

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14, 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. Proclamation – Poet Laureate of Portsmouth - Mayor Sirrell presented a Proclamation naming John Perrault as Poet Laureate of Portsmouth for a one-year term renewable for a second year.
2. Proclamation – National Community Development Block Grant Week – April 21-27, 2003 - Assistant Mayor Hanson read the Proclamation declaring April 21-27, 2003 as National Community Development Block Grant Week. Mayor Sirrell presented the Proclamation to Robert Layton, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for CDBG.
3. Proclamation – Municipal Clerks Week – April 27 – May 3, 2003 – Councilor Grasso read the Proclamation declaring April 27 – May 3, 2003 as Municipal Clerks Week. Mayor Sirrell presented the Proclamation to our Municipal Clerk Kelli Barnaby.
4. Presentation – Mayor’s Awards – Dondero School Red Basketball Team – Division A Championship - Mayor Sirrell presented Mayor’s Awards and the key to the City to the players, coaches and Principal of Dondero School Red Basketball Team in recognition of their Division A Championship.
5. John Burke, Parking and Transportation Director Re: Route One Trolley – John Burke, Parking and Transportation Director and Steve Wells, Executive Director of Coast provided a presentation regarding the new Route One Trolley service.
6. Acceptance of Minutes – March 31, 2003 – Voted to accept and approve the City Council minutes of the March 31, 2003 meeting.
7. Public Comment Session – There were four speakers: Donald Green, Suzanne Fournier (Hunting in the Great Bog); Edward Lawrence (Another Lincoln); and Peter Bresciano (Thank you Councilors).
8. Approval of Grants/Donations – Acceptance of Grant from Partnership for Effective Nonprofits to the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Committee for Cemeteries – Voted to accept the \$4,000 grant to the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Committee for Cemeteries.
9. Letter from Donald Green regarding addressing the deer overpopulation problem in the Great Bog – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.

10. Letter from Graham Kent supporting hunting in the Great Bog – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.
11. Letter from Jennifer Slade, Attrezzi, requesting permission to close the parking lot on the corner of Market and Hanover Streets for a Downtown Open House & Spring Cleaning Sidewalk Sale Day on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Moved to refer to the City Manager with power as a pilot program with the understanding there will be no cost to the taxpayers. Voted to refer this matter to the City Manager for a report back at the May 5<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting with the names of the businesses that will participate in this event. On a roll call vote 8-1, main motion passed as amended. Mayor Sirrell, Councilors Grasso, Lown, Hynes, Pantelakos, Whitehouse, St. Laurent and Assistant Mayor Hanson voted in favor. Councilor Marconi voted opposed.
12. Letter from Pamela Ruo, American Diabetes Association, requesting permission to hold the annual America's Walk for Diabetes on Saturday, October 11, 2003 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
13. Letter from Suzanne Fournier regarding the facts favor a hunting ban on Great Bog – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.
14. Request to Adopt the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) FY 2004-2009 – On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to adopt the FY 2004-2009 Capital Improvement Plan as presented at the public hearing on March 31, 2003.
15. Public Art Project for Earth Day 2003 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
16. Donations to the Coalition Legal Fund – Voted to accept a \$1,000 contribution from the Town of Dublin, \$2,500 contribution from the Town of Hampton Falls, \$1,500 contribution from the Town of Grantham and \$2,000 from the Town of Lincoln to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund.
17. Appointments – The following applicants were voted to the following:
  - Carlton McNeil and Charles Cormier – reappointment to the Conservation Commission until April 1, 2006.
  - Dennis Moulton – appointed as an alternate to the Building Code of Appeals until July 1, 2008.
  - James Melfi, Robin McIntosh, William St. Laurent, Diane Lavigne, and Mark Lavoie – appointed to the City-Wide Neighborhood Committee as Steering Members until April 1, 2005.
  - Paula Glynn – appointed as the Chair of the City-Wide Neighborhood Committee until April 1, 2006.

- Patrick McCartney and Carl Diermer– reappointment to the Recreation Board until April 1, 2006.
- Stephen Wrenn – reappointment to the Cable Commission until April 1, 2005.
- Ruth Griffin – reappointment to the Portsmouth Housing Authority until April 1, 2008.

Assistant Mayor Hanson requested that the City Council receive a copy of the City-Wide Neighborhood Committee Bylaws.

18. Reports - Mayor Sirrell announced that the City of Portsmouth was listed in the Men's Journal as the 45<sup>th</sup> best place to live in the United States out of 50 and AARP has listed the City as the 13<sup>th</sup> best place to live in the United States out of 15.

19. Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business – City Manager Bohenko announced the Budget Work Sessions Schedule as follows:

- *Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – School Department Budget*
- *Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Police Department Budget*
- *Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Fire Department Budget*
- *Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – Municipal Budget*

Councilor Grasso announced that the annual tree planting for Earth Day will be held on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 p.m. in Haven Park and invited all to attend.

20. Adjournment – At 8:45 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk