

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 17, 2003 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 6:15 p.m., an Anticipated "Non-Meeting" with counsel was held.
2. Proclamation – American Red Cross Month – Assistant Mayor Hanson read a Proclamation declaring March as American Red Cross Month.
3. Mayor's Award – Division B Champions – Mayor Sirrell presented Mayor's Awards to the New Franklin School Girls and Boys Division B Basketball Champions.
4. Presentation – Resolution in support of HB717 – Deputy City Manager Jankowski – Deputy City Manager Jankowski urged the City Council to pass the Resolution in support of HB717. Voted to approve the proposed resolution in support of HB717.
5. Acceptance of Minutes – March 3, 2003 – Voted to accept and approve the City Council minutes of the March 3, 2003 meeting.
6. Public Comment Session – There were 10 speakers: Harold Ecker (City Business); Nancy Brown, Sue Madden, Annie O'Doherty, Doug Bogen, Phyllis Abell, and Micum Davis (Peace Resolution); Peter Rice and Leah Caswell (Library); and Peter Bresciano (Resolution to support our Military Forces).
7. Renewal Requests for Sidewalk Obstruction Licenses from the following businesses with no changes from last year:
 - Fair Skies – 1 A-frame sign
 - Lucky 7 Gallery – 1 A-frame sign
 - Bagel Works – 4 tables, 12 chairs, and 1 A-frame sign
 - Subway – 2 tables, 4 chairs, and 1 A-frame sign
 - Pierce Gallery – 1 A-frame signVoted to refer to the City Manager with power.
8. Request for Sidewalk Obstruction License from the One Hundred Restaurant for 1 A-frame sign – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

9. Letter from Tom Morgan regarding the Proposed Library on Parrott Avenue – Voted to accept and place the letter on file. Councilor Grasso requested that a copy of the letter be sent to John O’Leary, Chair of the New Library Building Committee.
10. Establishment of a Work Session Regarding Downtown Business Association’s Proposal for a Pedestrian Pilot Program on Market Street – Voted to establish a work session on April 7th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed Pedestrian Pilot Program on Market Street.
11. Spring Tax Bill – Voted to approve the format proposed for the spring tax bills, as submitted.
12. Report Back from Planning Board Re: Ordinance for Marinas, Docks and Piers - Voted to accept the Planning Board's recommendation that no ordinance for marinas, docks, and piers is necessary at this time and direct the Master Plan consultant to review this matter further.
13. Report Back from Planning Board Re: Request to Erect Fence on City-Owned Land at 566 Greenland Road – On a roll call 8-1, voted to accept the Planning Board's recommendation that the request to erect a fence on City-owned land at 566 Greenland Road be denied. Mayor Sirrell, Councilors Grasso, Hynes, Pantelakos, Whitehouse, Marconi, St. Laurent and Assistant Mayor Hanson voted in favor. Councilor Lown voted opposed.
14. Appointment Considerations - The following applicants were considered at this meeting and will be voted upon at the March 31st City Council meeting:
 - Alanson Sturgis – Conservation Commission
 - Suzanne Foley – Library Trustees
15. Appointments - The following applicants were voted to the following:
 - Jerry Hejtmaner – Planning Board Alternate until December 31, 2006.
 - Jeffrey Mountjoy – Portsmouth Housing Endowment Fund Board until June 17, 2006.
 - Richard Adams and Peter Loughlin – Blue Ribbon Committee on Trees and Public Greenery
16. Adjournment – At 8:25 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk