

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 15, 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

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1. At 6:15 p.m., a non-meeting with Counsel was held regarding negotiations.
2. Introduction of Students Participating in Student Government Day, March 24, 2004 – The City Council, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk introduced their counterparts that will be participating in Student Government Day on March 24, 2004.
3. Mayor's Award – Mayor Sirrell presented Mayor's Awards and a gift to Portsmouth High School Students in appreciation for their participation in providing input to the City' Master Plan. The students provided a slideshow presentation on the process they followed in analyzing the City's Master Plan.
4. Proclamation (not on the agenda) – Councilor Grasso read a Proclamation in honor of the NH Special Olympics Basketball Tournament that will be held here in Portsmouth on Saturday, March 27, 2004.
5. Acceptance of Minutes – March 1, 2004 – Voted to accept and approve the City Council minutes of the March 1, 2004 meeting.
6. Public Comment Session – There were two speakers: Marc Stettner (Peirce Island Boat Ramp); and Thomas Carroll (Scrap Metal at the Port)
7. Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up Item X. A.1. – A.3.
  - Request for Approval of the Proposed five-year Agreement between the Portsmouth School Board and AFSCME Local 1386 School Custodians

Voted to approve the five-year agreement commencing July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2008 with the Portsmouth School Custodians.
  - Request for Approval of the Proposed five-year Agreement between the Portsmouth School Board and the School Custodial Supervisors Union

Voted to approve the five-year agreement commencing July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2008 with the Portsmouth School Custodial Supervisors Union.

- Request for Approval of the Proposed five-year Agreement between the Portsmouth School Board and the Portsmouth School District Paraprofessionals

Voted to approve the five-year agreement commencing July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2008 with the Portsmouth School District Paraprofessionals.

8. Acceptance of Grant from N. H. Department of Environmental Services 2004 Watershed Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000 for the Bartlett Street Stormwater Treatment Device Installation – Voted to authorize the City Manager to accept funds up to \$50,000, enter into a contract and execute any documents which may be necessary with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.
9. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article II, Section 7.219 Rates for Taxi Fares – Voted to pass first reading of amended ordinance, as submitted and hold a public hearing and second reading at the March 29, 2004 City Council meeting.
10. Third and final 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 third and final reading of amended ordinance, as submitted.
11. Renewal Requests for Sidewalk Obstruction Licenses from the following businesses with no changes from last year
  - Water Monkey – 2 A-frame signs
  - Lucky 7 Gallery – 1 A-frame sign
  - Serendipity – 2 A-frame signs
  - Chamber of Commerce – 1 A-frame sign
  - Belle Peppers – 2 Tables and 4 chairs
  - Café Kilim – 1 Bench
  - Ambrosia Gardens, Inc. – 1 A-frame sign
  - Subway – 2 Tables, 4 chairs and 1 A-frame sign
  - Metro Restaurant – 1 A-frame sign
  - Prudential Rush Realty – 1 A-frame sign
  - The Press Room – 1 A-frame sign
  - Café Mediterraneo – 1 A-frame sign
  - O'Naturals – 1 A-frame sign

Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

12. Letter from Kathleen Churchill, Strawberry Banke, requesting permission to hold the Blessing of the Fleet on July 4, 2004 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

13. Letter from Marc Stettner regarding the need for improvements to the Peirce Island Boat Launching Ramp – Voted to accept and place the letter on file with a copy to the Peirce Island Committee.
14. Letter from Jennifer Slade, Attrezzi, requesting permission to close the small 16-car parking lot on the corner of Market and Hanover Streets on May 16<sup>th</sup> between Noon and 6 PM to hold the Downtown Spring Tag Sale Event – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
15. City Manager's Informational Item – Violation Letter Re: Scrap Metal – Moved that a letter be sent to the PDA requesting that they do not renew the contract with the Grimmell Industries' at the Port. Voted to table this matter until the March 29, 2004 City Council meeting for a proposed letter to be drafted on this issue.
16. Appointment Considerations – The City Council considered the following appointments: Amy Brnger and Maria Sillari to the Board of Library Trustees; Arthur Parrott as a regular member of the Board of Adjustment; and Donald Twombly to the Blue Ribbon Cemetery Committee. These appointments will be voted on by the City Council at the March 29, 2004 meeting.
17. Appointments – Voted to appoint Jonathan Bailey to the Traffic & Safety Committee until January 1, 2006. Voted to reappoint Anita Freedman to the Portsmouth Housing Authority until April 1, 2009. Voted to appoint Duncan MacCallum as an alternate filling Arthur Parrott's unexpired term until December 1, 2007.
18. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the February 19, 2004 meeting – Voted to accept and approve the Traffic & Safety Committee action sheet and minutes of the February 19, 2004 meeting.
19. Parking Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the February 19, 2004 meeting – Voted to accept and approve the Parking Committee action sheet and minutes of the February 19, 2004 meeting.
20. Seacoast Shipyard Association Contribution - \$10,000 – Voted to authorize \$10,000 from FY 04 contingency fund to be used as a contribution to the Seacoast Shipyard Association in their fight to keep the shipyard open.
21. Adjournment – At 8:30 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk