

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

January 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Mayor Ruais called the meeting to order.

Mayor Ruais called for the Pledge of Allegiance; this function being led by Alderman Dexter.

A moment of silence was observed.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Dexter, Fajardo, Bonilla, Kantor, Trisciani, O'Neil, Terrio, Sapienza, Burkush, Barry, Vincent, Thomas

Absent: Aldermen Kaw-uh, Goonan

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Ruais 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 must sign up with their name, address and topic. Once called, they will have up to three minutes to speak and any comments must be directed to the chair and concluded when their time is up. If the Clerk calls their name and they are not present to speak, they will not be given a second opportunity. Any resident wishing to speak will come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized and give their comments.

Avery E. Cyr, 30 Hanover Street: In 2025, I ran for alderman of ward three against three other people. In the primary, the voters passed over two other candidates to send me on to the general election. There, I received 404 votes for alderman, which was 45% of the vote. In addition, I also ran for moderator, which is the lead election officer in ward three. In that race, I successfully unseated the incumbent by getting 446 votes, or 54% of the vote. I bring all this up because my intent is to ensure the voices of all the people who voted for me do not go unheard. My platform resonates deeply with a significant portion of voters. They want to ensure our schools are properly funded, and that we are keeping

class sizes under 25 students per teacher, and that all students have access to everything they need to succeed in life, including access to learning materials and technology items to use at home and most importantly, nutrition. The youth are the future of the city, and we need to do everything we can to ensure they are able to succeed. The voters of ward three want to see the city work on creating more affordable housing options for ward three residents. This is a top concern for them and for many people to afford a decent place to live here. I believe the city should encourage housing developers to build smaller unit sizes to help bring down the cost of rent, and work with developers to offer more Section 8 housing. By offering more affordable housing, we will attract more people to the city who will come and help drive economic growth. As with affordable housing, the cost of living in general has gone up dramatically for ward three residents, particularly the cost of energy. Many ward three residents struggled to cover their electricity bills. The city needs to act to make energy more affordable. That's why I believe the city should engage with the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. 64 municipalities and four counties are already a part of the coalition. We need to take back control of the cost of electricity in the city. Another top issue for ward three is helping homeless people and getting them off the streets. The best way to do this, as I've said before, is we need to increase the amount of affordable housing. We also need to create more programs that connect homeless people to resources in the community that can help them lead a more successful life. If the city does not consistently give homeless people access to resources they need, then the homelessness crisis in Manchester will simply never go away. The people of ward three voted for progressive politicians up and down the ballot in 2025. They want a city that is more inclusive for everyone, from all backgrounds and cultures. They want their kids to be exposed to new cultures at school and to learn more about people who are different from them. Keeping all this in mind, the ward three residents also do not want to be overburdened with taxes, as the cost of living is high for them. To cover these initiatives, the city needs to look for ways to raise revenue, including attracting visitors and businesses to Manchester. There are so many things I could talk about regarding what we could do to accomplish this. One of them is to create social districts within the downtown area. Allowing open containers of alcohol to be carried throughout the social district could attract more visitors to the city. And just one final thought. As I do not want the voices of the people who voted for me to go unheard, that's why I will be

coming to 95% of the aldermanic meetings, and will be working with all the aldermen to get these initiatives done.

Troy Micklon, 29 Ode Way: Before I begin, I want to congratulate all of you on a new term. And thank you for your service to our great city. Tonight, I want to briefly speak to you about rule three of the rules of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. I appreciate the board's recent update and expanding access to public comments. I think that this change reflects a sincere effort to make these meetings more open and accessible to our residents. Based on my experience in attending these meetings, I want to suggest one additional small refinement to how public participation functions in practice. Under rule three, residents are given the opportunity to speak, but there is no structured opportunity for the mayor or aldermen to respond until much later in the meeting, often under new business, if at all. By that point it may be late. The topics may no longer be fresh in everybody's memory, or the residents who raised the concern may have already left. My suggestion is to allow a brief discretionary response period immediately after the public comments conclude, not to debate the speaker or reopen public comments, but to give the board an opportunity to acknowledge what was raised, clarify possible next steps, correct any factual misunderstandings, or direct residents to the appropriate committee, department, or source of additional information or assistance. I believe this would strengthen rule three by pairing public access with clear communication. It would help residents better understand how their concerns are being handled, and would improve transparency without changing the order of business of the rules of debate. I have a proposal here for you guys to take a look at. And again, I always appreciate your consideration and your time and your service.

