

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 20, 2002, COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: ASSISTANT MAYOR HANSON, COUNCILORS GRASSO, LOWN, HYNES, PANTELAKOS, WHITEHOUSE, MARCONI AND ST. LAURENT (7:05 p.m.)

ABSENT: MAYOR SIRRELL

1. Public Comment Session – There were four speakers: Mark Ayotte, Norman Canwell (Boundary lines between Portsmouth, NH and Kittery, ME); Ed Lawrence (South Mill Pond); and David Schirmer (South Street Rehabilitation).
2. Public Hearing – Proposed FY July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 Budget – Held a Public Hearing.
3. Public Hearing – Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article III, Section 1.3 – Boards – Held a Public Hearing. Moved to pass second reading and hold third and final reading at the June 3, 2002 City Council meeting. On a roll call 7-1, voted to amend the ordinance by the addition of the following language after ward official ***“election official and checklist supervisors”***. Councilors Grasso, Lown, Hynes, Pantelakos, Whitehouse, St. Laurent and Assistant Mayor Hanson voted in favor. Councilor Marconi voted opposed. Voted to pass main motion as amended. Councilors Grasso and Marconi voted opposed.
4. Approval of Grants and Donations – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Voted to accept a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$829,000 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.
5. First reading of Resolution Authorizing Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenues and Taxes in the amount of \$16,000,000 – Voted to pass first reading and hold a Public Hearing and adoption of the Resolution at the June 3, 2002 City Council meeting.
6. Letter from Stephanie Johnson, Seacoast Striders, requesting permission to hold the Annual Seacoast Striders Walk on Saturday, July 13, 2002 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

Councilor Whitehouse requested a copy of the letter be sent to the Trustees of Trust Fund for their information.
7. Request for Approval of Sidewalk Obstruction Licenses for The Genip Tree, 1 A-frame sign with no changes from last year – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
8. Letter from Jameson French, Trustees of Trust Fund, urging the City not to allow usage of a Paper Street next to Haven Park – Voted to refer to the Planning Department and Planning Board.
9. Letter from David Schirmer and other South Street residents requesting reconstruction considerations on South Street – Voted to refer to the City Manager for a report back.

10. Letter from Portsmouth High School Music Boosters requesting recipes for a cookbook fundraiser – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.
11. Report back from Planning Board Re: Request to Redesignate a Paper Street known as Franklin Avenue to Webster Way – Voted to redesignate a paper street known as Franklin Avenue to Webster Way which is acceptable to the Websters and recommended by the Planning Board.
12. Request of Pheasant Ridge Farm to Vend at the Municipal Complex – On a roll call vote 5-3, motion to authorize the City Manager to draft an agreement between the City and Pheasant Ridge Farm for the purpose of vending of farm products on Saturday mornings at the Municipal Complex failed to pass. Councilors Lown, Pantelakos and Whitehouse voted in favor. Councilors Grasso, Hynes, Marconi, St. Laurent and Assistant Mayor Hanson voted opposed.
13. Informational Item #4 – Letter from F. Robert Shannehan, concerned with the loud speaker noise at Prescott Park – Councilor Whitehouse requested that a copy of the letter be sent to the Board of Trustees of Trust Fund for their consideration.
14. Acceptance of Donation received for the New Library Building Fund – Voted to accept the \$50 contribution in memory of Marge Morley from the Portsmouth Library Staff for the New Library Building Fund.
15. Appointments – The City Council considered the various appointments to be voted on at the next City Council meeting: Jarett Celli and Louis Vinciguerra reappointment to the Cable Commission; Richard Gray reappointment to the Housing Endowment Fund Advisory Board; Jackie Pitts reappointment to the Recreation Board. The following individuals to be appointed to the Blue Ribbon Committee on Dogs: City Council Representative Laura Pantelakos; Eric Weinrieb; Frank Roth; Thanasis Tournas; Mimi Clark and Midge Leiter. The following individuals to be appointed to the Blue Ribbon Committee on Youth: Chairman Tylene Jousse; Co-Chair Mayor Evelyn Sirrell; Jim Noucas, Kate Leith; Karen Dandurant; Lt. Janet Chaplain, Lyonel Tracy; Robert Lister; Barry Foley; Michael McKenney; Charlton Dobson; Tana Hoffman; and Sandra Khin.
16. Establishment of Budget Work Session (Not on agenda) - Voted to schedule a Budget Work Session on Tuesday, June 4, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A.
17. Adjournment – At 9:10 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk