

CITY OF MANCHESTER
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
Meeting Minutes
January 2nd, 2024, @ 6:30 pm
City Hall Board Room

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Manchester City Hall. The meeting was presided over by Mayor Howard. Present for the meeting were Mayor Howard, Alderman French, Alderman Anderson, Alderman Bellamy, Alderman Hobbs, Vice Mayor Messick, Alderman Parsley, Attorney Johnson, Finance Director Myers, Executive Administrative Assistant Keele, MWSD Director Miller, Parks/Rec Director Fox, I.S. Director Smotherman, MPD Chief Sipe, MFD Chief Chambers, Public Works Director Gannon, Community Development & Zoning Director Brittany Fiske, Engineer Scot St. John, and other citizens. Meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Chuck Hopkins, and the pledge to the flag was spoken in unison. Mayor Howard called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Director Myers called the roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alderman French made a motion to approve the December 5, 2023, BOMA Minutes. Alderman Parsley seconded the motion. Mayor Howard called for the roll and the motion passed 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: none

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR: Mayor Howard commented on the passing of Mike Niederauer and his involvement in the community.

Safety Committee- Chief Sipe stated the next meeting would be 1-8-24, and all new Dodge Durangos had arrived and have a bid opening for equipment.

Finance Committee- Director Myers discussed the finance committee meetings will meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4 pm.

Street Committee- Director Gannon stated next meeting would be 1-11-24 and they are working on getting all of the Christmas decorations down.

Water /Sewer Commission- Director Miller stated next meeting would be Thursday
Recreation Commission- Director Fox stated they are getting ready to work on the fields for Spring and upcoming bid openings for lighting and cameras

Tourism Development Commission- Alderman Hobbs stated they will meet 1-8-24

Planning & Zoning Commission- Director Fiske stated next meeting would be 1-18-24, and DOT Foods

Information Systems Committee- Director Smotherman

Historic Zoning Commission- Director Fiske stated they would meet next Thursday at 5 pm.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Resolutions:

- a) A resolution to approve a contract in the amount of Sixty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$67,250.00) with Southern Flooring, Inc. for Recreation Center weight room floor replacement, Project #102-184.04; sponsored by Alderman Anderson. Alderman French made a motion and seconded by Alderman Hobbs. Mayor Howard opened the floor to discussion and called for the roll. The resolution passed 6-0.
- b) A resolution to amend by-laws of the Greater Manchester Economic Development Board; sponsored by Vice Mayor Messick. Alderman French made a motion to approve and seconded by Vice Mayor Messick. Mayor Howard opened the floor to discussion. Alderman French discussed the two non-voting seats (Industrial Board & Education) changing over to voting seats. GMEDB Director Katy Riddle discussed the recommendation by their Attorney. Attorney Johnson discussed the amended by-laws that were presented to the BOMA by the GMEDB. Alderman French made a motion to send the amended by-laws back to the GMEDB to consider making the two non-voting seats to voting seats and seconded by Alderman Hobbs. Alderman Anderson stated she would be voting nay because she did not fill comfortable without the legal representation of the GMEDB weighing in. The resolution failed to send the amended by-laws back to the GMEDB 3-4 with Alderman Anderson, Vice Mayor Messick, Alderman Parsley, and Mayor Howard voting nay to break the tie. Mayor Howard called for the original motion to approve the resolution. The resolution passed 6-0.

Ordinances:

- a) 1st reading of an ordinance to amend Manchester Municipal Code 12-401 et. seq. relative to building impact fees; sponsored by Vice Mayor Messick. Alderman French made a motion to approve and seconded by Alderman Hobbs. Mayor Howard opened the floor to discussion.

Alderman French discussed implementing a scale to apply to the fee. A discussion ensued on amending the ordinance. Alderman French removed his motion to approve and made a motion to table the ordinance. Alderman Hobbs seconded the motion to table the ordinance. Mayor Howard called for the roll and the motion passed to table the ordinance 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS

- Rescue Squad Training Waiver-Use of Rec Complex Pool- AJ discussed waiving the pool fees for the Rescue Squads training 1-24 to 12-24. Vice Mayor Messick made a motion to waive the fee and seconded by Alderman Bellamy. The motion passed 6-0.
- Mayor Howard asked if the board would entertain a motion to hire Paul Degges and Mike Agee Consultants discussed in the prior Work Session. Alderman French made a motion and Vice Mayor Messick seconded the motion. Mayor Howard opened the floor to discussion and a discussion ensued. Attorney Johnson discussed the contract. Alderman Anderson discussed if it was okay to bring the item up since it was not listed on the BOMA Agenda and only on the Work Session Agenda. Attorney Johnson stated it would be safer to have a special called meeting and have the item on the agenda for a vote. A discussion ensued on prior items that have been added to agendas under new business. A discussion ensued regarding setting a Special Called meeting on 1-11-24. Mayor Howard called for the roll, and the motion passed 6-0.
- MWSO Director Miller and TAUD Apprenticeship Program Director Mr. Byrd recognized Austin Haithcote for receiving the first TAUD Apprenticeship Certification in the State.

COMMENTS FROM BOMA: none


ADJOURNMENT:

- Being no further business to discuss, Mayor Howard asked for a motion to adjourn and Vice Mayor Messick made the motion. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hobbs. The motion to adjourn was passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

SIGNATURES:



Executive Administrative Assistant Keele



Mayor Marilyn Howard