

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION/INFORMATION SYSTEMS

October 15, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Chairman Long called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Long, Levasseur, E. Sapienza, Fajardo

Absent: Alderman Thomas

Messrs.: F. McNeill, L. Boisvert

1. Communication from Fred McNeill, Chief Engineer, EPD, requesting changes to the sewer ordinance.

Alderman Levasseur asked are there any specific examples of why you would be allowing the water that you call rain water to mix in with the new plant. I know in Ward 5 there have been a few areas that just flooded out. I am not sure if that is what that was about.

Fred McNeill, Chief Engineer, MPD, responded actually Alderman Morgan suggested this because there were two places in his ward that had winter flooding and no place to tie into. With a combined system, storm water goes there anyhow. What we end up doing is having problems in the winter with street flooding and then sand goes there to address the ice with the street flooding and then the sand gets in the system. We coordinated this with the NH Department of Environmental Services and they supported this.

Alderman Levasseur asked wherever those actual areas are, is that going to be permanent.

Mr. McNeill answered I don't have the specific addresses but there are probably half a dozen that we are looking at around the city.

Alderman Levasseur asked that won't have to make any changes to their properties or tie in or anything.

Mr. McNeill replied it will be a permanent connection to the system.

Alderman Fajardo stated I was wondering about the language in here that speaks about when the separation project is finished that these combined systems will go back to being separated.

Mr. McNeill stated at that time, they would be required to tie into the drainage system but currently there are no plans in the next 20 years to provide drainage in most of these areas.

Alderman Fajardo asked so it the CSO project that is happening in the near term wouldn't have an impact on this.

Mr. McNeill answered no. These are areas outside of the current CSO project.

Alderman Fajardo stated I was under the impression in reading it that somebody would have to make a change and then when the CSO was complete they would have to change back to being separated. If they are unrelated, that clarifies it.

Chairman Long asked regarding the grease, oil and sand interceptors, when this passes are there businesses currently that are going to have to add this. This isn't grandfathered is it?

Mr. McNeill replied they would be grandfathered. This would be applied to anything new that is going in.

Chairman Long asked so there is no cost to current businesses.

Mr. McNeill answered correct. When we were changing the ordinance for the surface run-off, we took the opportunity to replace these three other housekeeping issues.

Alderman Fajardo asked how many businesses are grandfathered in that this won't apply to.

Mr. McNeill responded I don't have that number. I could research that.

Alderman Fajardo stated I am just curious because it feels like if we are trying to intercept grease and oil and sand and are only doing it for new establishments...

Mr. McNeill interjected there would be scores and scores of properties grandfathered in.

Alderman Fajardo asked so this has a significant impact.

Mr. McNeill answered we have been dealing with that situation since they were connected, which has been many years and we successfully dealt with that and we will be going forward.

Chairman Long asked if I own a garage, how often would I have to get your approval to clean it or redo it or look at it. So they are grandfathered in and when they go to fix what they currently have they have to add this correct?

Mr. McNeill replied at that time, they would have to bring it up to the current ordinance; correct.

Chairman Long asked so eventually everybody will have this done.

Mr. McNeill answered yes. When their current system fails or they have problems, that is correct.

*On motion of **Alderman Levasseur**, duly seconded by **Alderman Fajardo**, it was voted to approve the Ordinance Amendment and refer it to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading for technical review.*

2. Communication from the Manchester Arts Commission requesting ordinance changes to recognize their expanded mission.

Chairman Long stated just to explain what is happening, currently the Arts Commission is overseen by the Mayor's Office and the mayor is requesting that Economic Development provide oversight. Jodie was told that late last week so she wants to be able to review the changes requested and figure out what oversight MEDO would have.

Lauren Boisvert, Chair, Arts Commission, stated that absolutely makes sense. We did work with the Mayor's Office on these changes so it makes sense that being under the Economic Development Office that potentially they would want to look at these changes to make sure they are okay with them.

Chairman Long stated I thank you for your due diligence in rewriting that. It is not easy.

*On motion of **Alderman Levasseur**, duly seconded by **Alderman E. Sapienza**, it was voted to table.*

TABLED ITEM

3. Conflict of Interest proposal submitted by Alderman Ross Terrio.
(Note: This was tabled at the 6/24 meeting.)

This item remained on the table.

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

A True Record. Attest.



Clerk of Committee