

CITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEET – AUGUST 4, 2003

TO: John P. Bohenko, City Manager

FR: B. Christopher Maxwell, Deputy City Clerk

DA: August 5, 2003

RE: Actions of the City Council at the August 4, 2003 meeting

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Sirrell, Assistant Mayor Hanson, Councilors Grasso, Lown, Hynes, Pantelakos, Whitehouse, Marconi, and St. Laurent.

PROCLAMATION – U.S.S. PORTSMOUTH: Mayor Sirrell presented a Proclamation in celebration of twenty years of service for the U.S.S. Portsmouth.

MINUTES – JULY 14, 2003: Voted to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2003 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: Mark Ayotte, George Pantelakos, David Randell, and Victor Bourre spoke regarding perambulation.

PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE XI, SECTION 7.1100 – SPEED LIMITS – BUCKMINSTER WAY – 20 MPH: Held a public hearing. Voted to pass second reading and hold third and final reading at the August 18th City Council meeting.

GRANT AWARD FROM THE NH STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS: Voted to accept the \$5,000 grant awarded to the City of Portsmouth from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts to support web technical consultation and printing guide.

LETTER FROM ATTORNEY JASON SULLIVAN requesting the re-conveyance of a tract of land located at 234 Littleworth Road, Madbury, NH for his clients: Voted to refer to the Planning Board for a report back.

LETTER FROM GINNY MACBRIDE, PISCATAQUA MARITIME COMMISSION, inviting the City Council to attend the welcoming ceremonies on August 7, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. at the New Hampshire State Port Authority pier welcoming the Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship: Voted to accept and place the letter on file.

LETTER FROM KELLY ORDWAY, AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, requesting the City Council to attend the Seacoast Walk on Saturday, October 4th at Wallis Sands Beach in Rye, NH: Voted to accept and place the letter on file.

REPORT BACK – REQUEST TO ERECT FENCE ON CITY OWNED LAND – 1 FORREST STREET: Voted to accept the Planning Board's recommendation regarding the request to erect a fence on City owned land off of Cutts Avenue, 1 Forrest Street.

REPORT BACK – REZONING OF COAST PONTIAC CADILLAC: Voted to approve the Planning Board’s recommendation to place this matter on file with the rezoning request being considered as part of the Master Plan Process.

REPORT BACK – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CITY ZONING ORDINANCES REGARDING CITY OWNED PROPERTY – VICINITY OF HARRISON WELL: Voted to authorize the City Manager to bring back for First Reading at the August 18th City Council meeting, proposed amendments to the 1995 Zoning Map and 1995 Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board at its July 17th meeting.

COBBLE HILL ANTIQUE – A-FRAME SIGN LICENSE: Voted to remove the tabled request. Voted to refer to the City Manager with power the Cobble Hill Antique request for an A-frame license as amended.

REQUEST – APPLICATION OF EASEMENT DEED: Voted to accept the City Attorney and City Manager’s recommendation regarding the Easement Deed for a traffic signal at the Elwyn Road and Route One intersection.

REQUEST – APPROVAL OF POLE LICENSE AGREEMENTS: Voted to approve the requests from PSNH for pole license agreements, #63-397, #63-398 and #63-399, as recommended by the Public Works Department.

REQUEST – PURCHASE LAND – CORNER OF RANGER/RALEIGH WAY ATLANTIC HEIGHTS: Voted to authorize the City Manager to dispose of Alley Way #1, Alley Way #2, and Lot 27 in accordance with the stipulations outlined in the City Manager’s report as follows:

1. That the property be consolidated by deed with the adjacent property of Avanti Development into one lot with the stipulation that the area being conveyed by the City to Avanti would not be used for buildings but rather parking and landscaping. (It should be noted that any parking lot would require site plan approval before the Planning Board).
2. That approval be secured from the Planning Board regarding the consolidation of lots as required by RSA 674:39-a.
3. The City retain an easement over the parcel conveyed for municipal utility purposes, either current or needed in the future.

REQUEST – DISPOSE OF PROPERTY – 98 BREWSTER STREET: Voted to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement for disposing of property located at 98 Brewster Street as recommended by the City Attorney.

MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – SCOTT AVENUE BRIDGE: Voted to authorize the City Manager to execute the Municipal Agreement for the Scott Avenue Bridge Replacement Project as recommended.

REPORT BACK – MICHAEL AND JACQUI BRYAN REQUEST to hold the NH Seacoast Run Pedal Paddle Race on September 20, 2003: Voted to remove the tabled request. Voted to refer to the City Manager with power with the stipulation that the New Hampshire Seacoast Run

Pedal Paddle checks be made payable to the New Heights program and the Children's Community Care Center.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION: Voted to hold a public hearing and vote at the August 18th City Council meeting for a \$128,000 supplemental appropriation to have minimum staffing of 14 firefighters on at night, effective September 1, 2003.

APPOINTMENT – NH ESTUARIES PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN STUDY COMMISSION: Voted to approve the appointment of Peter Rice.

APPOINTMENT CONSIDERATION: Reappointment of John Golumb to the Historic District Commission was considered and will be voted on at the August 18th City Council meeting.

APPOINTMENTS: Voted to reappoint Eileen Foley to the Trustees of Trust Funds for a term expiring January 1, 2007.

PERAMBULATION OF CITY BOUNDARIES: Voted to take up to \$30,000 of UDAG funds for perambulation of the City of Portsmouth and waive the City Council Policy capping the 75% interest for this item.

ADJOURNMENT: Voted to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.