Glenn Ouellette, 112 Auburn Street: I think that the signature list should stay behind there because I would have signed in even though I'm late. So, they would have gotten it for the record. It would be good if they'd keep a copy there. The reason why you're opening up a new shelter is because too many seniors are becoming homeless. And there's no need for that. But the state changed the law, and now we have to abide by the new laws. Maybe they should be rewritten. When you take seniors that are in their 70s, 80s, and 90s, and worked all their lives and they are on Social Security, and they get a 3% increase and 1.5% goes to Social Security, and they are left at 1.5%, they cannot afford another

10% or 20% increase in rent. The money is just not there. That's a sad thing in society today. We should be going after criminals, not those that have worked all their lives. We have ways to go to solve our homeless problem. I'm aware that in the meantime, as we solve some of the problems, others will show up. We need to keep ahead of the game. It's like people that hack you; no matter how much society puts in new stuff in your phones, they get around it. They're smart. They'd rather do that than get a real job. I'm about to lose my rent and I'm not the only one. There'll be a lot of people because of this new law. And you know, \$845 increase for rent in one year, that's not affordable, especially in an affordable housing unit. It's just not affordable. You can only cut so much. You cut the budget on food. You use less electricity. You do what you can, but \$845 is a lot to swallow for someone who's working part time, besides being on Social Security. When someone's Social Security check does not pay the rent, that's more than 30%. Come February, I will make four proposals and hope that you at least look into them and see if we can make some changes. In the meantime, Your Honor, you know I still want that gate in the cemetery closed. People will not die if they're not in there at night, and there'll be no crimes committed.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Accept BMA Minutes

2. Minutes from the December 16 Finance, Special BMA (Road Hearing), and BMA meetings and January 6 BMA Organizational Meeting.

Approve Under Supervision of the Department of Highways

3. Pole Petition:
 - 11-1788, Bedel Street (1)

Information to be Received and Filed

4. Communication from Anna Thomas, Public Health Director, regarding public health retention stipends.

5. Communication from Charleen Michaud, Welfare Director, regarding approval to become a local Emergency Feeding Organization (EFO) in The USDA Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).
6. Communication from Sharon Wickens, Finance Officer, regarding the FY27 tax cap calculation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS, ENROLLMENT AND REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

7. Advising that the update on the Revolving Loan Fund has been accepted.
(Unanimous vote with the exception of Aldermen O'Neil and T. Sapienza who were absent)
8. Advising that the Finance Department reports:
 - Accounts receivable over 90 days
 - Aging report
 - Outstanding receivableshave been accepted.
(Unanimous vote with the exception of Aldermen O'Neil and T. Sapienza who were absent)
9. Advising that the Monthly Financial Report (unaudited) for the first five months of fiscal year 2026 has been accepted.
(Unanimous vote with the exception of Aldermen O'Neil and T. Sapienza who were absent)

JOINT SCHOOL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

10. Advising that the Manchester School District Priority I status and financial report for November 2025 submitted by LeftField has been accepted.
(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Terrio who was absent)

HAVING READ THE CONSENT AGENDA, ON MOTION OF **ALDERMAN O'NEIL**,
DULY SECONDED BY **ALDERMAN VINCENT**, THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS
APPROVED.

REGULAR BUSINESS

11. Communication from John Moeling regarding his resignation as a regular member of the Conservation Commission.

*On motion of **Alderman Fajardo**, duly seconded by **Alderman Dexter**, it was voted to accept with regret.*

12. Communication from June Trisciani regarding her resignation as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

*On motion of **Alderman Bonilla**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to accept with regret.*

13. Communication from Bryce Kaw-uh regarding his resignation as a regular member of the Planning Board.

*On motion of **Alderman Trisciani**, duly seconded by **Alderman O'Neil**, it was voted to accept with regret.*

14. Communication from Adam Bergeron regarding his resignation from the position of Trustee of the Trust Funds.

*On motion of **Alderman Dexter**, duly seconded by **Alderman Fajardo**, it was voted to accept with regret.*

15. Nominations:
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Nick Taylor to succeed June Trisciani as an alternate member, term expiring March 1, 2026
Planning Board
Peter Winslow to move from an alternate to a regular member, term expiring May 1, 2026
Highway Commission
Andre Parent to succeed himself a regular member, term to expire January 15, 2029
(Note: Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, these nominations will layover until the next meeting of the Board.)

- 16.** Nomination of Richard Martinez as Information Systems Director.
(Note: Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, this nomination will layover until the next meeting of the Board.)

Mayor Ruais: It's a pleasure now that I have to nominate Richard Martinez as as our next Information Systems Director, and I just I have a brief bio that I would like to go over with all of you and then congratulate you on the nomination. I'm pleased to nominate Richard Martinez to serve as the City of Manchester's next Director of Information Systems. Richard brings many years of experience supporting and modernizing the city's technology systems across multiple departments, and in his current role as Computer and Network Infrastructure Manager, he leads citywide IT operations, oversees cybersecurity and core infrastructure, and manages vendors and procurement with a strong focus on fiscal responsibility. Richard has worked closely with our outgoing director, John Fortier, and has earned his strongest recommendation to succeed him. He has been directly involved in budget planning and long-term technology strategy, demonstrating a clear understanding of both the technical and administrative responsibilities of this role. With deep institutional knowledge, strong leadership skills, and an MBA in Information Technology, I'm confident Richard will provide the continuity and forward-thinking leadership our Information System Department needs, and I'm proud to put his name forward tonight. I know that over the next two weeks, as we get to move into the confirmation process, that he'd be more than happy to meet with each and every one of you.

- 17.** Confirmations:
Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Commission
Tom Bozoian to fill a vacancy as a regular member, term to expire
July 1, 2027
Colin Manning to succeed himself as a regular member, term to expire
July 1, 2028
Erin Loomis Laughlin to succeed herself as a regular member, term to expire
July 1, 2028
Water Commission
Patricia Cornell to succeed herself as a regular member, term to expire
January 1, 2029
Garry Haworth to succeed himself as a regular member, term to expire
January 1, 2029

*On motion of **Alderman Trisciani**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to approve the nominations as presented.*

18. Communication from Matthew Normand, City Clerk, recommending that due to the state election being held on Tuesday, November 3rd, only one Board meeting be held in November on the 17th.

*On motion of **Alderman Fajardo**, duly seconded by **Alderman O'Neil**, it was voted to suspend the rules and approve the recommendation.*

19. Communication from Jodie Nazaka, Economic Development Director, requesting \$14,500 in contingency funds to reimburse a portion of the cost associated with the replacement of decorative light strands along Hanover Street.

Alderman Trisciani: I know in speaking with our Economic Development Director, I appreciate that \$10,000 came in from the Central Business Services District. We received \$10,000 from the Palace, which brought us to this balance due. My question is, before we go after the contingency funds, are there any options with the Arts Commission? The Arts Commission has a budget. This is in the Arts District. Is there any way of maybe getting \$5,000 from them toward it? And then we also had a grant last term that I believe was for the lighting in the parking garage and also beautification of that area. Is there any funding left in that grant that we can apply to this as well?

Jodie Nazaka, Economic Development Director: I cannot speak to the parking garage funding. I'm not sure where that stands. I don't know if Director Wickens knows more about that. But in regards to the Arts Commission, if that was the direction the board wanted to go, I think my recommendation would be that it would have to go to the board to vote. The Economic Development Office is staff support to the Arts Commission, but they are still a voting board within the city.

Mayor Ruais: Would you like to make a motion to request that Director Nazaka work with the Arts Commission?

Alderman Trisciani: Yes. I would like to move to work with the Arts Commission to see if there's any funding available.

Alderman Bonilla: Does this delay or have any impacts on the project or the lighting right now on Hanover?

J. Nazaka: The project has been installed. It was installed in late October. We just wanted to get everything prepped and ready for the holiday season, making sure everyone coming in for the day after Thanksgiving, for Trans-Siberian, as well as the holidays, got to experience a really nice, pretty Hanover Street, so we already have paid 50%. So, the contribution from the Central Business Service District, as well as the Palace Theatre has gone to pay a 50% portion. So, the contractor has been waiting for their other 50% payment since October.

Mayor Ruais: Would we be in breach of any other contractual language that requires us to have it paid by a certain time? Are you worried at all?

J. Nazaka: I'm sure the invoice does say that. They are great partners, though. So, I would be lying if I said that we were not delayed in paying this invoice. This request took a little bit to get on to one of your agendas. So, we do still owe them 50% for work that they've already completed.

Mayor Ruais: When's the next Arts Commission meeting?

J. Nazaka: February 9th.

Mayor Ruais: We have a meeting on the 17th.

Alderman O'Neil: That was a good point that Alderman Bonilla brought up. It's a small business that does this. When they're waiting on getting paid, it is not really fair to them. We want to have them come back to work. They do City Hall as well?

J. Nazaka: They do City Hall.

Alderman O'Neil: That's my only concern with not approving this tonight. They've been waiting to get paid.

Mayor Ruais: Is there a concern on your end? Have they expressed to you that this is something that needs to occur immediately or do you think it would be problematic if we waited until the 17th?

J. Nazaka: I wouldn't say immediately. They've certainly asked when to expect payment. I am meeting with them tomorrow. I don't think it would be an issue to delay a little bit longer.

Mayor Ruais: What if we tabled until the third and allowed her to come back to us on the third and just give a recommendation, and we can make the payment?

Alderman Barry: Your Honor, this is for \$14,500? Why don't we just take care of it?

J. Nazaka: The Arts Commission is getting prepared to launch a grant program throughout the entire city. They're working through the guidelines of what that grant program would look like. So, they do have an art fund that was previously funded, I think, through revenue that was received from the State of New Hampshire rooms and meals tax, I believe. I apologize, it was a little bit before my time, so I'm not quite sure of that funding source. But they do plan on doing a grant program with that funding to bring more art and activation to the City of Manchester.

Alderman Barry: I'm going to put you on the spot. I think you'd be more comfortable if we paid for this and decided this tonight.

J. Nazaka: I would prefer if it was decided on tonight, but I don't think there would be any extreme issues with waiting.

Mayor Ruais: If you wanted to withdraw your motion in light of the questions asked, we could do that, or we could go forward with the vote.

Alderman Trisciani: I'm fine with withdrawing the motion. I just think in the future for projects like this, we shouldn't be coming here after the fact and hitting the general fund

once again when we have other funds in the city that we should be planning for these things.

*On motion of **Alderman O'Neil**, duly seconded by **Alderman Barry**, it was voted to approve.*

- 20.** Budget projections to be submitted by Sharon Wickens, Finance Officer, if available.

Sharon Wickens, Finance Officer: Based on estimates provided by department heads, the projected general fund operating surplus for fiscal year 2026 is \$424,000. This surplus consists of an expenditure surplus of \$333,000, and a revenue surplus of \$91,000. Some departments are showing slight expenditure surpluses due to employee turnover, while revenue surpluses primarily stem from meals and rooms, and IT services invoicing. The forecasted surplus does include a \$125,000 allocation from the contingency account. That will go down a bit with this \$14,000 appropriation. As of July 19th, there were 22 retirements compared to 19 retirements during the same period last year. Severance payments through this date total \$865,334, down from \$1,036,149 a year ago. Following the posting of all related entries, the Severance Reserve Account is projected to hold a balance of \$1,858,968. I've also attached a departmental summary of severances paid through January 19th and the departmental overtime report as of January 9th.

Alderman Sapienza: Expenditure surplus of \$333,000. What exactly is an expenditure surplus? It almost sounds like a contradiction.

S. Wickens: No, it just means that there'll be more money in the expenditure account. It won't be fully spent at the end of the year.

Alderman Sapienza: It's a good thing.

S. Wickens: It is.

Alderman O'Neil: Sharon, we talked a little bit about this in Accounts, but this handout is more up to date than the Accounts report on severance, right?

S. Wickens: That's correct. The Accounts report that you received was submitted a good week prior, because we have to submit it to the Clerk's Office to get on the Committee on Account's agenda. I prepare this report right up until today, and that's why you receive it after the fact, after you've already received the BMA agenda.

Alderman O'Neil: It's not significant. There's a little bit of a difference in the severance.

*On motion of **Alderman Burkush**, duly seconded by **Alderman Barry**, it was voted to approve the report.*

21. Report(s) of this evening's committees, if available.

The Committee on Community Improvement respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the Amending Resolution and Budget Authorization providing for acceptance and expenditure of funds in the amount of \$100,000 for CIP 611124 ARPA Brook Street Operations be approved and referred to the Committee on Finance.

*On motion of **Alderman Burkush**, duly seconded by **Alderman Barry**, the report of the Committee was accepted and its recommendation adopted.*

The Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the updated Purchasing Card, Gift Card, and Business Travel Expense policies be approved.

*On motion of **Alderman Vincent**, duly seconded by **Alderman Burkush**, the report of the Committee was accepted and its recommendation adopted.*

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Terrio: Could I have Chief Marr and Assistant Chief Loui? This has been bothering me for years, and we got this handout from Mr. LaFerriere. So, in the last

snowstorm that we had an emergency and we had no parking, what did we tow? About 175 cars?

Peter Marr, Chief of Police: Exactly 175 cars.

Alderman Terrio: We don't have enough towing. You can't tow every car that needs to be towed because we don't have enough space.

P. Marr: Correct.

Alderman Terrio: Do you know how many tickets that we gave out?

P. Marr: Approximately 158.

Alderman Terrio: Alright, so every year I see this and it kind of bothers me. Not the odd/even, but during a snow emergency, I see a lot of people who just park their cars, and I know they've been there during the snow emergency because I'll see the snow. The plow truck has gone around them, and I'll see a big pile of snow on top of their car, so I know they haven't moved. For instance, I was up on Union Street today, and there's an Acura with a Massachusetts plate that's got a big barrier of snow around it with snow on top of it, right near the corner. We're short on revenue. I know the school has a revenue shortfall coming up. I would like to see instead of towing people, I'd like to see us aggressively ticket people because every time we have an emergency, I drive around the city and I see cars that have been there for a while because they're plowed in and they have a big mound of snow on top. Instead of towing people, although we need to clean our streets, I would much rather ticket people. It seems like a lot of them, they get away with it and they just don't change their behavior. I know it might not be very popular, but personally, I'd like us to aggressively ticket people. I don't know how the board feels, but that's how I feel.

Alderman O'Neil: The number you gave for towing, the ticketing is over and above that number because they do get a ticket if they're towed, right?

P. Marr: Correct.

Alderman O'Neil: It's almost double. I don't disagree with Alderman Terrio. I know there's been some special occasions in parts of the city where police have targeted. And last year we had two nights in a row of snow emergencies and this one area that was pretty narrow, an officer targeted and ticketed vehicles there, and didn't have a problem the rest of the winter. I do agree that the tickets are an effective tool because we're never going to tow all the cars.

Alderman Dexter: Do you feel that you have enough staff? I can appreciate covering the calls for service. And on top of dealing with the parking issues, do you have enough staff on during the snow emergencies? I know in the past we've hired two extra police officers. Is that enough or is that something that we need to look at further?

P. Marr: I do feel at the moment we have sufficient staffing. What I'd like to do is look at what parking is utilizing and possibly use them as well during snow emergency and see what that looks like. I think that would be a very easy way to augment our forces.

Alderman Trisciani: With the 175 tows, basically, we're limited on resources of tow trucks and spaces to store them. And then the tickets were above and beyond people we couldn't tow. How does that breakdown work?

P. Marr: A lot of the additional tickets are in places where we aren't towing. The towing routes are set up through DPW and they're generally areas to and from hospitals, strategic routes in the city that have to be kept clear. And then the additional tickets, tickets were issued on Karatzas and Eastern, West Clarke Street, Country Club Drive, Brook Street, Sentinel and Beech Hill, West Hancock and the neighborhood around there, and on Elm Street.

Alderman Fajardo: So, the 175 and 158 tickets, that is across the whole city?

P. Marr: Correct.

Alderman Fajardo: How does that match up with what you might consider an average? I will be honest. I hear those numbers and it feels a little low to me for how many cars I know are often in the way during snow emergencies and follow up on cleanup. But is that a typical amount or how are we stacking up this season?

P. Marr: I'm not sure, to be honest with you, if that's a typical or not. That's certainly something I can look into to see where that is as far as the average goes. But that's not something I came prepared with.

Alderman Fajardo: I know Alderman Kantor has some additional questions specific to Eastern Ave, but I'm also interested to know, you listed out the priority routes. I'd be curious to see what the breakdown is of this number, these two numbers across those priority routes, because those were a lot of routes. I'm imagining that when you actually break it down, there's probably relatively few tickets and tows per route, but I don't know. So, I'd appreciate a breakdown of that as well, if that's possible.

P. Marr: So, you want to break down of where the tickets were issued and where the tows were?

Alderman Fajardo: Yes. I'm interested on Eastern Ave and Karatzas Ave, but I know that there are other areas in the city.

P. Marr: So Eastern Ave and Karatzas Ave, there were approximately 35 plus or minus. It's right in that area.

Alderman Fajardo: And do you have the tow data?

P. Marr: I don't believe there were any tows up there.

Alderman Kantor: When were those tickets issued?

P. Marr: Would have been during the snow emergency.

Alderman Kantor: Oh, this past weekend?

P. Marr: The last one.

Alderman Kantor: I have a ton of video that Paul LaFerriere had sent me. It doesn't look like anyone's been ticketed. I'm a little confused on that. I'll have to send over all the video, but it's been an ongoing issue on Karatzas Ave and Eastern, and it just makes it hard for DPW to do their job and for people to get out of their areas. I know that it's a hard situation, but people are asking. I think that there's a lot to this. I have a lot of people complaining about this. It's an ongoing thing. I don't know, it's like we need to start towing or something because if you've been ticketing that much, but they haven't seen the tickets on the actual cars. I'm a little stumped because I saw a lot of video with no tickets.

P. Marr: I don't know where you're getting the video from or when it was shot, or why they didn't see them or if they were looking in the right area. I have no idea. I can tell you that there were that many tickets issued up there.

Alderman Kantor: This past whole weekend?

P. Marr: Yes, Sunday. I believe Sunday night was the snow emergency.

Mayor Ruais: Sunday night was when we got the snow emergency.

P. Marr: So, Sunday into Monday.

Alderman Fajardo: Can you remind me what the window is for a snow emergency? I know the snow emergency gets declared, and then is it X number of hours post-declaration that you will enforce or what's that window? I wonder if there's an opportunity for us to stretch that out because we know cars, as Alderman Terrio pointed out, cars will sit there for multiple days after a storm and continue to create obstructions for the plows. I'm just curious what that window is.

P. Marr: I believe it's 11:00 at night until 6:00 in the morning.

Alderman Fajardo: That seems like a big opportunity.

Alderman Trisciani: So, on the snow emergency, I know you stop at 6 a.m. However, it is very obvious in certain areas that it's past 6 a.m., the plows have gone through, the cars weren't moved. They're still there, creating a hazard for people just trying to drive on the regular roads. Is there an opportunity to still ticket people at that point? We know they haven't moved. Their cars have been plowed in. Their cars are not cleared off in some cases. Is that an opportunity or do we run into a weird gray area?

P. Marr: If they're parked illegally, yes. If they are abandoned, yes. If they are parked legally and not abandoned, then no.

Alderman Bonilla: I'd love to know the timeline that we're looking at of Parking going under MPD, so that we can better get clarity. I know that when I've seen situations like this where it's DPW, MPD, and Parking and Schools, it's all type of stuff. What is the timeline we're looking at in the process for that?

Mayor Ruais: I mean, these are two separate issues, regardless of where parking is. We are still going to be dealing with this. Broadly speaking, my intent is I've had this conversation with Alderman Vincent, Chairman of Public Safety, about him sitting down with Chief Marr, with Director Wickens, because it falls currently under the Finance Division and Faye Morrison about sitting down in a room and saying, what does this look like logistically to you? How does this plan work best? What does the office situation look like? And just come up with that chain of command under the police department, get everybody in a room, have that conversation, and then in talking with the clerk, it does take a vote of the board. So, my request of Alderman Vincent is to come back to the Public Safety Committee, come up with that plan, present it, have it pass through the committee up to the full board from there. This was something I was going to mention in my budget address as well. Just kind of thinking long term. But if it's something that we can deliver prior to March, then I'm happy to do that. I'm hesitant to put too tight a time frame on it because I want to get it right. I don't want to rush the process. I know that Alderman Vincent moves quickly, and I'm sure he'll be bringing it up in short order.

Alderman Bonilla: I appreciate that clarification, because I know that we all have a lot of questions. Sometimes we're struggling to figure out who to actually contact. I know that we're also reporting things through SeeClickFix. I know that DPW and MPD are also providing it on social media, and also DPW has supported me in translating it in Spanish and additional languages. I know legally we can't put signs as well in additional languages on public property based on DOT regulations. But overall, I know that once we get better clarification, it will be easier for all of us and for our constituents.

Alderman O'Neil: Something that Chief brought up I think with Alderman Trisciani, you know, the challenge, like on the one-way streets, once the snow emergency's gone by and under the odd/even parking, a one-way street, you can stay on that one side every night. So, we don't get them that first night, and it happens. And then I think about streets like Union, parts of Bridge, parts of Hanover, that I'm on regularly. There's no parking on many parts of it. But again, under odd/even, if we don't get them during that snow emergency, they can park illegally and there is nothing the police can do about it. It's a challenge. The intent of odd/even has been helpful, but it also at times creates challenges for us.

Alderman Fajardo: It becomes legal to park because the enforcement window cuts off at 6 a.m.?

P. Marr: Yes. That when the snow emergency ends.

Alderman Fajardo: I'm feeling some follow up on that bubbling. Looking forward to that.

Mayor Ruais: I think we should just send this entire conversation to Public Safety.

Alderman Vincent: We'll take care of it. We'll certainly do this. Regarding the parking, if you guys drive on the west side at all, that's on the other side of the river, if you have ever been there. But in Ward 11, I know there's no parking anywhere and my tenants are parking three plus miles away from their residence to get what they need. So parking is a huge issue. But my father used to always say, when you go fishing, you can't catch all

the fish. So, I get it. It just takes time and I know they're doing the best they can, so I appreciate it. But we'll get to that. We'll take care of it.

Alderman Kantor: So, this is going to go to the Public Safety Committee next time?

Mayor Ruais: Which piece?

Alderman Kantor: The whole part. Karatzas Ave.

Alderman Vincent: That's already been before the committee. So, what exactly do we need to do again with that?

Alderman Kantor: Well, I'll send you all the videos so you can see that it's still an issue.

Alderman Vincent: I get the issue, but we dealt with this, and I thought the issue was dealt with at the committee where we just have to monitor it and it's monitored. So, I don't know what more the committee is going to do with that other than say, yes, we need to monitor it or tow it more. So just let me know if there's more than that. Other than that, I don't think the committee really is going to have it going to come up for discussion again, and we'll be doing exactly what we're doing right now.

Alderman Fajardo: Alderman Kantor and I talked about some targeted follow ups, specifically up on Eastern Ave and Karatzas, relative to engaging property management companies. So, we'll be taking a step on that in parallel, and we'll keep you posted.

Alderman Dexter: Chief, just a quick follow up. You had mentioned, and I just want to be clear on this, anybody that was towed also received a ticket. So, the ticket should actually be 333.

P. Marr: I'm not sure; I can find that out for you.

Alderman Sapienza: Can we get an update on the OYS situation?

Mayor Ruais: It is with the State Police.

Alderman Sapienza: Right. And is there an update?

Mayor Ruais: I can't provide an update. The investigation is with State Police. So, I think if you have questions regarding the investigation, I would direct you to them.

Alderman Sapienza: I did, they wouldn't call me back. Are they in communication with the city solicitor? Anybody at all?

Peter Chiesa, Deputy City Solicitor: I know we checked with them on Friday and the investigation is ongoing. We've been cooperating with their investigation and providing them with any information they've asked for.

Alderman Sapienza: All right, so it's ongoing. Do they give us any updates or is it just ongoing and that's that?

P. Chiesa: It's ongoing and that's that.

Alderman Sapienza: Any time frame?

P. Chiesa: We don't have a time frame from them yet. No.

Alderman Bonilla: It's non-parking related, I promise. We'll be having a community conversation on fire preparedness, prevention and safety in ward five for all renters, homeowners and business owners in all wards and all parts of the city. So, feel free to come down to ward five with Chief Cashin and members of the Fire Department on Thursday, January 22nd from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Manchester Community Resource Center. So please join us all. I know that would be a great opportunity for our residents to ask any questions or share any concerns they have, especially with the big recent fires we've had in our city.

*There being no further business, on motion of **Alderman O'Neil**, duly seconded by **Alderman Trisciani**, it was voted to adjourn.*

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City Clerk

Meeting Start Time: 7:00PM

Meeting End Time: 7:44PM

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