

**TO:** JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

**FROM:** KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

**RE:** ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 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 non-meeting with Counsel regarding negotiations with the Police Commission and School Board was held.
2. Presentation - Dawn Shippee and Philip Pettis of the North Church presented the proposed renovations to the church and are holding a meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> for input.
3. Proclamation - Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF Day – Mayor Sirrell presented a Proclamation to Liz Roy declaring October 30<sup>th</sup> Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF Day.
4. Mayor’s Award – Portsmouth Listens – Mayor Sirrell presented a Mayor’s Award to Jim Noucas and John Tabor for their work with Portsmouth Listens.
5. Acceptance of Minutes – October 6, 2003 – Voted to accept and approve the minutes of the October 6, 2003 City Council meeting.
6. Public Comment Session – There were four speakers – Harold Ecker (Federal Building), Charles Vaughn (Veteran Tax Exemption), Barbara Newton (Players Ring), and Susan Saurman (Maple Haven Playground).
7. Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up item XI. A. 1. – School Clericals Agreement.
8. Request from the School Board for Approval of the Tentative Agreement between the Portsmouth School Board and School Clericals – On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to approve the tentative five-year agreement between the Portsmouth School Board and the School Clericals.
9. Public Hearing - Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.336 – One Way Streets – Held a public hearing. Voted to pass second reading of amended ordinance, as submitted, and schedule a third and final reading at the November 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.
10. Approval of Grants and Donations:
  - A. Homeland Security Grant for Update of Emergency Operations - \$12,254.00
  - B. Homeland Security Grants – Round 1 \$48,183.73 and Round 2 \$49,816.00Voted to accept and approve the grants from the State of New Hampshire.
11. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article XI, Section 7.1100 – Speed Limits by the addition of Simonds Road, Suzanne Drive, Wallis Road and Leslie Drive – 20 MPH – Voted to pass third and final reading.

12. Letter from Attorney Bernard Pelech requesting the re-conveyance of a tract of land located on Edmund Avenue – Voted to refer to the Planning Board for a report back to the City Council.
13. Report Back Re: COAST Trolley Service – Woodbury Manor – Voted to establish a work session regarding the COAST trolley service for December 8, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. Councilor Marconi abstained from voting.
14. Report Back Re: Proposed Increase in Veterans Tax Exemption – Voted to table this matter until the November 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.
15. Report Back Re: Use of Credit Card for Municipal Payments – Voted to authorize the City Manager to proceed with a pilot program for payment of parking tickets and boot with credit cards.
16. Request for Approval of Pole License Agreement – Voted to approve the request from PSNH for Pole License Agreement, #63-401, as recommended by the Public Works Department.
17. Request to Extend the Lease between City of Portsmouth and the Players' Ring for the Building at 105 Marcy Street – Voted to authorize the City Manager to execute a lease between the City of Portsmouth and the Players' Ring for the use of the building at 105 Marcy Street for a period of November 1, 2003 through October 30, 2006.
18. Application for a Grant from the Land and Water Conservation – Voted to authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept and expend a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for the design and construction of a multi-purpose recreational field at the former stump dump.
19. Maple Haven Donation (not on agenda) – Voted to accept the \$730 donation for the Maple Haven playground improvements.
20. Appointment Considerations – The following were considered and will be voted on at the November 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting: Peter Bresciano, Taxi Commission; Steve Miller, Conservation Commission; Eric Gustafson, Carol Hollis, Michael Twine, Recycling Committee; Geoffrey Lombard, Elizabeth Wright, Cemetery Committee; George Savramis, Planning Board.
21. Appointments – Voted to reappoint Frank Daggett and James Feehley to the Taxi Commission until December 31, 2005.
22. Report – Veteran Day Service – The Veteran Day Service will be held November 11<sup>th</sup>.
23. Report – Halloween Parade – The Halloween Parade will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup>.
24. Adjournment – At 8:25 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:  
Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk