

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 19, 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. Mayor's Award – Raymond Will, Secretary of City-Wide Neighborhood Committee – Mayor Sirrell presented a Mayor's Award to Raymond Will in recognition of his nine years of service as the Secretary to the City-Wide Neighborhood Committee.
2. Acceptance of Minutes – May 5, 2003 – Voted to accept and approve the City Council minutes of the May 5, 2003 meeting.
3. Public Comment Session – There were four speakers: Mark Henholz (Boot Drive for MDA); Richard Bosa (Donor Town Taxes); Peter Bresciano (City Employee Contracts); and Edward Lawrence (Disposition of Library).
4. Public Hearing – Proposed FY July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 Budget – Held a Public Hearing.
5. Approval of Grants/Donations – NH Department of Environmental Services Grant Application Re: Madbury Well #2 MtBE Investigation/Remediation – Voted to authorize the City Manager to accept and expend up to \$80,000.00 in grant funds from the NH Department of Environmental Services to address the MtBE investigation and follow-up.
6. First reading of Resolution Authorizing Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenues and Taxes in the Amount of \$16,000,000.00 – On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to pass first reading and hold a Public Hearing and adoption of the Resolution at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting.
7. Letter from M. Marguerite Mathews, Pontine Theatre, requesting permission to stage a series of performances on city property on Saturday, June 21, 2003 and Sunday, June 22, 2003 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power. Councilor St. Laurent voted opposed.
8. Letter from Jeffrey Gabel, The Music Hall, requesting permission to close Chestnut Street for the Telluride by the Sea on September 20, 2003 and the opening gala for The Music Hall 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee on October 4, 2003 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

9. Letter from Rick Condon, Portsmouth Professional Fire Fighters, requesting permission to hold a voluntary "Boot Drive" in Market Square on July 19, 2003 (rain date of July 20, 2003) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
10. Letter from Purnell Ross, Jr, NAACP Branch 2070, requesting a location in the City suitable for their meetings held the first Monday of the month from approximately 5:45 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. – Moved to refer to the City Manager for a report back at the next meeting. Voted to table the request.
11. Letter from Paul McEachern regarding the Historic District Commission – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.
12. Letter from Gail Bradbard, Cabot House, requesting permission to use the adjacent street to Cabot House Parking Lot for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Tent Sale on June 21<sup>st</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
13. Request for Sidewalk Obstruction License from The Press Room for 1 A-frame sign – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
14. Letter from Legh Burns, Celtic Crossing, requesting permission to have street performers in the Vaughan Mall and along the sidewalk on Congress Street from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. the first Friday of each month beginning June 6<sup>th</sup> through the fall – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power. Councilor St. Laurent voted opposed.
15. Letter from Eric Weinrieb, Rotary Club of Portsmouth, requesting permission to hold the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Chicken Bar-B-Que and Road Race on Thursday, August 7, 2003 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
16. Request to Bring Back for First Reading Proposed Ordinance Amendments Regarding Revisions of Building Construction Code – Voted to authorize the City Manager to bring back for first reading at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting the proposed building construction code ordinance changes as submitted.
17. Report Back from Planning Board Re: Sagamore Creek Property – Voted to approve the aforementioned Actions #1, #2, #3, and #4 as recommended by the City Manager. *Actions are as follows:*
  1. Accept the Planning Board's report back
  2. Authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and expend funds from the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the amount of \$1,987,000.

3. Upon approval of the grant, authorize the City Manager to take any and all action to secure the Sagamore Creek property, Map 223, Lot 25b
  4. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$200,000 from the Conservation Fund to be used as a cash match for the federal grant to purchase the property
18. Status Report regarding House Bill 717 (Not on agenda) – Deputy City Manager Jankowski provided the City Council with a status report on House Bill 717.
19. Final Budget Review Work Session – City Manager Bohenko announced that the Final Budget Review Work Session would be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room A.
20. Appointment – Voted to reappoint Paul Houlares to the Recreation Board until April 1, 2006.
21. Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization Appointments – Voted to appoint the following representatives and alternates to the Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization. City Councilor, John Hynes; Planning Board Chair, Kenneth Smith; State Representative, MaryAnn Blanchard; Planning Director, David Holden; Alternate, Parking & Transportation Director, John Burke; Alternate, Public Works Director, Steve Parkinson; Alternate, City Manager, John Bohenko; and Alternate, Deputy Public Works Director, David Allen.
22. Library – Councilor Marconi submitted a report regarding the Library. No action required.
- Councilor Whitehouse requested that the item of the Library be placed under his name for the June 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda. He advised the City Council that he would be making a motion to have a question placed on the November Municipal Election ballot to find out if the residents are in favor of the location for the new Library.
23. Adjournment – At 9:40 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk