

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 31, 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

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1. Presentation – American Legion – Posting of the Colors – The American Legion Color Guard Unit posted the colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commander of the Post Carl Walton.
2. Presentation – Bob Hassold, Downtown Businessman & Kathleen Metterville, Assistant Principal, PHS – Re: Environmental Clean-a-Thon in Downtown Portsmouth – Bob Hassold and Kathleen Metterville spoke regarding the Environmental Clean-a-Thon taking place in the downtown from April through August.
3. Volunteer Committee Report – Economic Development Commission Proposal Re: Chamber Partnership and Guide to the Seacoast – Tom Ferrini, Chair of the Economic Development Commission and Everett Eaton, Representative of the Chamber of Commerce spoke regarding the partnership between the Chamber and the City and the Guide to the Seacoast.

Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up Item XI E.1. – City/Chamber Partnership. Voted to approve the recommendation of the Economic Development Commission to expend \$40,000 in UDAG funds to continue the partnership between the City and the Chamber of Commerce.

4. Acceptance of Minutes – March 17, 2003 – Voted to accept and approve the City Council minutes of the March 17, 2003 meeting.
5. Public Comment Session – There were eighteen speakers: Dan Hicks, Carl Walton, Peter Bresciano, Martin Cameron, William Mortimer and Frederick Watson (Support our troops); Steve Miller (Advocates of North Mill Pond); Harold Ecker (City business); Nancy Brown, Doug Bogen, Sue Madden, Macy Morse, Melissa Bernardin, Dino Papas and Rev. Arthur Hilson (Peace Resolution); Mark Lavoie (Ocean Road); Ken Cardinal and Jeff Cantara (Great Bog Hunting).
6. Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up Item X.A. – Petition from concerned citizens and residents requesting that the City Council pass a resolution expressing opposition to United States military action in Iraq.

Moved to reject acceptance of the resolution.

Voted to suspend the rules in order to read Item X.E. – Letter from Peter Bresciano requesting that a resolution be passed by the City Council in support of men and women serving in the Armed Services. Councilor Grasso voted opposed.

On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to reject acceptance of the resolution.

7. Public Hearing – Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) FY2004-2009 – Held a Public Hearing.
8. Approval of Grants/Donations – Acceptance of Watershed Restoration Grant for Peirce Island – Voted to authorize the City Manager to accept and expend a Watershed Restoration Grant in the amount of \$48,000 from the NH Department of Environmental Services for the purpose of constructing shoreline stabilization measures.
9. Approval of Grants/Donations – Acceptance of Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant to Police Department – Voted to approve and accept the grant award to the Portsmouth Police Department as listed.
10. Renewal Request for Sidewalk Obstruction Licenses from the following businesses with no changes from last year:
  - Water Monkey – 2 A-frame signs
  - RiverRun Bookstore – 1 table and 1 A-frame sign
  - The Genip Tree – 1 A-frame sign
  - Neptune's – 1 A-frame sign

Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

11. Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up Items XI. F.1., X. C. and X. F. in regards to Ocean Road.

Voted to request the City Manager to pursue all the avenues necessary for the City of Portsmouth to take control over Ocean Road with a report back of the progress at the July 14, 2003 City Council meeting.

Councilor Grasso requested that the City Manager provide information on how taking ownership of Ocean Road would effect the budget in his report back at the July 14, 2003 City Council meeting.

12. Letter from John F. Buchalski in support of our military personnel and President Bush – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.
13. Letter from Steve Mayo, RPL Properties, LLC, withdrawal of request to change street name of Ledgewood Drive to Winway Place – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.

14. Public Hearing Re: Adoption of Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) FY 2004-2009 – City Manager Bohenko advised the City Council that action on the CIP would need to take place at the April 14, 2003 City Council meeting.
15. Proposed Agreement with Seacoast Growers' Association Re: 2003 Farmers' Market – Voted to authorize the City Manager to enter into a License Agreement with the Seacoast Growers' Association as presented.
16. Water Service Easement – Micronics Realty Trust – Voted to accept the Water Service Easement from Micronics Realty Trust for property located at 200 West Road.
17. Request of Whalesback Light to Install Sidewalk Radiant Heat – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power. Councilor Lown abstained from voting.
18. Proposed Purchase of 497 Sherburne Road to Reactivate the Harrison Well – Voted to formally authorize the purchase of the 497 Sherburne Road property, in accordance with the attached Purchase and Sales Agreement; and, refer this matter to the Planning Board for a report back.
19. Request for Approval of Pole License Agreement – Voted to approve the pole license agreement as recommended by the Public Works Department.
20. Donation to the Coalition Legal Fund – Voted to accept the \$3,000 contribution from the Town of Sandwich to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund.
21. Appointment Considerations - The following applicants were considered at this meeting and will be voted upon at the April 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting:
  - Carlton McNeil and Charles Cormier – Reappointments to the Conservation Commission
  - Dennis Moulton – Alternate to the Building Code of Appeal's
  - James Melfi, Robin McIntosh, William St. Laurent, Diane Lavigne and Mark Lavoie – City-Wide Neighborhood Steering Member
  - Paula Glynn – Chairperson of the City-Wide Neighborhood Committee
  - Patrick McCartney and Carl Diermer – Reappointment to the Recreation Board
  - Stephen Wrenn – Reappointment to the Cable Commission
  - Ruth Griffin – Reappointment to the Portsmouth Housing Authority

22. Appointments - The following applicants were voted to the following:

- Alanson Sturgis – Reappointment to Conservation Commission until April 1, 2006
- Suzanne Foley – Appointment to the Library Trustees filling the unexpired term of Michael Pennington until October 1, 2003

23. Reports – Mayor Sirrell read a letter from Mary Carey Foley and Zachary Rahn thanking the city staff and officials for making Student Government Day on March 27, 2003 a success.

Mayor Sirrell reminded everyone of the City Council Work Session scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2003 to discuss the proposed Pedestrian Pilot Program. She also announced that the Portsmouth Listens Group would be meeting with the Planning Board on Thursday, April 3, 2003.

Mayor Sirrell requested that City Manager Bohenko have the City Council Work Session on the proposed Pedestrian Pilot Program televised.

24. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the March 20, 2003 meeting – Voted to accept and approve the Traffic & Safety Committee action sheet and minutes of the March 20, 2003 meeting.

25. Parking Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the March 20, 2003 meeting – Voted to accept and approve the Parking Committee action sheet and minutes of the March 20, 2003 meeting.

26. Request the City Attorney to draft an ordinance prohibiting hunting within city limits – Voted to request that the City Manager and City Attorney look at all issues concerning a ban on hunting within city limits and report back to the City Council.

27. Report from Joint Building Committee – No action required.

28. Adjournment – At 10:25 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk