

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2004 COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR SIRRELL, ASSISTANT MAYOR HANSON, COUNCILORS GRASSO, FERRINI, MARCHAND, PANTELAKOS, HYNES, RAYNOLDS, AND WHITEHOUSE

1. At 6:15 p.m., a non-meeting with Counsel regarding an update on the coalition.
2. Proclamation – Read Across America – March 2, 2004 – Mayor Sirrell presented a proclamation to Diane McGee, Portsmouth Teachers Association President declaring March 2, 2004 as read across Portsmouth day.
3. Acceptance of Minutes – January 26, 2004 – Voted to accept and approve the minutes of the January 26, 2004 City Council meeting.
4. Public Comment Session – There were seven speakers. Melvin Threfethen (Fernald Court water access), TJ Wheeler, Gene Hill, Peter Randall (Sister City), Patrick Graham, Ariel Soucie, McKenzie Gray (Student Government Day).
5. Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up item X. E. - Letter from Ariel Soucie, Student Council President and Mary Carey Foley, Student Council Adviser requesting permission to hold Student Government Day on Wednesday, March 24, 2004 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
6. Public Hearing – Resolutions To Increase Veterans’ Tax Exemptions, Veteran’s Tax Credit, Disabled Veteran’s Tax Credit, Surviving Spouse (Veteran’s) Tax Credit – Held a public hearing. On a roll call vote, Councilors Ferrini, Marchand, Pantelakos, and Raynolds voted in favor to adopt the Veteran’s Tax Credit Resolution as submitted. Councilors Grasso, Hynes, Whitehouse, and Mayor Sirrell abstained from voting, motion passed. Voted to adopt the Disabled Veteran’s Tax Credit Resolution as submitted. Voted to adopt the Surviving Spouse (Veteran’s) Tax Credit Resolution as submitted.
7. Acceptance of Grant from the Trust’s Health Promotion WELLDollars Grant Program – Voted to accept the \$2,089.50 grant awarded to the City of Portsmouth from the Trust’s Health Promotion WELLDollars Grant Program.
8. Acceptance of Police Department Donation from Portsmouth Regional Hospital in the amount of \$1,200 for the Police Honor Guard – Voted to approve and accept the donation to the Portsmouth Police Department as listed.
9. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-102 (A) – Definitions and Article IX, Section 10-903 (B) Illumination and Motion of Signs – Voted to pass first reading of amended ordinance, as submitted, and schedule a Public Hearing and second reading at the March 1st City Council meeting.
10. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 - No Parking Vaughan Street, northerly side from northwest corner of the building at 299 Vaughan Street easterly 20 feet – Voted to pass third and final reading of amended ordinance, as submitted.
11. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 - No Parking subsection A regarding Porter Street – Voted to pass third and final reading of amended ordinance, as submitted.

12. Letter from Barbara Massar, Pro Portsmouth, Inc., requesting permission to hold the 14th Annual Children's Day on Sunday, May 2, 2004 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
13. Letter from Barbara Massar, Pro Portsmouth, Inc., requesting permission to hold the 27th Annual Market Square Day on Saturday, June 12, 2004 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
14. Letter from Kathie Lynch, Portsmouth Little League, Inc., requesting permission to place temporary signage at the Plains and Hislop Park baseball fields during the 2004 baseball season – Voted to authorize the Portsmouth Little League to place temporary signage at the Plains and Hislop Park baseball fields during the 2004 baseball season. Councilor Whitehouse requested that the signs face inside the field.
15. Letter from Nancy Normile, Sexual Assault Support Services, requesting permission to hold the 12th Annual Walk-a-thon on Sunday, April 18, 2004 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
16. Letter from Anthony Rahn requesting permission to store his lobster traps on the shore of the North Mill Pond – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
17. Letter from Jeanine Sylvester, Runner's Alley, requesting permission to hold the 7th Annual Runner's Alley/Redhook Brewery Memorial 5k race on Sunday, May 30, 2004 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
18. Letter from Glenn Normandeau regarding proposed ramp and float for the McCleod Property on Ridge's Court – Voted to refer to the Planning Board for a report back.
19. Request to Extend License Agreement for Trash Compactor on Ceres Street – Voted to authorize the City Manager to extend the License Agreement between the City of Portsmouth and Old Ferry Landing, Inc., Poco Diablo, Inc. and Stockpot, Ltd for the period December 1, 2003 through November 30, 2004. Councilor Raynolds requested that the City Manager investigate increasing the fence size to shelter the compactor from view.
20. Request for Acceptance of Trust Document and Deed Re: Lower State Street Pocket Park – Voted to authorize the City Manager to take all necessary steps and to execute any necessary documents to acquire the Lower State Street Pocket Park and establish a trust fund for the maintenance in accordance with the documents which have been presented to the City Council.
21. Easement Deed Re: Light to Illuminate the North Church Steeple – Voted to authorize the City Manager to negotiate, execute and record an easement deed that would allow for the illumination of the North Church steeple from the condominiums on Porter Street. Councilor Ferrini abstained from voting.
22. Approval Process Re: Placement of Telecommunications Equipment on City Property – Voted pursuant to Section 10-211 (10) of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portsmouth all requests for the placement of telecommunications equipment on City property are hereby referred to the City Manager with power to grant those requests which do not involve the construction of new towers or substantial new construction. Further, it is understood that the City Manager will advise the City Council in writing of any new proposed installations prior to final approval.
23. Preble Way-Crescent Way Streetscape Improvement Project – City Manager Bohenko announced that a public meeting would be held on Thursday, February 12th regarding the improvement project.

24. Appointments – Voted to appoint Valerie Cunningham, Nackey Scagliotti, Robert Scagliotti, Margaret Sofio, Richard Adams, and David Ewing to the Cemetery Committee. Voted to reappoint John Sullivan to the Planning Board until December 31, 2006. Voted to reappoint Ronald Cypher, Fred Gray, Hebert Bunnell, and Ralph DiBernardo to Traffic and Safety until January 1, 2006. Voted to appoint Barbara McMillan as Conservation Commission Alternate until April 1, 2006. Voted to appoint William Gladhill to the Economic Development Commission until October 1, 2008.
25. Establish Committee in Recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. – Voted to establish a Blue Ribbon Committee to study renaming Pearl Street and appoint Councilor Hynes (facilitator), Eileen Foley, James Splaine, Arthur Hilson, Nate Holloway, Ray Will, Algene Bailey, and Margaret Britton.
26. Adjournment – At 8:50 p.m., voted to adjourn.
- Respectfully submitted: Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk