

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 21, 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. Mayor's Award – Portsmouth Middle School Girls Basketball Team – Mayor Sirrell presented Mayor's Awards to the members of the Portsmouth Middle School Girls basketball team in honor of their championship.
2. Presentation – Relocation of Detached PO Boxes from Portsmouth Business Center – Patricia Hersey, Portsmouth Post Mistress; and Kathleen Walker, Postal Service Real Estate Specialist informed the City Council and residents that the detached lockbox units from Greenleaf Avenue and the Portsmouth Business Center will be relocated to 70 Heritage Avenue by the end of July.
3. Presentation – Judge John Maher, Trust Funds (not on agenda) – Judge Maher recommended that the City Council appoint a committee to establish criteria for appointing members to the Trustees of Trust Funds.
4. Acceptance of Minutes – June 8, 2004 – Voted to accept and approve the minutes of the June 8, 2004 City Council meeting.
5. Public Comment Session – On a roll call vote 5-4, motion to extend the public comment session past the thirty-minute (30) time limit *failed to pass*. Councilors Grasso, Ferrini, Marchand, Hynes, and Mayor Sirrell voted opposed. Assistant Mayor Hanson, Councilor Pantelakos, Whitehouse, and Raynolds voted in favor. There were seventeen (17) speakers. Anthony Coviello, Boards & Commissions; Wayne Ecker, City Business; Marc Stettner, PETA; Susan Denneberg, Spanish in schools; Martin Cameron, Jim Nevin, Mark Herrholz, Donald Coker, Diane McGee, Nancy Clayburgh, Amelia Jones, Tom Trout, Cathy Comeau, Melinda Linane, Nancy Lane, Bill St. Laurent, and Chris Cole, Budget.
6. Public Hearing/Second reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Articles I, IV, & IX, Section 7.102 – Parking Meter Zones, Section 7.105 – Parking, Section 7.405 Authority Given to Regulate Areas, and Section 7.901 Penalties - Proposed Adjustments to the Parking Meter Rates and Fines – Held a public hearing. Moved to pass second reading of ordinance and hold a third and final reading at the July 12th City Council meeting. Voted to amend the motion to pass second reading the adjustment of parking meter rates, parking fines, and hours of enforcement with the deletion of Sunday hours and hold a third and final reading at the June 28th Special City Council meeting. On a roll call vote 7-2, motion to amend 7.105 to remove the proposed 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. hours of enforcement failed to pass. Councilors Marchand and Whitehouse voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Hanson, Councilors Grasso, Ferrini, Pantelakos, Hynes, Raynolds, and Mayor Sirrell. Main motion passed as *amended*.
7. Public Hearing/Second reading of Amendments to Chapter 7 – Vehicles, Traffic Parking (Omnibus Parking Ordinance April 18, 2003 to April 15, 2004:

1. Amendment to Chapter 7, Article III, Sections 7.326 & 7.327 – Limited Parking
 - 1.1 Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.327 – Limited Parking – Two Hours – Congress Street: southerly side from Chestnut Street to Church Street, except for the first two spaces westerly from the intersection of Fleet Street
 - 1.2 Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.326 – Limited Parking – 15 Minutes – Congress Street: southerly side, first two spaces westerly from the intersection of Fleet
2. Amendment to Chapter 7, Article III, Sections 7.326 & 7.327 – Limited Parking
 - 2.1 Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.326 – Limited Parking – 15 Minutes – delete Market Street: last parking space on Market Street, on right side before entering Market Square to be dedicated for police cruiser parking only
 - 2.2 Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.327 – Limited Parking – Two Hours – Market Street – (a) westerly side from Market Square to Bow Street, except for the first two parking spaces from Market Square. The first of which is hereby designated for police cruiser parking only and the second of which is designated as a taxi stand; (b) easterly side from Daniel Street to Deer Street; (c) both sides from Deer Street to Russell Street
3. Chapter 7, Article VI, Section 7.601 – Truck Loading/Unloading Zones Established
4. Chapter 7, Article IVA – Bus Stops, Taxicab Stands & Horse Drawn Carriages, Section 7-A.408 – Taxi Stands Designated
5. Chapter 7, Article IV, Section 7.402 (b) Off-Street Parking Areas be amended by the addition of Business Validation Program

Held a public hearing. Voted move to pass second reading on amendments to the Parking Ordinance, as presented, and hold a third and final reading at your July 12th City Council meeting.

8. Second reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-102 – Definitions and Section 10-208, Table 4 regarding regulation issues on the ground floor of property in the Central Business A and B Districts and related Ordinance provisions – Voted to table second reading until after the work session with the Planning Board.
9. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenues and Taxes in the Amount of \$16,000,000.00 – On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to adopt the Resolution to authorize borrowing in anticipation of revenues and taxes in the amount up to \$16,000,000.00.
10. Request for Sidewalk Obstruction License from Stephen Little, Seacoast Hearing Center, to place 1 A-frame sign in front of establishment – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
11. Request for Sidewalk Obstruction License from Angela Bibeau, Bliss, requesting permission to place 1 A-frame sign in front of establishment – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

12. Letter from Alexandra Arbogast, PETA, requesting permission to hold a demonstration in Market Square at the intersection of Market and Islington Street on Wednesday, June 30, 2004 from noon to 1:00 p.m. – Voted to deny the request.
13. Letter from Bea Ann Kendall regarding the number of motorcycles allowed to park in a space in the downtown area – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.
14. Letter from Paula Rais, Poet Laureate Program, requesting permission to permanent display a piece of art work by Portsmouth Poet Laureate John Perrault at City Hall – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
15. Letter from Peter Henderson requesting that the School Department be exempt from any budget cuts – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.
16. Letter from Emily Fazaloro, Dondero School student, regarding sidewalks on Peverly Hill Road – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.
17. Letter from Rick Condon, Portsmouth Professional Fire Fighters, requesting permission to hold a voluntary “Boot Drive” in Market Square on Saturday, July 17, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
18. Proposed Lease Renewal, Greenleaf Recreation Center – Voted to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and take other actions necessary to execute a lease agreement between the City and the Portsmouth Housing Authority for the lease of a portion of the Greenleaf Recreation Center.
19. Voted to suspend the rules in order to continue the meeting past 10:30 p.m.
20. Report Back Re: Request from Susan Dewhirst and Mark Nichols, on behalf of the United Way of the Greater Seacoast, Requesting Permission to Install Signs at the Entrances to the City – Voted to approve the placement of markers by the United Way of the Greater Seacoast as recommended by the Planning Board.
21. Report Back Re: Request from Mario Giberti to Purchase City Owned Land Located off Barberry Lane (Assessor’s Map 233/Lot 133) – Voted to accept the Planning Board’s recommendation to deny the request of Mario Giberti to purchase City-owned land located off Barberry Lane, Assessor’s Map 233, Lot 133.
22. Joint Meeting between City Council and the Planning Board Re: Master Plan – Voted to hold a work session on Monday, July 19th at 6:30 p.m. regarding a request to rename Big Rock Park followed by the Master Plan.
23. Appointments – Voted to reappoint John Rice, Historic District Commission, until June 1, 2007. Voted to reappoint Ellen Fineberg, Historic District Commission, until June 1, 2007.
24. Trust Funds (Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business) – Councilor Whitehouse requested the City Manager and Mayor to meet with Judge Maher regarding the trust fund proposal.
25. Adjournment – At 10:45 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted: Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk