

COMMITTEE REPORT
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT

Meeting held in the Conference Room, Water Department on October 1, 1980.

Councillors Crane and Wylie present.

Meeting convened by Councillor Crane at 8:10 p. m.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

Councillor Crane opened the meeting by stating that this meeting was suggested by the Water Board for the purpose of outlining to the committee some concerns the Water Board has regarding its facilities and water resources. Furthermore, he stated that a major concern of the council was the proposed roadway improvements as suggested by the State Department of Public Works.

WINTER STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Thomas Begley, President of the Water Board outlined to the committee the proposed roadway improvements which would occur at the Northwest Ramp on Route 128 at Winter Street, which is adjacent to and part of the Hobbs Brook Reservoir. He stated that if in fact these improvements took place the state would have to take part of the city-owned land. He further stated that the Water Board was against this for a number of reasons and has so notified the D.P.W. and the Secretary of Environmental Affairs. Mr. Begley stated the board has recommended the D.P.W. install signalized lights prior to any major roadway improvements in order to determine if the traffic patterns could be improved. The D.P.W., he said, has rejected this proposal.

The Committee agreed to request a legal opinion from the City Solicitor outlining what legal recourse the city has to either prevent the land taking or to require payment for the land.

CHLORINE PROCESS AT WATER PLANT

Mr. John Beekman, Watershed Manager for the Water Department stated that through the purifying process within the Water Department filtration plant the plant has reached a 90% Trihelmithrane level and should be reduced. He stated he believed this could be accomplished by the removing of the organic matter around the Fresh Pond. Mr. Begley stated that this has been recommended by a reservoir management consultant and stated he would make this particular report available to the committee.

Both Councillors Crane and Wylie expressed concern over removing any trees or shrubbery around the pond area without first being able to determine if in fact such action was absolutely necessary. Furthermore both Councillors requested the Water Board to take no action on this until the report is available to the committee and council.

FRESH POND RENOVATION - MASTER PLAN

Mr. Begley presented a brief update to the committee regarding Phase I of the work which has been completed pursuant to the Master Plan. He stated that Kingsly Park has been completed as well as the area immediately below it by the filtration plant.

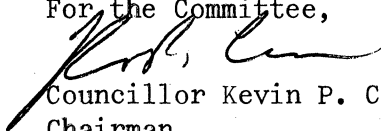
Commissioner Fagone stated that some work remains to be done but for the most part Phase I is complete. He further stated that once the Kingsly Park area is reopened for parking, it will be restricted to residents only.

PAYSON PARK

Commissioner Fagone stated that the rubber floating cover for Payson Park has been designed and will be constructed once the bond market improves.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p. m.

For the Committee,


Councillor Kevin P. Crane,
Chairman.

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Committee Report from the Committee on
Environment for a hearing held on October 1,
1980.

*Letter sent to C. Salicton
by J. Connerton*

In City Council,

October 6, 1980

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Report from City

*Facilities requested
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