023 be approved.
(Unanimous vote)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SOLID WASTE ACTIVITIES

29. Recommending that the following 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."

be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading for technical review.
(*Unanimous vote*)

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

30. Nominations:

Conservation Commission

Marissa Chase to succeed herself, term to expire August 1, 2026

John Moeling to succeed Craig St. Pierre, term to expire August 1, 2026

Susan Boucher to succeed Brenda Noiseux, term to expire August 1, 2024

Larissa Robinov to succeed herself, term to expire August 1, 2026

Fire Commission

Mark Mulcahy to succeed Jeff Nyhan, term to expire May 1, 2026

Heritage Commission

Jen Drociak to succeed herself, term to expire July 1, 2026

Housing Commission

Ashley Marcoux moving from an alternate to regular member to succeed Zach Palmer, term to expire January 1, 2025

Joede Brown as an alternate member to succeed Ashley Marcoux, term to expire January 1, 2025

Zoning Board

Max Latona as an alternate member, term to expire March 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.*)

31. Communication from JoAnn Ferruolo, Assistant City Clerk, requesting the polling hours for the September 19, 2023 and November 7, 2023 municipal primary and general elections be set for 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Heath**, it was voted to approve the request.*

32. Report of the Committee on Public Safety, Health & Traffic recommending that the request from the Police Chief to purchase video camera trailers to be used at special events with funding in his budget be approved contingent upon submitting a draft policy to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.
(Unanimous vote)
(Note: Draft video camera trailer policy is attached.)

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

33. Proposed changes to 70.55 Residential Permit Parking, Zone #8 submitted by the Police Department.

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

34. Communication from Jodie Nazaka, Economic Development Director, regarding the adoption of NH RSA 162-K Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts.

*On motion of **Alderman Cavanaugh**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to refer the ordinance to a public hearing to be held on August 1 at 6:30 PM and to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading.*

35. Charter Amendment Question:

“Shall the City of Manchester approve the charter amendment as summarized below?”

1. The Charter is amended throughout so that the “School Committee” is referred to as the “School Board,” a “School Committeeman” is referred to as a “School Board Member,” consistent with the State law.
2. The School Board shall elect from among its members a chairman to serve for a term of two years. In the event of a vacancy, the School Board shall appoint a replacement to serve for the remainder of the term.
3. The School Board shall have fiscal autonomy and be responsible for overseeing the administration of the School District’s budget. It shall have the authority to borrow money on behalf of the School District. The School Board shall be subject to the existing limitation on budget increase but shall have the authority to override that limitation with two-thirds super-majority of its membership.

4. Various provisions of the Charter are amended to provide that the School Board shall comply with the laws of the State of New Hampshire for the adoption and accounting of its annual budget and its capital budget and for the issuance of a debt instrument; to authorize the School Board to appoint an independent auditor, a clerk, and a treasurer.

5. Effective Date: Upon Passage

If you favor this proposal, vote YES; if you do not favor it, vote NO.

Alderman Levasseur moved to receive and file. **Alderman E. Sapienza** duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. Alderman Levasseur requested a roll call vote. Aldermen Levasseur, Heath, E. Sapienza, Burkush, Gamache, George-Kelly, Kantor and Trisciani voted yea. Aldermen Barry, Cavanaugh, Stewart, Long and T. Sapienza voted nay. The motion carried.

Alderman Levasseur stated for people who don't know what that means, it means that this will not see the light of day on a ballot for the upcoming election and that is the referendum for the school district to have taxing authority.

36. Communication from Adrienne Beloin, Director of Homelessness Initiatives, requesting a contract extension with GateHouse until March 31, 2024, and recommending that an additional \$200,000 (\$100,000 from the Opioid Abatement Funds and \$100,000 from contingency) be made available for individuals to access Sunrise detox services.

Alderman Burkush stated I have a problem with the \$100,000 coming from contingency for this project. We understand the intent but using taxpayer's money to fund unfunded healthcare would be a precedent and create a problem for us. I am not in favor of \$100,000 coming from contingency.

Alderman Levasseur stated I agree. We only have \$300,000 in contingency and it is too early in the year to be taking that amount out. Is there a different plan that is possible? Ms. Beloin if you would like to come up, is there another strategy or possibility of maybe just using \$100,000 from the opioid funds and leaving it at that for now or are there other ideas on the table or possibilities?

Adrienne Beloin, Director of Homelessness Initiatives, responded yes we can absolutely come up with a different kind of plan for spending. The opioid money can only be spent on folks that have an opioid diagnosis and that was about 50%. It wasn't that we just divided it down the middle. That was the natural way that things fell as well. We certainly could do the entire amount of money for the amount of folks that we served in the first leg of this, 60 folks with just opioid money and just for opioid detox and that would eliminate the availability of this program for alcohol dependency, which was something that we were concerned about.

Alderman Levasseur moved to approve \$100,000 for GateHouse from the opioid fund but strictly for the purpose that the money is supposed to be used for.

Mayor Craig replied it is actually not going to GateHouse. It would go directly to Sunrise.

Alderman Levasseur asked so this is a contract extension with GateHouse but the money doesn't go to them.

Ms. Beloin responded we would be extending both contracts but the money doesn't go to GateHouse because we have paid in full their administrative costs. So they will continue to do the legwork and the care coordination but Sunrise will actually be receiving the money and doing the invoicing for the detox nights.

Alderman Levasseur asked since we are only approving \$100,000, do you have to go back and amend the contract and come back.

Ms. Beloin answered we already met with them. We met with the executive team and discussed all the terms with GateHouse. I have also met with Sunrise and everyone was on board for us to present this to you tonight. If the money is there, then everyone is on board to go forward.

Alderman Levasseur asked even if it is just the \$100,000?

Ms. Beloin replied yes and if for some reason we went down to \$100,000, we could still make due with that.

Alderman Burkush *duly seconded the motion.*

Alderman Long stated so this looks like it is an eight-month contract.

Ms. Beloin stated yes because the current contract was set to expire at the end of March.

Alderman Long asked did the original contract expire.

Ms. Beloin answered no. The contract had a piece in it that said we wouldn't provide detox for more than 60 people and we reached that number so we paused but the contract is still active. This would be an amendment.

Alderman Long asked so this is an amendment to the last contract.

Ms. Beloin responded yes.

Alderman Long asked and GateHouse is on board with this.

Ms. Beloin answered yes.

Alderman Long asked is there any leftover money.

Ms. Beloin replied we still have some outstanding invoices trickle in but we think we might have \$15,000-\$20,000 left of detox money that we could add onto whatever we agree to tonight.

Alderman Long asked so there are still more invoices that need to come in.

Ms. Beloin answered just a couple of more. They are still reviewing them and that is for Sunrise. We already settled with GateHouse for their administrative fees.

Alderman Long asked with respect to the \$200,000 that we are talking about here, that is going to Sunrise correct.

Ms. Beloin responded yes it goes directly to them.

Alderman Long asked so with only \$100,000, can you anticipate how long that will last. I don't know what else is due from the state. I know we have \$13,000 coming in but again that is only for opioids.

Ms. Beloin replied I would estimate that if we keep on track with what we are currently doing with two outreach workers, which is what we discussed with them would be reasonable to go forward with, that it would take half the time so I think it was three months that we were doing this first leg so half the time to reach half the people.

Alderman Long asked so you are saying 30 people.

Ms. Beloin answered yes. It is kind of hard to estimate but based on the current demonstration, I would expect that we could probably reach 30 folks in half the time.

Alderman Long asked so in your opinion it is doable with just \$100,000 right now.

Mayor Craig stated I think that is the only option we have unless you agree to...

Alderman Long interjected so we can move forward with \$100,000.

Mayor Craig replied yes.

Alderman Long stated I just wanted to make sure it goes forward.

Ms. Beloin stated I suppose if we wanted to use more opioid money to reach 60 people and have \$200,000 go towards this we could do that. We would just be restricted because we would only be able to serve those participants.

Alderman T. Sapienza stated the original proposal was \$100,000 for opioid detox and \$100,000 for alcohol detox right.

Ms. Beloin answered yes.

Alderman T. Sapienza stated so we are approving the opioid detox because we have opioid funds. That is what the motion is. So we will be able to help the same number of people with opioid problems as your original proposal.

Ms. Beloin replied yes but it wouldn't be 60 people. It would be 30 people.

Alderman T. Sapienza asked well it wouldn't be 60 in your original proposal either would it for opioids.

Ms. Beloin stated I am sorry. I am getting confused here.

Mayor Craig asked was the total \$100,000 for the original contract.

Ms. Beloin answered the total that we just provided them was \$205,000 for Sunrise. The entire contract was \$300,000.

Alderman T. Sapienza stated let's talk about this proposal. This original proposal tonight is \$200,000 with \$100,000 for opioid and \$100,000 for alcohol. So in your original proposal you were going to help how many opioid detox cases?

Ryan Cashin, Fire Chief, stated in the original proposal we had a set number. We were going to try to help 60 people. Going through, it turned out that about 50% went to alcohol detox and the other half went to opioid detox. It was about \$205,000. So if you

had 60 people with 30 for alcohol for about \$100,000 and an additional 30 or so for opioids, we are expecting with \$100,000 we can help another 30 people.

Alderman T. Sapienza asked and that is tonight's proposal.

Chief Cashin answered yes.

Alderman T. Sapienza stated tonight's proposal started out as \$100,000 for opioid and \$100,000 for alcohol.

Chief Cashin replied yes and we expected that would have been another 60.

Alderman T. Sapienza asked 30 and 30.

Chief Cashin responded yes.

Alderman T. Sapienza stated so now the alcohol money has gone away so you will help 30 with opioid addiction. So it is the same number of opioid detox participants.

Chief Cashin replied yes.

Alderman Barry stated with the extra \$100,000 we could help people who are suffering from alcohol abuse. What are we going to do with them?

Ms. Beloin responded they still have options and outreach and support going to treatment. They just wouldn't be able to access that treatment without having Massachusetts insurance to cover it. They wouldn't be able to go to Sunrise because they wouldn't have someone private paying for them but they would still have outreach, even by GateHouse, to connect to treatment that is inside NH.

Alderman Barry asked so we are 100% sure that the people who are suffering from alcohol abuse, it is only alcohol that they are involved with and they are not involved with any drugs.

Ms. Beloin replied if they have secondary diagnoses of opioid, they would qualify for using the opioid abatement money so I request on the tracking, that is one of the reasons why tracking is so important, that they identify the clinical diagnosis.

Alderman Barry stated I just want to make sure that if there are people on our streets who need help, we get them that help. So whatever we can do to get them...if they are suffering from alcohol abuse we need to do what we can to get them into some type of treatment. That is what this whole thing was all about; to get them off the street and into detox or treatment. I don't want them left behind so hopefully we will find some solution for them.

Ms. Beloin stated there are limitations to what kind of beds are available for people without insurance or if they need time to get reconnected to their insurance or if they have Medicare for example. It is limited and that is why this program pursues those options and when they are not immediately available brings them to Massachusetts for private pay. It is a good point that insurance should really be paying for people's care but we have that limitation in NH.

Alderman Barry stated we have discussed this in the past and it is unfortunate that the people who don't have insurance are not going to get the same treatment that other people get. We have non-profit organizations that get funding from the state and federal government to help these people and I look at it as like a scholarship basis. There has to be money through these organizations that we should be able to use to help the people that are suffering from alcohol abuse and need assistance. It should be available to them.

Mayor Craig stated I would think, especially The Doorway.

Chief Cashin stated you would think.

Alderman Barry stated that is exactly my point. I was going to say The Doorway.

Chief Cashin stated we are going to continue to do everything we can.

Alderman Barry stated please keep me in the loop and I will do whatever I can on the outside. Thanks.

Alderman Kantor asked so Sunrise is going to get the whole \$100,000.

Ms. Beloin answered Sunrise gets paid directly for detox that they provide. It is a nightly rate and they get the funding for providing the detox.

Alderman Kantor asked so that is why I am confused. You are going to have GateHouse do all the work and they are not going to get paid?

Ms. Beloin replied GateHouse is getting paid. They had their payments done in the first three months and that is the way the contract was laid out. They got paid \$95,000.

Alderman Kantor asked but aren't you adding extra people that they are going to be taking care of and pulling off the streets.

Ms. Beloin responded \$95,000 was the agreed upon price for them to do this work for the year. We met with them and reviewed all of these terms and they are very excited to continue with this.

Alderman Kantor asked okay so it was 60 people from the first contract and now an additional 30 people we are going to help.

Ms. Beloin answered yes if we do \$100,000 that is what I estimate.

Alderman Kantor asked so they are working for free for an extra 30 people.

Mayor Craig stated we paid them upfront for a full year. I think what is important to note here is that if this Board wants to allocate more funds you can. You just need to identify where those funds are going to come from and that is the challenge.

Alderman Levasseur asked have you identified more opioid money and can we just add that in tonight and say we are not going to come back and do this again in three months. They are obviously going to get those 30 pretty quick so can we just say if you have another \$100,000 identified we will give you \$200,000 but strictly for opioid detox?

Mayor Craig asked do you want to approve the \$100,000 tonight and then we can get the balance of the account for the next meeting.

Alderman Levasseur stated I just thought if we could get it done now...maybe they were counting on \$200,000. You can come back if you want but it would save time if we did it now.

Mayor Craig stated if you want to make a motion you can.

Alderman Levasseur amended his motion to add another \$100,000 in opioid funds. *If the money is there, you can just lump it in now. There is no reason not to.* ***Alderman Burkush*** duly seconded the amendment.

Emily Rice, Solicitor, stated I don't think we anticipated this question and don't have the balance at our fingertips. Can we just say up to \$200,000 depending on what is in the fund?

Alderman Levasseur responded yes. One other question. Are there any other material changes to the contract or is it strictly just this addition of money?

Ms. Beloin answered there were a couple of tweaks in reporting. We reviewed some things like getting an attestation of homelessness from the individuals when they first meet the program providers in outreach and little things like that we added in.

Alderman Levasseur asked so the contract was tweaked and you are happy with the way the contract reads now.

Mayor Craig asked are those changes highlighted on the document.

Ms. Beloin replied I don't know that I gave everyone those particular details.

Alderman Long stated so my understanding is that the motion is up to \$200,000.

Alderman Levasseur stated yes strictly opioid funding.

Alderman Long asked so then this Board will identify where the other \$100,000 is coming from.

Mayor Craig answered if you want to you can.

Alderman Long asked do you want her to come back to the Board or do you want to just give her that.

Alderman Levasseur answered the Solicitor said they have the money. They already identified the money.

Solicitor Rice stated just to clarify, I said I don't know what the balance is but if you word the motion "up to" and it turns out that the money is available then I think you have satisfied your legal obligation in terms of the vote.

Alderman Long stated but that is just for opioids. You are saying that the 60 from the original contract is roughly 50/50. My concern would be for those suffering from alcohol abuse. We don't know what the surplus ended up at. Is that all done because we passed our budget? So let's say we have \$300,000 more in surplus than we anticipated in the budget. Nothing can be done with it?

Mayor Craig asked are you talking about the last fiscal year.

Alderman Long answered from FY23.

Mayor Craig asked is there any additional surplus from the last fiscal year budget that we can use.

Ms. Wickens answered no.

Mayor Craig stated you took a motion to allocate the surplus already.

Alderman Long asked if we have \$50,000 in the opioid fund, we would use that extra.

Mayor Craig replied the motion as I understand it is to utilize up to \$200,000 from the opioid fund to go toward individuals who go to Sunrise for detox from opioids.

