

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER  
FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK  
RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 10, 2006 COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PRESENT: MAYOR MARCHAND, ASSISTANT MAYOR FERRINI, COUNCILORS GRASSO, PANTELAKOS, WHITEHOUSE, SMITH AND HYNES  
ABSENT: COUNCILORS DWYER AND RAYNOLDS

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1. Proclamation – National Night Out in Portsmouth – August 1, 2006 – Mayor Marchand read the Proclamation declaring August 1, 2006 as National Night Out in Portsmouth. Mayor Marchand presented the Proclamation to Officer Nicole Mercier who accepted it on behalf of the Police Department with thanks and appreciation.
2. Proclamation – United Way of the Greater Seacoast 2006 “Business of the Year” – Mayor Marchand read the Proclamation congratulating the United Way of the Greater Seacoast being named the 2006 “Business of the Year” by the Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Marchand presented the Proclamation to Sue Suter, Executive Director of the United Way of the Greater Seacoast who accepted it with thanks and appreciation.
3. Proclamation – Nathaniel “Nate” Holloway - Mayor Marchand read the Proclamation recognizing Nate’s many years of service on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and to the community. Mayor Marchand presented the Proclamation to Nate who accepted it with thanks and appreciation.
4. Public Comment Session – There were no speakers.
5. Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up Item X. C. - Letter from Reverend Dawn Shippee, North Congregational Church of Portsmouth, requesting that Church Street remain closed until October 30, 2006 in order to complete the restoration of the steeple of the North Church building.
6. Letter from Reverend Dawn Shippee, North Congregational Church of Portsmouth, requesting that Church Street remain closed until October 30, 2006 in order to complete the restoration of the steeple of the North Church building – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
7. Public Hearing – Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking – Tanner Court:
  - Northerly side from Parker Street to a point 78’ westerly of Tanner Street
  - Southerly side from Parker Street to a point 78’ westerly of Tanner Street

Held a public hearing. Voted to pass second reading of the amended ordinance, as submitted, and hold third and final reading at the August 7, 2006 City Council meeting.

8. Acceptance of Donations to the Coalition Legal Fund from the Town of Easton in the amount of \$310.00, Town of Carroll in the amount of \$1,000.00, Town of Hampton Falls in the amount of \$1,000.00, Town of Rye in the amount of \$1,000.00 and the Town of Newington in the amount of \$1,000.00 – Voted to accept the \$310.00 contribution from the Town of Easton; \$1,000.00 from the Town of Carroll; \$1,000.00 from the Town of Hampton Falls; \$1,000.00 from the Town of Rye; and \$1,000.00 from the Town of Newington to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund.

9. Acceptance of NHSCA Community Arts Development Grant - \$5,000.00 – Voted to accept the NHSCA grant award and authorize the City Manager to administer the grant.

10. Consent Agenda – Voted to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. Acceptance of Donations to the New Library Building Fund

- Heather Armitage - \$20.00
- R B Cole - \$25.00
- Patricia A. & Jack I. Palmer - \$50.00
- Aquila Chase - \$100.00
- Shaun T. Rafferty - \$100.00
- Miriam B. Fairbanks - \$100.00
- Catherine Giordano - \$260.00
- Charles & Barbara Bickford - \$1,000.00

***(Anticipated action – move to approve and accept the donations to the New Library Building Fund as listed)***

B. Acceptance of Grants and Donations to the Cemetery Committee

- New Hampshire Humanities Council Grant Award for NH Cemeteries - \$200.00
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- NHSCAR (affiliated with The New Hampshire Society Sons of the American Revolution) - \$1,000.00

***(Anticipated action – move to approve and accept the grants and donation to the Cemetery Committee as listed)***

C. Letter from Nicole Gregg, New Hampshire Film Expo, requesting permission to use the Connie Bean Center for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual New Hampshire Film Expo on October 12, 2006 – October 15, 2006 ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***

D. Letter from Rick Condon, Portsmouth Professional Fire Fighters, requesting permission to hold a voluntary “Boot Drive” in Market Square on July 22, 2006 to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (rain date of July 23, 2006) ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***

- E. Request from John Golumb, Poco's, to place 1 bench and 1 A-frame sign in front of establishment located at 37 Bow Street (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)

11. Letter from Phyllis Eldridge and Paul McEachern, New Library Fundraising Committee, requesting that the City Council endorse the New Library Gala Celebration scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2006 – Moved to refer to the City Manager with power.

Voted to amend the motion to suspend the rule which disallows the utilization of alcohol beverages on any City property such that those beverages might be allowed as per request in the letter dated June 22, 2006. Councilors Grasso and Whitehouse voted opposed.

Main motion passed as amended with Councilor Whitehouse voting opposed.

12. Letter from Lenore Weiss Bronson, The Frank Jones Farm Neighborhood Association, regarding longstanding adverse effects of illegal truck traffic on Woodbury Avenue and the traffic-calming project – Voted to accept and place the letter on file and send a response to Ms. Bronson outlining information regarding this matter provided by Public Works Director Parkinson.

13. Players' Ring Request for Grant Match to Repair City-Owned Building – Voted to expend \$5,000.00 from prior year contingency funds to match the conditional grant from the McIninch Foundation for improvements to the Players' Ring building on Marcy Street. Councilor Smith voted opposed.

14. Request for Approval of Pole License #63-430 – Voted to approve the request from PSNH for pole license agreement, #63-430, as recommended by the Public Works Department.

15. Appointment – Voted to appoint June Rogers to the Mayor's Blue Ribbon on Trees and Public Greenery.

16. Consideration of Appointments – The City Council considered the appointment of Nancy Beach as an alternate to the Cable Television and Communications Commission filling the unexpired term of Brian Gregg who was appointed as a regular member. The appointment of Duncan MacCallum from an alternate to a regular member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Duncan will fill the unexpired term of Nathaniel Holloway who recently resigned from the Board. The City Council will vote on these appointments at the August 7, 2006 City Council meeting.

17. Appointment of the Joint School Advisory Committee (JSAC) – Mayor Marchand announced the appointment of the Joint School Advisory Committee (JSAC). The Committee will consist of nine members. Three members of the School Board, City Council, and public. The School Board will announce their members in the near future. The City Council representatives to the Committee are Assistant Mayor Ferrini, Councilors Grasso and Reynolds. The public representatives are Tony Coviello, Rose Sulley and Eric Weinrieb. He also advised the City Council that the Ex-officio's will be but are not limited to John Stokel, Middle School Principal; Dr. Robert Lister, Superintendent; Steve Bartlett, School Business Administrator; and Helen Maldini, Chair of Newington School Board.

18. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the June 8, 2006 meeting – Voted to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the June 8, 2006 Traffic & Safety Committee meeting.

19. Adjournment – At 8:10 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, CMC  
City Clerk