

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2006 COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR MARCHAND, ASSISTANT MAYOR FERRINI, COUNCILORS GRASSO, DWYER, RAYNOLDS, PANTELAKOS, WHITEHOUSE, SMITH AND HYNES

1. Proclamation – Raimond Bowles – Councilor Whitehouse read a Proclamation declaring October 16, 2006 as Raimond Bowles Night in the City of Portsmouth to express our gratitude for his many years of public service to the citizens of Portsmouth, the citizens of New Hampshire and the citizens of the United States of America. Mayor Marchand presented Mr. Bowles with the Proclamation who accepted it with thanks and appreciation.
2. Mayor’s Award – Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Employees – Plant of the Year - Mayor Marchand presented a Mayor’s Award to the employees of the Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Plant for their achievement of being named NH Plant of the Year. Paula Anania accepted the award on behalf of the employees with thanks and appreciation.
3. Presentation – Blue Ribbon Committee on Board and Commission Appointment Process Committee Report – Eric Spear – Eric provided the City Council with a brief report of the Committee’s accomplishments and their plans for the future.
4. Presentation – City Attorney Sullivan Report Re: Eminent Domain/Peirce Land Trust (Middle School Project) – City Attorney Sullivan provided the City Council with a verbal report regarding Eminent Domain relative to the Peirce Land Trust (Middle School Project).
5. Public Comment Session – There were nine speakers: Harold Ecker (City Business); Bernie Pelech (Zoning Amendment regarding Uses in Business Districts); Peter Rice and Jack Kelley (Peirce Land Trust); Doug Bogen, Jim Powers, Joan Hamblet and Neill DePauli (Climate Action); and Jennifer Hawkins (Trolley Service/Crosswalk Accessibility).
6. Acceptance of Donation of a high capacity water pump to the Portsmouth Fire Department from Insurcomm Construction, Inc. and Servpro of the Seacoast, Inc. – Voted to approve and accept the donation of a high capacity water pump to the Fire Department.
7. First reading of Ordinance by the creation of a Chapter 16, Utilities, Article I, Water Ordinance; the Deletion in the entirety of Chapter 11, Article IX, Section 11.9 – Cross Connection Control and Back Flow Prevention, amending Chapter 13, Article VII, Section 13.7 – Water Supply, and amending Chapter 14, Article I, Section 14.103 – Services, Equipment, Facilities for Plumbing – Voted to pass first reading of the amended ordinances, as submitted, and hold a public hearing and second reading at the November 13, 2006 City Council meeting.
8. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10-208 (35) – Uses in Business Districts – Voted to pass third and final reading on a proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10-208 (35) – Uses in Business Districts.

9. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.327 – Limited Parking – Two Hours – Islington Street:

- Northerly side from Tanner Street to Parker Street
- Northerly side from Pearl Street to a point westerly 335'
- Northerly side from Cabot Street to a point easterly 515'

Voted to pass third and final reading of the amended ordinance, as submitted.

10. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.325 – Limited Parking – Thirty Minutes – Islington Street:

- Northerly side from the corner of Brewster Street easterly 110'
- Northerly side easterly 70' from Dover Street to a point 82' westerly from Salem Street
- Northerly side from Pearl Street to Parker Street

Voted to pass third and final reading of the amended ordinance, as submitted.

11. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking - Adding to the Ordinance (with appropriate deletions):

- Hanover Street: (Hanover Street Extension) southerly side from Brewster Street easterly 40'
- Islington Street: northerly side from the corner of Congress Street/Maplewood Avenue/Middle Street running westerly to the easterly corner of Tanner
- Islington Street: northerly side – easterly from a point 145' from Salem Street to a point 73' westerly of Cabot Street
- Rock Street: deletion of easterly side from Islington Street to Hanover Street

Voted to pass third and final reading of the amended ordinance, as submitted.

12. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.324 – Limited Parking – One Hour subsection A – deletion of Islington Street: northerly side from the west side of Bridge Street westerly for a distance of 131 feet to the east side of Tanner Street – Voted to pass third and final reading of the amended ordinance, as submitted.

13. Letter from Barbara M. Massar, Executive Director, Pro Portsmouth, Inc. requesting the City's permission to hold the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 1, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. and financial support towards the event – Voted to approve the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 1, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Voted to authorize the expenditure of \$1,000.00 from the contingency fund to Pro Portsmouth, Inc. to assist with costs related to the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

14. Letter from Asa Magro requesting the consideration of the installation of a flashing yellow light on Middle Street for both directions between Lincoln Avenue and Cabot Street – Voted to refer to the Traffic & Safety Committee.

15. Letter from Doug Bogen, New Hampshire Program Director, Clean Water Action regarding climate-disruption – Voted to refer this letter to the Blue Ribbon Committee on Sustainable Practices for a recommendation.

16. Veterans Day Services – November 11, 2006 – Mayor Marchand announced that Veterans Day Services would be held on November 11, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.
17. Consideration of Appointment – The City Council considered the reappointment of Paul Harvey to the Economic Development Commission. The City Council will vote on this appointment at the November 13, 2006 City Council meeting.
18. Appointments – Voted to appoint Sharon Morrison and William St. Laurent to the Citywide Steering Neighborhood Committee.
19. Resignation – Charles Cormier, Conservation Commission – Voted to accept with regret the resignation of Charles Cormier from the Conservation Commission.
20. Resignation – Reverend Angelo Pappas, Portsmouth Housing Authority – Voted to accept with regret the resignation of Reverend Angelo Pappas from the Portsmouth Housing Authority.
21. Funding for Middle School & Eminent Domain (tabled from the October 5, 2006 City Council meeting) – Voted to remove the item from the table. Motion by Councilor Pantelakos seconded by Councilor Whitehouse before the City Council is as follows: Move that the City Council go on record that they have no intention of taking the Peirce Land for the Middle School. On a roll call vote 4-5, motion failed to pass. Councilors Pantelakos, Whitehouse, Smith and Hynes voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Ferrini, Councilors Grasso, Dwyer, Raynolds and Mayor Marchand voted opposed.
22. Adjournment – At 9:05 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, CMC
City Clerk