

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2006, COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

ABSENT: COUNCILORS PANTELAKOS AND HYNES

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1. Proclamation – The Chase Home for Children – Salvatore Grasso – Mayor Marchand announced that the Proclamation will be presented at the January 8, 2007 City Council meeting.
2. Presentation – Update on Lafayette School Building – Russ Grazier, Jr. – Mr. Grazier provided a status report on Portsmouth Music & Arts Center (PMAC) search for a new building and the review of the Lafayette School building as a potential site for PMAC. He announced after a review of the costs needed to upgrade the Lafayette School building PMAC has determined that another location would better serve their needs.
3. Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Committee on Building Re-Use – Heather Hurtt – Ms. Hurtt provided a progress update to the City Council regarding the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Committee on Building Re-Use.
4. Acceptance of Minutes – December 4, 2006 – Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the December 4, 2006 City Council meeting.
5. Public Comment Session – There were three speakers: Ralph DiBernardo, Sr (Library); Ray Will (Packet on the City Website); and Barbara Massar (Pro Portsmouth Events).
6. Public Hearing - Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article XV of the Ordinances by the Adoption of a New Section 10-1508 entitled Residential Density Incentive Planned Unit Development (RDI-PUD) Ordinance; Addition of Definitions to Article 1, Section 10-102A of the Zoning Ordinance – Held a public hearing. Move to pass second reading and schedule a third and final reading on the proposed Residential Density Incentive Planned Unit Development (RDI-PUD) Ordinance at the January 8, 2007 City Council meeting. Moved to amend the motion to hold third and final reading at the February 12, 2007 City Council meeting. Motion to amend *failed* to pass. Councilor Raynolds voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Ferrini, Councilors Grasso, Dwyer, Whitehouse, Smith and Mayor Marchand voted opposed. On a unanimous roll call vote 7-0, main motion passed.
7. Voted to suspend the rules in order to continue the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m.

8. Acceptance of Police Department Grants and Donations

- Grant from the US Department of Justice for "Operation Streetsweeper" in the amount of \$119,583.00
- Grant from the Department of Justice Award Program for the replacement of bulletproof vests in the amount of \$3,185.00
- Donation from Wal-Mart Foundation in the amount of \$1,750.00

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

9. Acceptance of a Grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation – Piscataqua Region – Voted to authorize the City Manager to accept and expend funding in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation – Piscataqua Region to hire an intern to assist the City with the ICLEI milestones listed in the City Manager's Comments dated December 14, 2006.

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

A. Acceptance of Donations to the New Library Building Fund

- Eleanor J. Morelli - \$20.00
- Robert T. Menk & Luce Aubry - \$50.00
- M. Christina Perri - \$50.00
- Peter J. & Nancy Loughlin - \$100.00
- Russell & Barbara R. Vanbilliard - \$100.00
- Roberta A. Wood - \$200.00

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

B. Donation to the Coalition Legal Fund from the Town of Carroll in the amount of \$1,000.00 ***(Anticipated action – move to approve and accept the contribution as listed, to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund)***

C. Letter from Barbara Massar, Pro Portsmouth, Inc., requesting permission to hold the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Day on Sunday, May 6, 2007 and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Market Square Day on Saturday, June 9, 2007 ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***

11. Letter from Erik Anderson, Portsmouth Taxpayers Association Sub-Committee on Tax Controls, regarding City of Portsmouth Contract Renewals – Voted to refer to the City Manager and Mayor Marchand for a response and report back to the City Council.

12. Request to Renew Lease of 251 Bartlett Street by the Creek Athletic Club – Voted to authorize the City Manager to extend the Lease with the Creek Athletic Club for the property at 251 Bartlett Street for a period of April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008.

13. Portsmouth Housing Authority Request for Loan – Voted to authorize the City Manager to enter into a loan agreement to lend to the Portsmouth Housing Authority \$100,000.00, as presented by the City Attorney's Office.

14. Request to Rescind Unused Borrowing Authorizations – Voted the approval to rescind the unused borrowing resolutions for the following funds: General Fund total amount \$488,000.00; Water Fund total amount \$667,440.22 and Sewer Fund total amount \$13,163.62.
15. Establish Several Work Sessions – Voted to establish the aforementioned work sessions: January 22, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Re: Building Re-use Committee – Library Re-use; February 5, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Re: Re-use of Dobles Reserve Center; and 7:00 p.m. Re: Blue Ribbon Committee on Board and Commission Appointment Process (Term Limits).
16. Request for Approval of Easement to City of Dover – Voted to authorize the City Manager to grant to the City of Dover a utility easement as described.
17. Proposed Extension of Agreement with St. John's Masonic Association for Use of their Parking Lot – Voted to allow the City Manager to enter into this Agreement with the Masonic Association from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. Councilor Whitehouse abstained from voting.
18. Request for Acceptance of Borthwick Avenue Sewer Easements – Voted to authorize the City Manager to accept easements from the Griffin Family Corporation, HCA Realty, Inc., Northern Utilities, Inc., PSNH and Portsmouth Hospital Office Building Association to facilitate the Borthwick Avenue Sewer project.
19. Request for Approval of Verizon Pole License Agreement 6AACHH – Voted to approve the request from Verizon for pole license agreement 6AACHH, as recommended by the Public Works Department.
20. Appointments to be Considered – The City Council considered the appointment of Jody Record and Megan Tehan to the Board of Library Trustees, the appointment of Paige Roberts from an alternate to a regular member of the Planning Board, the appointment of Christine Lukacz to the Portsmouth Housing Endowment Fund Advisory Board, the appointment of Charles LeMay as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the appointment of Henry Sanders and Carol Eaton from alternates to regular members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The City Council will vote on these appointments at the January 8, 2007 City Council meeting.
21. Appointments to be Voted – Voted to appoint Gary Lowe as an alternate to the Cable Television and Communications Commission filling the unexpired term of Brian Gregg until April 1, 2007.

Voted to reappoint Jerry Hejtmanek to the Planning Board until December 31, 2009.

Voted to reappoint Anthony Coviello to the Planning Board until December 31, 2009.

Voted to reappoint Alain Jousse to the Zoning Board of Adjustment until December 1, 2011.

Voted to table the reappointment of Duncan MacCallum to the Zoning Board of Adjustment until the January 8, 2007 City Council meeting.

Voted to reappoint Arthur Parrott to the Zoning Board of Adjustment until December 1, 2011.

22. Article from Los Angeles Times: Global Warming Local Initiatives – Councilor Raynolds provided the article to the City Council for informational purposes. No action required.

23. Re: Zoning Ordinance and Affordable Housing

- Article from New York Times Cities Compete in Hipness Battle to Attract Young
- Seacoast Ventures Vital Statistics – A Look at the Trends for the Year Ahead

Councilor Raynolds provided the articles to the City Council for informational purposes. No action required.

24. Adjournment – At 11:15 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, CMC  
City Clerk