

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 15, 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

1. Presentation – Sherburne Civic Association Donations for Park Improvements – Leslie Melfi presented Mayor Sirrell and the City Council with a check for further improvements to the Pannaway (Sherburne) Park.

Voted to accept and expend funds raised by the Sherburne Civic Association as submitted for the purpose of making improvements to Pannaway (Sherburne) Park.
2. Presentation – Revaluation Update – Lauren Elliott, City Assessor – Lauren Elliott, City Assessor provided an update on the Revaluation Project.
3. Presentation – Sandra Gavutis, C-10 Research and Education Foundation Director Re: Radiation Monitoring – Sandra Gavutis provided a brief presentation regarding the need for radiation monitoring.
4. Acceptance of Minutes – June 17, 2002 – Voted to accept and approve the minutes of the June 17, 2002 City Council meeting.
5. Public Comment Session – There were five speakers: Richard Bosa (The Coalition Communities); Martin Cameron (Route 33 Mall); Patrick Fleming (Statewide Property Tax); Edward Lawrence (Health versus appearances); and James Horrigan (C-10 and Radiation Monitoring).
6. Public Hearing – Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330, No Parking – Porter Street and Article X, Section 7.1001, Tow Zones – Porter Street – Held a Public Hearing. Voted to pass second reading and hold third and final reading at the August 5th City Council meeting.
7. Public Hearing – Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10.202 and Article III, Section 10.302(A) – Rezoning of property located off Lang Road – Held a Public Hearing. Voted to pass second reading and hold third and final reading at the August 5th City Council meeting.
8. Approval of Grants & Donations – Request for Approval of Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the purchase of bulletproof vests for Portsmouth Police Officers – Voted to approve and accept the grant award/donations to the Portsmouth Police Department as listed.
9. Approval of Grants & Donations – Request for Acceptance of Grant from the NH Estuaries Project, Office of State Planning – Voted to authorize the City Manager to accept and expend the \$35,000 grant funds from the NH Estuaries Project, Office of State Planning, towards the Dennett Street sewer improvements.

10. First reading of Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue of up to Three Million Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$3,990,000) for City Improvements - Voted to adopt first reading of a Resolution authorizing a bond issue of up to \$3,990,000 for City improvements in accordance with the City's Capital Improvement Plan for the period FY2003-2008, which was adopted on 4/1/02, and establish a Public Hearing and adoption at the August 5th City Council meeting.
11. First reading of Resolution Authorizing Participation in the State Revolving Fund for costs related to the Phase III Sewerage Improvement Program. Participation shall not exceed Twenty-Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$22,500,000) - Voted to adopt first reading of a resolution authorizing participation not to exceed \$22,500,000 in the State Revolving Fund for costs related to Phase III Sewage Improvement Program and establish a Public Hearing and adoption at the August 5th City Council meeting.
12. First reading of Amendments to Chapter 7 – Vehicles, Traffic Parking (Omnibus Parking Ordinance, April 20, 2001 through April 19, 2002)
 - Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.327 – Limited Parking – Two Hours – State Street: northerly side from Middle Street 250 feet westerly
 - Chapter 7, Article IVA – Bus Stops, Taxicab Stands & Horse Drawn Carriages – 7-A.402 Bus Stops Designated – Hanover Street and Section 7A-403 Parking Time Limits in Bus Stops C (2 hours)
 - Chapter 7, Article IVA - Bus Stops, Taxicab Stands & Horse Drawn Carriages – 7-A.402 Bus Stops Designated – Market Street and Section 7A-403 Parking Time Limits in Bus Stops B (15 minutes)
 - Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.324 – Limited Parking – One Hour – by the deletion of Washington Street

Voted to pass first reading and hold a Public Hearing and second reading at the August 5th City Council meeting.
13. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article VII, Section 7.712 – Penalty – by the addition of Item A – The penalty for parking on a sidewalk in the Central Business District pursuant to Section 7.315 shall be \$25.00 per violation – Voted to pass first reading and hold a Public Hearing and second reading at the August 5th City Council meeting.
14. Letter from Wendy Segit, Seacoast Mental Health Center, requesting permission to hold the 5th Annual Bridges 4 Friendship 10k Road Race on Saturday, October 19th at 10:00 a.m. – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
15. Letter from Ann Graf, Friends of Odiorne Point State Park, requesting permission to hold the annual Pond Boat Regatta at the South Mill Pond on Sunday, August 18, 2002 - Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
16. Letter from Pamela Ruo, American Diabetes Association, requesting permission to hold the annual America's Walk for Diabetes on Saturday, September 21, 2002 - Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

17. Letter from Walter Wakefield regarding synchronizing traffic lights – Voted to have City Manager Bohenko respond to Mr. Wakefield regarding synchronizing traffic lights.
18. Letter from Elizabeth Binnie and Joan Jones regarding Haven Park and the portion of Livermore “paper street” – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.
19. Letter from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints requesting permission to set up a booth and table at the corner of Market and Congress Streets next to the bus stop to distribute materials on July 19th and July 24th – Voted to deny the request from the Church of Latter Day Saints to set up a booth/table on 7/19 and 7/24 at the corner of Market and Congress Streets to distribute informational material.
20. Request for Sidewalk Obstruction License - RiverRun Bookstore – 1 table and 1 A-frame sign – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
21. Request for Sidewalk Obstruction License – Up In Smoke 2 – 1 A-frame sign – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power. Mayor Sirrell and Councilor Pantelakos voted opposed.
22. Letter from Richard Bosa regarding State Wide Property Tax – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.
23. Letter from Joseph Webster, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, requesting permission to hold the two-day Surf n’ Turf NH MS 150 Cycling Tour on Saturday, August 10th and Sunday, August 11th – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
24. Action on Fire Chief’s Contract – Voted to table. Councilor Lown voted opposed.
25. Packard Development - Route 33 Town of Greenland (Not on agenda) – Voted that the City Council go on record in support of the City Manager filing an appeal to preserve the rights of the City of Portsmouth and its residents in regards to the Packard Development along Route 33 in the Town of Greenland. Councilors Whitehouse and Marconi voted opposed.
26. Donation to the Coalition Legal Fund – Voted to accept the \$500 contribution from the Town of Hebron to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund.
27. Appointment Considerations: The following individuals were considered and will be voted upon at the August 5th meeting:
 - Recreation Board: Elaine Syracuse, Harry Clark.
 - Planning Board: John Ricci (Alternate).
 - Building Code Board of Appeals: Robert Ricci, Jeffrey Nawrocki.
28. Appointments: The following individuals were voted upon:
 - Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Technical Advisory Committee: John Burke, David Allen (Alternate) and Steve Parkinson (Alternate), term expires 6/30/2003.
 - Recreation Board: Thomas Bolko, Wayne Bowlen, term expires 4/1/2005
 - Portsmouth Housing Endowment Fund: Steven Berg, Calvin Cough, Jane James term expires 6/17/2005.
29. Report on City Manager’s Evaluation - Assistant Mayor Hanson announced that City Manager Bohenko received excellent marks in his evaluation.

30. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the June 20, 2002 meeting – Voted to approve and accept the Traffic & Safety Committee action sheet and minutes of the June 20, 2002 meeting.
31. Request for work session regarding review of ordinance dealing with collection of non-recyclable and recyclable materials (Refuse collection for residential and non residential areas) – Voted to have City Manager Bohenko report back at the August 5th City Council meeting with a recommended date for a work session to review the ordinance dealing with collection of non-recyclable and recyclable materials.
32. Charter Amendment requiring heads of Charter Departments be residents of the City of Portsmouth – On a roll call vote 6-3, motion **failed** to pass to have City Attorney Sullivan report back at the August 5th City Council meeting with the proper wording to allow a referendum question to amend the City Charter on the November Ballot requiring heads of Charter Departments be residents of the City of Portsmouth. Councilors Lown, Whitehouse and St. Laurent voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Hanson, Councilors Grasso, Hynes, Pantelakos, Marconi and Mayor Sirrell voted opposed.
33. Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business – Radiation Monitoring – Voted to have City Manager Bohenko look into whether the City of Portsmouth could obtain funding through a grant to purchase a radiation monitor.
34. Adjournment – At 10:00 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk