

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 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. At 6:00 p.m., an Anticipated "Non-Meeting" with counsel was held regarding negotiations.
2. Presentation – Photograph presented to the City Council from Police Chief Brad Russ – Police Chief Brad Russ presented Mayor Sirrell and the City Council with a photograph of the Police Department to be displayed in City Hall.
3. Proclamation – Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF Day – October 30, 2002 - Assistant Mayor Hanson read a Proclamation declaring October 30th as Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF Day.
4. Mayor's Awards – Leslie Dorr – "Spirit of America" Ship Model – Mayor Sirrell presented Mr. & Mrs. Dorr with a Mayor's Award for the building and donation of the ship model "Spirit of America" to the City of Portsmouth.
5. Mayor's Award – Frank E. Booma Post #6 - Mayor Sirrell presented members of the Frank E. Booma Post #6 with Mayor's Awards in recognition of their 2nd place finish in the color guard competition recently held.
6. Acceptance of Minutes – September 23, 2002 – move to accept and approve the minutes of the September 23, 2002 City Council meeting. Voted to amend page 6 paragraph four to read could be a recipient instead of is a recipient. Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the September 23, 2002 City Council meeting as amended.
7. Public Comment Session – There were three speakers: Melvin Alexander (Assessment); Peter Bresciano (Exemptions); and Ed Lawrence (Financial well being).
8. Approval of Grants/Donations – COPS Universal Hiring Program Grant Award from US Department of Justice – Voted to approve and accept the grant award to the Portsmouth Police Department.
9. Approval of Grants/Doantions – Donations for the Portsmouth Police Honor Guard – Voted to approve and accept the donations to the Portsmouth Police Honor Guard.

10. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article IX, Section 7.901 Penalties, Forfeitures and Separability – Voted to pass first reading and hold a Public Hearing and second reading at the October 21, 2002 City Council meeting.
11. Adoption of Resolution for a Disabled Property Tax Exemption (Tabled 9/23/02) – Voted to remove the item from the table. Voted to adopt the Resolution.
12. Adoption of Resolution to increase the Elderly Property Tax Exemption (Tabled 9/23/02) – Voted to remove the item from the table. On a roll call vote 7-0, voted to adopt the Resolution. Councilors Grasso, Lown, Hynes, Pantelakos, Marconi, St. Laurent and Assistant Mayor Hanson voted in favor. Mayor Sirrell and Councilor Whitehouse abstained from voting.
13. Request for Renewal of Sidewalk Obstruction License – Portsmouth Provisions – 1 A-frame sign – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
14. Letter from Bernie Pelech regarding Proposed Sidewalk Encroachment License Agreement – Voted to authorize the City Manager to enter into a License Agreement with Whalesback Light, LLC, regarding a sidewalk encroachment. Councilor Lown abstained from voting.
15. Proposed Agreement between the PDA and the City of Portsmouth Police Department Re: Interim Airport Security Agreement – Voted to authorize the City Manager to execute the Interim Airport Security Agreement between the City and the Pease Development Authority for police services from September 2002 through March 7, 2003. Further, that the City Council establish a work session with the Police Commission on October 28, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss a permanent Airport Security Agreement with its effects on staffing levels in the Police Department.
16. Request for Approval of Proposed Outdoor Liquor Policy – Voted to approve the Outdoor Liquor Policy as submitted.
17. Donation to the Coalition Legal Fund – Voted to accept the \$5,000 donation from the Town of Newington.
18. Donations to the Save the Old State House Committee – Voted to accept the \$125.00 donation from Mr. MacCallum, \$50.00 anonymous donation and the \$500.00 donation from Mr. & Mrs. David Witham for the Old State House Fund.
19. Appointment Consideration – The City Council considered the reappointment of Eduardo DelValle to the Library Trustees. This appointment will be voted on by the City Council at the October 21, 2002 City Council meeting.

Appointments – Voted to appoint George Savramis as a regular member to the Planning Board filling the unexpired term of Ernest Carrier until December 31, 2003.

Voted to reappoint Kate Leith to the Youth Committee.

Voted to appoint Audrey Bierhans to the Blue Ribbon Committee on Cemeteries.

Voted to reappoint Paul Harvey, Sr. to the Economic Development Commission until October 1, 2006.

Voted to reappoint Lee Lorusso to the Library Trustees until October 1, 2005.

Voted to appoint Ann Walker to the Save the Old State House Committee.

20. Vendor's in front of North Church – Voted to prohibit vendors in front of the North Church.

Voted to have the City Attorney draft an ordinance for first reading at the October 21, 2002 City Council meeting, which would amend the Vendor's Ordinance listing prohibited vending locations in the City.

21. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the September 19, 2002 meeting – Voted to accept and approve the Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the September 19, 2002 meeting.

22. Adjournment – At 8:30 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk