

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 17, 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 6:30 p.m., an anticipated non-meeting with Counsel was held.
2. Proclamation - Bike to Work and Bike to School Week – Mayor Sirrell declared May 16, 2004 – May 22, 2004 as bike to work and school week and Cameron Wake accepted with gratitude.
3. Acceptance of Minutes – May 3, 2004 – Voted to accept and approve the minutes of the May 3, 2004 City Council meeting.
4. Public Comment Session – There were four speakers – Harold Ecker (City business), Peter Bresciano (RT 1 Bypass signage), Connie Boyle and Gloria Guyette (parking).
5. Public Hearing - Proposed FY July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005 Budget – Held a public hearing.
6. Public Hearing - Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.327 – Limited Parking – Two Hours – Washington Street: Northerly Side Between State Street and Court Street – Held a public hearing. Voted to pass second reading of amended ordinance, as submitted and hold a third and final reading in June.
7. First Reading of Resolution Authorizing Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenues and Taxes in the Amount of \$16,000,000 – Voted to pass first reading and hold a public hearing and adoption of the Resolution at the June 21, 2004 City Council meeting.
8. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-102 – Definitions and Section 10-208, Table 4 – On a roll call vote 5-4, motion to table the ordinance until after a work session is held, failed to pass. Mayor Sirrell, Councilors Ferrini, Marchand, Pantelakos, and Raynolds voted opposed. Councilors Grasso, Hynes, Whitehouse, and Assistant Mayor Hanson voted in favor. On a roll call 8-1, voted to pass first reading of amended ordinance, as submitted, and schedule a public hearing and second reading at the June 21, 2004 City Council meeting. Councilors Grasso, Ferrini, Marchand, Pantelakos, Hynes, Raynolds, Whitehouse and Mayor Sirrell voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Hanson voted opposed.

9. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking – Hancock Street: northerly side of Hancock Street from Marcy Street a distance of 115 feet – Voted to pass third and final reading of amended ordinance, as submitted.
10. Letter from Gary Dodds & Eric Weinrieb, Portsmouth Rotary Club, requesting permission to hold the 12th Annual Thunder Chicken 5k Road Race on Thursday, August 5, 2004 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
11. Letter from Gail Bradbard, Cabot House, requesting permission to use the adjacent street to Cabot House Parking Lot for the 10th annual Tent Sale on June 18th through June 20th and closure of the alley on June 19th from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
12. Letter from Wendell Belmont requesting a proclamation to dedicate and rename the Big Rock Park as the Louise Belmont Memorial Park – Voted to hold a work session to discuss this request.
13. Letter from Stephen Alie opposed to increasing parking fees and rates in the central business district – Voted to accept the letter and place on file.
14. Letter from John Thyng, New Hampshire for Health Care, requesting permission to hold a rally at Prescott Park followed by approximately 500 area residents walking over the Memorial Bridge on Saturday, June 19, 2004 to call attention to health care issues – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
15. Request for Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Portsmouth Police Commission and the Portsmouth Police Civilians Employee Association, IBPO – Voted to approve this five year contract commencing July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2008 with the Portsmouth Police Civilians Employee Association, IBPO.
16. Voted to suspend the rules in order to continue the meeting past 10:30 p.m.
17. Newcastle Avenue Reconstruction (Docks) - Moved to authorize the City Manager to proceed as recommended. On a roll call vote 7-2, motion to amend by the addition of a letter E to the recommendations stating under no circumstances will these docks or floats be posted as private property, failed to pass. Assistant Mayor Hanson, Councilors Grasso, Ferrini, Marchand, Pantelakos, Hynes, and Mayor Sirrell voted opposed. Councilors Raynolds and Whitehouse voted in favor. Main motion passed with Councilors Raynolds and Whitehouse voting opposed.

18. Tour of Cottage Hospital – Voted to hold a City Council work session on June 14, 2004, beginning at 6:45 p.m. in Conference Room A regarding the renaming of Big Rock Park followed by a joint meeting with the Planning Board at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers regarding an ordinance amendment to Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-102 – Definitions and Section 10-208, Table 4.
19. Reschedule City Council Meeting – Voted to reschedule the City Council meeting of June 7, 2004 until Tuesday, June 8, 2004.
20. Request for Approval of Pole License Agreement #63-406 - Voted to approve the request from PSNH for pole license agreement #63-406 as recommended by the Public Works Department.
21. Final Budget Review Work Session (not on agenda) – The City Council agreed to hold a final budget review work session at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A on June 3rd or June 10th. City Manager Bohenko will finalize the date.
22. Appointment Considerations – The following were considered and will be voted on at the June 8th meeting – Reappointment of David Adams and Richard Katz, Historic District Commission.
23. Appointments – Mayor Sirrell advised that the Peirce Island Committee membership will be reduced therefore Mr. Levine's application would not be voted at this time.
24. Resignation – Mayor Sirrell announced the resignations of Richard Smith, Peirce Island Committee and Stephen Alie, Economic Development Commission.
25. Hosting the USS Montpelier – Mayor Sirrell reported that Portsmouth would be the host for the USS Montpelier when it arrives at the shipyard.
26. Closure of Parking Lot at JFK – Voted to install a fence on the perimeter line of Richards Avenue at the JFK site.
27. At 11:15 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted: Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk