

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 6, 2005 COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR SIRRELL, ASSISTANT MAYOR GRASSO, COUNCILORS FERRINI, MARCHAND, PANTELAKOS, HYNES, RAYNOLDS, WHITEHOUSE, AND ST. LAURENT

1. At 6:30 p.m., The Dondero School Chorus and Diane McGee, Music Instructor performed three songs for the City Council.
2. Proclamation – The Red Hat Society - Assistant Mayor Grasso read the Proclamation declaring June 23, 2005 as Red Hat Society Day. Mayor Sirrell presented the Proclamation to a member of The Red Hat Society who accepted it with thanks and appreciation.
3. Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up Item IX. J. – Letter from Fire Chief Christopher LeClaire requesting Sale of Fire Engine 5.

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4. Presentation – New Library Building Committee Update – John O’Leary – John O’Leary, Chair of the New Library Building Committee unveiled a 3D portrait representing the appearance of the New Library.
5. Acceptance of Minutes – May 16, 2005 – Voted to accept and approve the minutes of the May 16, 2005 City Council meeting.
6. Public Comment Session – There were five speakers: Joel Carp (A word of thanks); Rick Horowitz (Budget); Harold Ecker (Paving of Streets); Ms. Bryd (Halloween Parade); and Marylou McElwain (Sewage Treatment Plant).
7. Acceptance of Donations to the Cemetery Committee
 - Mainely Gourmet, LLC - \$50.00
 - Citizens Financial Group, Inc. - \$50.00
 - J. Verne Wood Funeral Home - \$400.00

Voted to approve and accept the donations to the Cemetery Committee as listed.

8. Acceptance of Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Grant to the Portsmouth Police Department - \$7,438.00

Acceptance of Donation to the Portsmouth Police Honor Guard from Coast Pontiac-Cadillac-GMC, Inc. - \$300.00

Acceptance of Donation to the Portsmouth Police Explorer Program from The Fuller Foundation - \$1,000.00

Voted to approve and accept the grant and donations to the Portsmouth Police Department as listed.

9. First reading of Resolution Authorizing Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenues and Taxes in the amount of \$16,000,000.00 – Voted to pass first reading and hold a public hearing and adoption of the Resolution at the June 20th City Council meeting.

10. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article II, Section 7.219 – Rates for Taxi Fares by Increasing the rate for each additional One-eighth 1/8 Mile from Twenty-five Cents to Thirty-five Cents – Voted to pass first reading, as submitted, and hold a public hearing and second reading at the June 20th City Council meeting.

11. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10.202 – Location – to rezone the properties located off Mirona Road at Assessors Map 252, Lot 3 and Map 253, Lot 4 from Industrial (I) to General Business (GB) – On a roll call 6-3, voted to pass third and final reading of the amended ordinance, as submitted. Assistant Mayor Grasso, Councilors Ferrini, Marchand, Hynes, Raynolds and Mayor Sirrell voted in favor. Councilors Pantelakos, Whitehouse and St. Laurent voted opposed.

12. Renewal Requests for Sidewalk Obstruction Licenses from the following businesses with no changes from last year
- Starbucks Coffee – 4 tables and 8 chairs
 - Choozy Shooz – 1 bench and 1 A-frame sign

Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

13. Request for Sidewalk Obstruction License from Patrick Burns, Online Communications to place 1 A-frame sign in front of establishment – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

14. Letter from Margaret Brennan, Portsmouth Coaching Coalition, requesting permission to hold a potluck dinner at Langdon Park on Thursday, June 23, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

15. Letter from Mary Clifton Horrigan requesting the City to keep the tide gate to the South Mill Pond open May through September – Voted to refer to the City Manager for a report back.

16. Letter from Stafford-Ames Morse, The Morse Society, requesting permission to place a marble stone with a bronze plaque citing the location of one Obadiah Morse and Elizabeth Ralwins' home off Market Street at the entrance of Commercial Alley – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
17. Letter from Lisa and Dan Carchidi, Carol Kelly and Tim Griffin, Jennifer Benjamin requesting no renovation or relocation of the partial sidewalk on Sherburne Avenue Extension – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
18. Letter from David Cohen, The Portsmouth Halloween Parade Committee, requesting permission to hold the 11th annual Halloween Parade on Monday, October 31, 2005 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Voted to refer to the City Manger with power.
19. Letter from Mary Lou McElwain requesting a public meeting to update residents on the sewage plans – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
20. Letter from Trevor Bartlett, The Music Hall, requesting permission to close Chestnut Street from Congress to Porter Streets for the Annual Telluride by the Sea Weekend Celebration of Film on September 16, 2005 – September 18, 2005 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
21. Letter from Paul Sorli, Downtown Business Association, regarding the street décor for the Russo-Japanese Peace Treaty – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
22. Letter from Joan Hamblet regarding Signage Regulations and Development of Community – Voted to refer to the City Manager for report back.
23. Letter from Betty Hollick thanking the Fire Department for their prompt and professional response on Sunday, May 1, 2005 to her home – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.
24. Letter from Rick Condon, Portsmouth Firefighters Local #1313, requesting permission to hold a voluntary “Boot Drive” in Market Square on July 23, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for the Muscular Dystrophy Association – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
25. Letter from Sherburne Avenue residents requesting a “Children At Play” sign be erected facing Leary Field and that the city consider allowing parking on one side of the street only – Voted to refer to the Traffic & Safety Committee.
26. Request for Pole License Agreements #63-422; #63-424; #63-417; and #9AAVYA – Voted to approve the request for pole license agreement #63,422 as recommended by the Public Works Department. Voted to approve the request for pole license agreements #63-424, #63-417 and #9AAVYA as recommended by the Public Works Department.
27. Monitoring Well Easement Deed – Voted to authorize the City Manager to accept an easement from Northeast Credit Union for monitoring wells.

28. Shortfall in the Snow Removal Budget – Voted to accept the use of FY04 Contingency as recommended.
29. Consideration of Appointments – The City Council considered the following: reappointment of Louis Vinciguerra to the Cable Television and Communications Commission; reappointment of Steve Miller, Allison Tanner, and Brian Wazlaw to the Conservation Commission; reappointment of James Melfi to the Neighborhood Committee; reappointment of Laura Montville and Tara Trafton to the PEDLP Review Committee; appointment of Carlos Castro to the Portsmouth Housing Authority Commission; reappointment of Albert Charest to the Portsmouth Housing Authority Commission; reappointment of Thomas Bolko, Jackie Cali-Pitts, Harry Clark, Kathy Birse Siegel and Elaine Syracuse to the Recreation Board. These appointments will be voted on by the City Council at the June 20, 2005 meeting.
30. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the May 12, 2005 meeting – Voted to accept and approve the action sheet and minutes of the Traffic & Safety Committee May 12, 2005 meeting.
31. Adjournment – At 9:05 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk