

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 6, 2002, COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR SIRRELL, ASSISTANT MAYOR HANSON, COUNCILORS GRASSO, LOWN, HYNES, PANTELAKOS, WHITEHOUSE, MARCONI AND ST. LAURENT

ABSENT: NONE

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1. At 6:15 p.m., a Non-Meeting with Counsel was held regarding Cable Contract Negotiations.
2. Proclamation – Older Americans Month – Assistant Mayor Hanson read the Proclamation declaring May as Older Americans Month. Mayor Sirrell announced that she would be presenting the Proclamation at the Older Americans luncheon on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Yoken's.
3. Presentation – Letter Carriers Food Drive – Patricia Hersey & Buddy Collins – Postmaster Hersey announced that the annual food drive would be taking place on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and encouraged residents participation.
4. Presentation – City of Portsmouth Poet Laureate Maren Tirabassi – Portsmouth Unabridged: New Poems for an Old City – Maren presented Mayor Sirrell with the book entitled Portsmouth Unabridged: New Poems for an Old City. Mayor Sirrell announced that the book would be on display in the Mayor's Office for anyone to view.
5. Acceptance of Minutes – April 15, 2002 – Voted to accept and approve the minutes of the April 15, 2002 City Council meeting.
6. Public Comment Session – There were two speakers: Martin Cameron (Radiation Monitors); and Shaler McReel (Pheasant Ridge Farm).
7. Radiation Monitors (Not on agenda) – Voted that the concerns expressed by Martin Cameron be forwarded to the City Manager with power to review what could be done to get a radiation monitor for the City.
8. Approval of Grants/Donations – Acceptance of Donation for the Restoration of the Stephen Chase Tombstone in North Cemetery – Voted to accept the \$50 donation from Rodney Rowland toward the Stephen Chase Tombstone restoration.
9. Approval of Grants/Donations – Acceptance of Grant from the NH Highway Safety Agency for Enforcement Patrols – Acceptance of Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for Operation Streetsweeper – Acceptance of Donation from the Portsmouth Regional Hospital for the Police Honor Guard – Acceptance of Donation for training and the purchase of equipment – Voted to approve and accept the grant awards/donations to the Portsmouth Police Department as listed.
10. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article III, Section 1.3 – Boards – Voted to pass first reading and hold a Public Hearing and second reading at the May 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Councilors Grasso and Marconi voted opposed.

11. Third and final reading on proposed amendment to Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10.202 for the Rezoning of Land on Deer Street – Voted to pass third and final reading.
12. Letter from Alanson Sturgis, Chairman of Conservation Commission, requesting permission to plant a tree to honor Mrs. Straus and her long service to the Commission – Voted to approve the request to plant a tree to honor Mrs. Straus.
13. Request for Approval of Sidewalk Obstruction Licenses for the following businesses with no changes from last year: Runner’s Alley – 1 A-frame sign and Moe’s of Portsmouth, Inc. – 1 A-frame sign – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
14. Letter from Carl Walton, Central Veterans’ Council, requesting the participation of the City Council in the Memorial Day Parade and Services on Monday, May 27, 2002 – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.
15. Letter from Lucy Tillman and Shaler McReel, Pheasant Ridge Farm, requesting permission to continue to be a vendor and relocate to the Municipal Complex during the Farmers’ Market – Voted to refer the request of Pheasant Ridge Farm to the City Manager for review with the City Attorney for a report back at the first meeting in June with a recommendation.
16. Letter from Ingrid Getman, Richards Avenue Area Residents Association requesting permission to hold the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Richards Avenue Memorial Day Relay Race and the closing of Richards Avenue on Monday, May 27, 2002 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
17. Letter from Shelley Coughlin, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, requesting permission to hold the Seacoast Safari for CF Bicycle Tour on Saturday, July 20, 2002 through Sunday, July 21, 2002 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
18. Request for Approval of Pole License Agreements – Voted to approve the requests from PSNH for pole license agreements, #63-387 and #63-388, as recommended by the Public Works Department.
19. Request to Establish a Work Session on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. – Voted to establish a work session on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to discuss recommendations from the Public Transit Task Force.
20. Cable Contract Negotiations (Not on agenda) – Voted to authorize the Cable Commission the authority to commence negotiations with AT&T Broadband for the renewal of the City’s Cable Contract scheduled to expire November 16, 2004 and further, to conduct all necessary hearings required under the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984.
21. Letter of Apology from Edward Lawrence (Not on agenda) – Voted to accept the letter of apology from Edward Lawrence and allow him to speak at future Public Comment Sessions.

22. Amendment to City Council Rule 45 – Public Hearings – On a roll call 7-2, voted to adopt City Council Rule 45 as submitted. Mayor Sirrell, Councilors Grasso, Lown, Hynes, Pantelakos, Marconi and Assistant Mayor Hanson voted in favor. Councilors Whitehouse and St. Laurent voted opposed.
23. Acceptance of Donation to the Coalition Legal Fund – Voted to accept the \$4,500 contribution from the Town of Dublin to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund.
24. Acceptance of Donation from Duncan MacCallum for Save the Old State House Committee – Voted to accept the donation of \$250 from Mr. Duncan J. MacCallum for the Old State House Fund.
25. Open Letter to People for Ethical Treatment of Animals – No action required.
26. Appointments – Voted to reappoint John Leith to the Portsmouth Housing Authority until April 1, 2007. Voted to appoint Tara Trafton to the Portsmouth Economic Development Loan Program (PEDLP) until May 6, 2005.
27. Reports – Mayor Sirrell announced that the Community Council of Senior Citizens would be holding their annual Expo at Yoken’s on May 8, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.
28. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the April 18, 2002 meeting – Voted to accept and approve the Traffic & Safety Committee action sheet and minutes of the April 18, 2002 meeting.
29. Report from the Joint Building Committee – Councilor Grasso provided a status report from the Joint Building Committee.
30. Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business - Mayor Sirrell announced the upcoming meetings of the City Council.
 

?	Wednesday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Work Session re: Fire Department FY03 Budget
?	Monday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Work Session re: Municipal FY03 Budget
?	Monday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting & Public Hearing on FY03 Budget
31. Adjournment – At 8.35 p.m, voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:  
  
Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk