

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 18, 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. At 6:00 p.m., a work session was held regarding the 2003 Holiday Parade.
2. Acceptance of Minutes – August 4, 2003 – Voted to accept and approve the City Council minutes of the August 4, 2003 meeting.
3. Public Comment Session – There were three speakers – Robin Najar, Bernie Pelech (State Street Pocket Park); and Peter Bresciano (Recreation Department).
4. Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for Necessary Expenditures for the Operation of the Fire Department in the amount of \$128,000 – Held a public hearing. On a roll call vote 6-3, voted to adopt the resolution authorizing a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$128,000. Mayor Sirrell, Councilors Grasso, Hynes, Pantelakos, Marconi, and Assistant Mayor Hanson voted in favor. Councilors Lown, Whitehouse, and St. Laurent voted opposed.
5. Approval of Grants and Donations:
  - Grant Award from the NH Attorney General's Office to the Portsmouth Police Department for the Byrne Formula Grant Program
  - Grant Award from the NH Department of Highway Safety to the Portsmouth Police Department for "Portsmouth Red Light Running"
  - Grant Award from the NH Department of Highway Safety to the Portsmouth Police Department for "Portsmouth Speed Enforcement Patrol"
  - Grant Award from the NH Department of Highway Safety to the Portsmouth Police Department for "Portsmouth DWI Sobriety checkpoint"

Voted to approve and accept the grant awards to the Portsmouth Police Department as listed.

6. First Reading of Amendments to City Zoning Ordinances and Maps:

- First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10.202 – Location by rezoning subdivided lot from the Single Residence B District to the Municipal District
- First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10.203 – Interpretation of District Bounds by the addition of the following language – Any property owned by the City of Portsmouth and not shown on the Zoning Map as amended is deemed to be in the Municipal District
- First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10.202 – Location by the addition of the following language – Pursuant to Article II, Section 10.203(7) of the 1995 Zoning Ordinance, as amended all City owned land not shown in the Municipal or Natural Resource Protection Districts shall be deemed to be in the Municipal District and when so identified shall be placed in that district

Voted to pass first reading of proposed amendments to the 1995 Zoning Map and 1995 Zoning Ordinance as presented, and schedule a Public Hearing and second reading at the September 8<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

7. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article III, Section 10.301(A)(7) – General Requirements – Voted to pass first reading of proposed amendments to Article III, Section 10.301(7) of the Zoning Ordinance, and schedule a Public Hearing and second reading at the November 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and further refer this matter to the Planning Board for a report back prior to November 17<sup>th</sup>.
8. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article XI, Section 7.1100 – Speed Limits – Buckminster Way – 20 MPH – Voted to pass third and final reading.
9. Letter from Jennifer Slade, Attrezzi – Fine Kitchen Accessories, requesting permission to close the parking lot on the corner of Market and Hanover Streets on September 14<sup>th</sup> between the hours of Noon and 6PM to hold the Downtown Fall Tag Sale Event (rain date of September 21<sup>st</sup>) – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
10. Letter from Donald Hare regarding residents access to their homes during the Seacoast Repertory Theater two-day “street fair” – Voted to refer to the City Manager to review with staff.
11. Letter from Marie Beaupre’ regarding truck traffic on Peverly Hill Road – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.

12. Request for Sidewalk Obstruction License – O’Naturals – 1 A-frame sign – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
13. Letter from Diane Vieira, Walker House Condominium Association, requesting that the City Council reconsider the ordinance prohibiting condominium owners from having separate water meters for lawn usage – Voted to refer to the City Manager for a report back.
14. Letter from Paul Buckley, WXRV The River 92.5, requesting permission to utilize South Playground on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to park their van, play the radio station’s music and give away concert tickets – Voted to deny the request.
15. Pocket Park – On a roll call vote 7-2, voted that the City Manager be authorized to accept a deed for the State Street Pocket Park and to create a Trust for the maintenance of the park; both actions as outlined in the memorandum from the City Attorney dated August 14, 2003 contained in this evening’s agenda. Mayor Sirrell, Councilors Grasso, Hynes, Pantelakos, Whitehouse, Marconi, and Assistant Mayor Hanson voted in favor. Councilors Lown and St. Laurent voted opposed.
16. Appointments – Considered the reappointment of Paige Roberts to the Historic District Commission. This appointment will be voted on by the City Council at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Voted to reappoint John Golumb to the Historic District Commission until June 1, 2006.
17. Invitation – Mayor Sirrell announced an invitation to attend the Change of Homeport Ceremony – Saturday, September 27, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. on the pier at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.
18. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the July 17, 2003 meeting – Voted to accept and approve the Traffic & Safety Committee action sheet and minutes of the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
19. Parking Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the July 17, 2003 meeting – Voted to approve and accept the Parking Committee action sheet and minutes of the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
20. Progress Report on Portsmouth High School – Councilor Grasso provided an update to the renovations of the high school.
21. Adjournment – At 8:20 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk