

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: DIANNE M. KIRBY, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 25, 2007, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

1. At 6:00 p.m., the City Council held a Work Session with the Planning Board on the Master Plan Update.
2. Acceptance of Minutes – June 4, 2007 – Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the June 4, 2007 City Council meeting.
3. Public Comment Session – There were seven speakers: Allen Nelson (Peirce Trust), James Horrigan (Outdoor Advertising at Leary Field), Diane Giesi, Jennifer Jacobs and Lee Friess (Dogs on Peirce Island), William Murray (Memorial), David Forman (Peirce Trust, Master Plan and Educational Narrative)

Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up item VIII B. in reference to William J. Murray.

Voted to refer to the City Manager to work with Mr. Murray to ensure that a granite bench be erected on the Islington Street Tank/Powder House site.

4. Public Hearing – Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue of up to Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) for FY08 Street, Sidewalk and Bridge Replacement Projects – Held a public hearing. Moved to adopt the bonding resolution authorizing bonding in the amount of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00) for FY08 Street, Sidewalk and Bridge Replacement Projects. On a roll call vote 1-8, motion to table the Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue of up to Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) for FY08 Street, Sidewalk and Bridge Replacement Projects, motion *failed*. Councilor Whitehouse voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Ferrini, Councilors, Grasso, Dwyer, Raynolds, Pantelakos, Smith and Hynes voted opposed. Main motion passed.
5. Public Hearing – Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue of up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for FY08 School Building Improvements. – Held a public hearing. Voted to adopt the Resolution authorizing a bond issue of up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for FY08 School Building Improvements.

Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up Items XII. B.1. – Reports: Citywide Neighborhood Steering Committee update.

6. Robin McIntosh and Sharon Morrison provided the Council with an update on the Citywide Neighborhood Steering Committee's recent activities and project.
Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up Items XII. E.1. – Dogs/Peirce Island/Leash.

Voted to require that dogs be on a leash from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Sunday during the weeks the pool is open on Peirce Island. On a roll call vote of 3-6, motion *failed* to pass. Councilors Grasso, Reynolds, and Whitehouse voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Ferrini, Councilors Dwyer, Pantelakos, Smith, Hynes and Mayor Marchand voted opposed.

7. Acceptance of Portsmouth Garden Club Grant to the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Cemetery Committee in the amount of \$500.00 – Voted to approve and accept the grant from the Portsmouth Garden Club, as listed.
8. Acceptance of Portsmouth Garden Club Grant for the plantings and improvements on the Islington Street Tank/Powder House site in the amount of \$500.00 – Voted to approve and accept the grant from the Portsmouth Garden Club, as listed.
9. Acceptance of State of New Hampshire Department of Justice Grant for "Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws" to the Portsmouth Police Department in the amount of \$7,500.00 – Voted to approve and accept the grant to the Portsmouth Police Department, as listed.
10. Acceptance of Donations to the PAL Girls Summer Basketball League:
- Bunker Electric, LLC - \$400.00
 - Portsmouth Police Patrolmans' Union - \$250.00
 - A.R. Moulton - \$150.00

Voted to approve and accept the donations to the PAL Girls Summer Basketball League, as listed.

11. Acceptance of Donation to the Portsmouth Police Honor Guard from Piscataqua Savings Bank in the amount of \$100.00 – Voted to approve and accept the donation to the Portsmouth Police Department, as listed.
12. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking – Fleet Street: Westerly side from Congress Street to a point 135 feet in the northerly direction – Voted to pass third and final reading, as submitted.
13. Consent Agenda – Voted to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.
- A. Letter from George Barnard, Rotary Club of Portsmouth, requesting permission to hold the 15th annual Thunder Chicken Road Race and Kid's Fun Run on Thursday, August 2, 2007

(Anticipated action – Move to refer to the City Manager with power)

- B. Acceptance of anonymous donation to the New Library Building Fund in the amount of \$50.00

(Anticipated action – Move to approve and accept the donation to the New Library Building Fund, as listed)

- C. Letter from Cynthia Yates, Alzheimer's Association, requesting permission to hold the annual Memory Walk at the Pease Tradeport on Saturday, September 15, 2007

(Anticipated action – Move to refer to the City Manager with power)

14. Letter from Tom Holbrook, ArtSpace Series, requesting permission to use the following public areas for a series of concerts on City Property

- Vaughan Mall: Friday nights in July and August from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3, 10, 17, 24)
- Rock Street Park: Sunday, July 22nd at 6:00 p.m.
- Haven Park: Sunday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

15. Letter from Kenneth Murphy requesting that the City Council vote to release any possible dedication and issue a quitclaim deed to the easterly one half portion of Van Buren Avenue (approximately 25 feet) – Voted to refer to the Planning Board for a report back.

16. Letter from Walter Allen and residents of Sagamore Grove Road regarding paving of road – Voted to refer to the City Manager and Public Works Director for report back.

17. Letter from Nicole Gregg, New Hampshire Film Festival, requesting permission to use the Connie Bean Center for the NH Film Festival on October 11, 2007 – October 14, 2007, further requesting permission to use the Portsmouth Public Library Screening room as a new venue to this year's festival – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

18. Letter from Ruth Nugent, requesting the City Council consider establishing night restrictions on street vendors – Voted to refer to City Manager to work with the Vendor Committee and report back.

19. Fire Station 2 Bonding Request reading – Voted to authorize the City Manager to draft a bonding resolution for first reading in the amount of \$3,650,000.00 for the July 16, 2007 City Council meeting.

20. Adjournment – At 9:15 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dianne M. Kirby, Deputy City Clerk

- FROM: amended to change drafter from Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk to Dianne M. Kirby, Deputy City Clerk.
- Item 4 amend to add original motion of “Moved to adopt the bonding resolution authorizing bonding in the amount of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00) for FY08 Street, Sidewalk and Bridge Replacement Projects.”
- Item 14 amended to add bullet markings
- Item 18 amended to correct spelling of Manager.