Alderman Long stated and that doesn't address the alcohol. My understanding is that Sunrise takes Veterans in for free. Are you aware of that?

Ms. Beloin responded they do have a Veterans Program where they take people in for free.

Alderman Long stated I just think if we have Veterans that are coming through...

Ms. Beloin interjected just as I am thinking about it, the point that we were just talking about, GateHouse is going to continue to do what they have been doing. They are going to go out to the streets and will still have two people out there meeting folks. When they meet folks with alcohol as their primary issue or their only issue, they are still going to connect them to care and 43 of the folks they met at different places went directly to GateHouse programming so those folks will still be served by this. They just won't get the private pay rate at Sunrise if they needed that. They will still be helped.

Alderman Long stated if you can just keep us abreast of how that is going so we can foresee if that is going to be an issue that we need to address that would be great.

Mayor Craig called for a vote on the motion to approve the contract extension with GateHouse and utilize up to \$200,000 in opioid settlement funds for opioid detox at Sunrise. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

37. 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 transfer and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$240,000 for CIP 711423 Annual Street Reconstruction be approved and referred to the Committee on Finance this evening.

*On motion of **Alderman Levasseur**, duly seconded by **Alderman Cavanaugh**, 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 Fire Chief to apply for the Active Threat Exercise funded by the State of NH Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management in the amount of \$65,000 be approved.

*On motion of **Alderman Burkush**, 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 Fire Chief to accept an award of \$5,028.07 from the State of NH Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management to reimburse expenses related to city employees attending the 2022 ALERRT Conference be approved.

*On motion of **Alderman Burkush**, duly seconded by **Alderman George-Kelly**, 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 Fire Chief to apply for the ALERRT Integrated Response Training funded by the State of NH Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management in the amount of \$50,000 be approved.

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

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

Mayor Craig called the meeting back to order.

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

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

"Amending the FY2023 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Thirteen Thousand and Seventy-Seven Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (\$13,077.52) for the FY2023 CIP 211723 Opioid Litigation Settlement Trust."

"Amending the FY2021 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) for the FY2021 CIP 213021 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity "Enhancing Detection" Fund."

"Amending the FY2023 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Five Hundred and Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$512,000) for the FY2023 CIP 412023 Community Response Unit."

"Amending the FY2012 and FY2022 Community Improvement Program, authorizing, appropriating, and transferring funds in the amount of Fifty-Four Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-Eight Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$54,348.45) for the FY2012 CIP 510712 South Manchester Rail Trail."

"Amending the FY2012 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred and Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$217,393.80) for the FY2012 CIP 510712 South Manchester Rail Trail."

"Amending the FY2018 and FY2023 Community Improvement Program, authorizing, appropriating, and transferring funds in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the FY2018 CIP 711218 Bridge Design - Amoskeag & Queen City."

"Amending the FY2023 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) for the FY2023 CIP 712623 Roadway Program - FY23 Excess Funds."

"Amending the FY2023 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the FY2023 CIP 712723 Work and Learn Grant Program."

ought to pass and be Enrolled.

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

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

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the 2024 CIP 410324 Gear Replacement (Fire Department)."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the 2024 CIP 510224 Sheehan-Basquil Park Phase IV (DPW-Parks, Rec. and Cemetery)."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the 2024 CIP 510324 Parks Deferred Maintenance (DPW-Parks, Rec. and Cemetery)."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the 2024 CIP 510424 Park Playground Replacement and Retrofitting (DPW-Parks, Rec. and Cemetery)."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the 2024 CIP 510524 FY24 School Deferred Maintenance (DPW-Parks, Rec. and Cemetery)."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) for the 2024 CIP 710124 FY 24 Roadway Program (DPW-Highway)."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Million Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,350,000) for the 2024 CIP 710224 MER Program (Fleet)."

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2024 CIP 710424 Transit Center (MTA). "

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Twenty Million Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$20,250,000) for the 2024 CIP 710724 Christian Brook C-2 (DPW -EPD).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000) for the 2024 CIP 711224 JFK Roof Replacement (DPW-Facilities).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) for the 2024 CIP 711324 Municipal Deferred Maintenance (DPW-Facilities).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the 2024 CIP 711424 Central Fire Apparatus Bay Floor Repairs (DPW-Facilities).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,300,000) for the 2024 CIP 711524 FY24 Deferred Maintenance Program-Facilities (DPW-Facilities-Schools).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2024 CIP 711624 School Parking Lot Rehabilitation (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) for the 2024 CIP 711824 Raise Local Match (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the 2024 CIP 711924 Sidewalk Rehab and Expansion (DPW- Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the 2024 CIP 712024 Residential Sidewalk 50/50 (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the 2024 CIP 712124 SMRT-To Londonderry T/L (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$310,000) for the 2024 CIP 712224 Bridge Fencing (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the 2024 CIP 712324 FY24 School Playground Replacement and Retrofitting (DPW-Parks, Rec. and Cemetery).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the 2024 CIP 712624 Commercial Sidewalk 50/50 (DPW-Highway).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000) for the 2024 CIP 712724 Purchase of 5 Buses (MTA).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000) for the 2024 CIP 712924 JFK Arena Rehabilitation (DPW-Parks, Rec. and Cemetery).”

“Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the 2024 CIP 810024 Election Infrastructure Improvement (City Clerk).”

ought to pass and layover.

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

41. Report(s) of the Committee on Accounts, if available.

There were none.

42. Report(s) of the Committee on Lands & Buildings, if available.

There were none.

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

There were none.

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

The Committee on Human Resources/Insurance respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the request from the Public Health Director for the following complement changes:

- Addition of one (1) Senior Services Specialist II (grade 14);
- Unfunding of one (1) Senior Services Specialist I (grade 13) be approved.

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

The Committee on Human Resource/Insurance respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the request from the Solicitor to add one Paralegal, grade 16, to her complement be approved.

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

The Committee on Human Resources respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the request from the Police Chief to add three Sergeant positions, grade 22, to his complement be approved.

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

45. Resolutions:

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

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

46. Ordinances:

"Amending Section 33.024, 33.025, & 33.026 (Human Resources Project Coordinator LT) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

"Amending Section 33.024, 33.025, & 33.026 (Human Resources Associate) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

"Amending Section 33.025 & 33.026 (Assistant Librarian) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

"Amending Section 33.024, 33.025, & 33.026 (Library Technician) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

"Amending Section 33.024, 33.025, & 33.026 (Election Administrator) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester."

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, 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 to Ordain.*

TABLED ITEM

- 47.** Discussion regarding amending the contract between the City and GateHouse Treatment to have GateHouse report directly to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.
(Note: This issue was brought up by Alderman Kantor and tabled at the May 16th BMA meeting.)

*On motion of **Alderman Levasseur**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to remove this item from the table.*

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

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Heath stated I think we all received the letter from Southern NH Services and Donnalee Lozeau. Certainly I am disappointed with their inability to obtain funds from the Office of the Governor. What is going to happen next? Is the other entity that did apply...would they be eligible to apply or where do we go from here? It breaks my heart to see that building standing there deteriorating. With the rain that we have had lately, I can only guess how much rain has been going into that gymnasium. I really had hoped that we would start construction soon. Where do we go?

Mayor Craig replied it was disappointing to see that the state didn't come forward with the \$3 million that was requested but it is something that we as a Board need to

discuss. We can put it on the agenda for the next L&B Committee meeting and talk about it there. There are many different options we can proceed with.

Alderman E. Sapienza asked currently the basketball court is open to the public correct. Is that true?

Mayor Craig answered the gym is.

Alderman E. Sapienza stated okay so the gym is open to the public.

Mayor Craig stated Parks & Recreation has organized activities there.

Alderman E. Sapienza asked can folks walk-in.

Mayor Craig answered no.

Alderman T. Sapienza asked can we explore having them do a partial project where they try to get that Child Advocacy Center in on the first floor.

Mayor Craig responded I did speak to Donnalee at length and they are trying to do something with the CaC but they can't handle that whole building. So without a commitment of the financing, Southern NH Services isn't willing to proceed unfortunately.

Alderman Levasseur moved to refer the item to the next Lands & Buildings Committee agenda. Alderman E. Sapienza duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman Barry stated I have a couple of things. One, on Saturday, July 15 at noon time and I don't know if any of you have had the opportunity to go by but Wolfe Park had a couple of basketball courts that were in really bad shape. Chris Brickley and his dad, Bill Brickley, have come to the rescue so to speak. I have gone down there periodically over the last few weeks to see the progress. It is absolutely amazing the

work that they have done. I want to thank Mark Gomez and Katie Waldo from Parks & Recreation for all of the work they have done to get this going. The courts have been painted. I didn't go by there today but it looks good and we are very fortunate. At noon on Saturday there will be an introduction with Parks representatives. A proclamation will be given by the Mayor to the Brickley family. At 1 PM they are going to have a basketball skills clinic for up to 50 participants ages 10-16. If anyone has a chance to go over there, I think you should. Even if you don't go to the festivities, if you take a drive by to see the work they have done it is pretty amazing. I just want to thank our city for being part of this and making a great improvement to Ward 10 at Wolfe Park.

Secondly, as we all know, anyone who is an alderman, one of the biggest things we do is constituent service and part of that constituent service is reaching out to departments throughout our city to get them to work on our behalf and do things like fill potholes, plow, trash pick-up, you name it. I have my favorites that I call from different departments and two of them are retiring. Combined they have 80 years of service with the City of Manchester and I just want to acknowledge them on our behalf. Bruce Gosselin started in 1978. He has worked for us for over 45 years and 3 months. He started at the cemetery and moved over to DPW in refuse in 1981. He moved his way into the highway division in the mid-80's. On a side note, his paperwork from his early years according to Tim Clougherty is carbon copy. That is how long he has been there. He was trained and certified in most of the heavy equipment and was in quite a few positions before finally accepting his first supervisory position in 2002. In 2013 he accepted the position of Highway Field Supervisor and finally in 2019 he accepted the position of Highway Street Superintendent which he currently holds. His final day is going to be on July 17. Bruce also contributed volunteer work in the city with youth football. Tom Bozoian, also known as Buzzy, was a laborer at the Traffic Department. He was hired on February 8, 1988 and has been with the city for 35 years and five months. He has worked as a Traffic Maintenance Worker I and II before being promoted to his first supervisory position as a Traffic Maintenance Supervisor in 2011. In 2015 he was promoted to his current position of Traffic Operations Superintendent. There were two of the guys that I reached out to on numerous occasions. I have bragged to a lot of people about how great our city is and how great our departments are. Not only our department heads but the people that are below them. Again, here

are two guys that have between them over 80 years of service to the City of Manchester and they are both retiring at the end of the month. Thank you.

Alderman Long stated I would like to announce that I am appointing Alderman Kantor to the Special Committee on Airport Activities and the Special Committee on Solid Waste Activities.

Mayor Craig stated I am appointing Alderman Kantor to Administration and Public Safety.

Mayor Craig stated I just want to cover a few things. Movies in the Park will hopefully be starting this week if the rain holds off. They are held every Wednesday in Veteran's Park. The Summer Concert Series continues on Friday, July 21 at 6:30 PM at Veteran's Park. Filing for city offices is open right now through Friday, July 21. The Currier Museum of Art Block Party is this Saturday from 4 PM until 9 PM. It is a lot of fun and I encourage you to go down. The City Employee & Family Art Show is open right now. I encourage employees of the city and school district, as well as elected officials, to submit their artwork.

Alderman T. Sapienza stated there is also a concert series on Sunday afternoons at Stark Park. Bring your lawn chair and sit in the shade.

*There being no further business, on motion of **Alderman Barry**, 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 Harmond". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

City Clerk