

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 19, 2008, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR FERRINI, ASSISTANT MAYOR BLALOCK, COUNCILORS NOVELLINE CLAYBURGH, DWYER, SMITH, KENNEDY, SPEAR, RAYNOLDS AND PANTELAKOS

1. At 6:30 p.m., an Anticipated "Non-Meeting" with Counsel was held regarding Litigation – RSA 91-A:2 I (c).
2. Presentation – School Board Status Report Re: Portsmouth Middle School Project – Mitchell Shuldman, School Board Chair - Dr. Shuldman, School Board Chair provided a status report regarding the Portsmouth Middle School Project.
3. Presentation – Overtime Tracking Report Re: Police, Fire and Public Works Department – Police Chief Magnant, Fire Chief LeClaire and Public Works Director Parkinson each reviewed their department's overtime tracking report.
4. Presentation – Retirement Bill (HB1645) – State Senator Martha Fuller Clark – Senator Clark provided a presentation on the status of Retirement Bill (HB1645).
5. Acceptance of Minutes - May 5, 2008 – Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the May 5, 2008 City Council meeting.
6. Public Comment Session – There were five speakers: James Horrigan (Advertising at Leary Field); John Wright (Pedicabs); Robin Hackett, Joanne Stella, Michael Rainboth (Fernald Court Dock).
7. Acceptance of Donation to the Coalition Legal Fund – Town of Hampton - \$1,000.00 – Voted to approve and accept the donation, as listed, to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund.
8. 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 2, 2008 City Council meeting.

9. Consent Agenda - Voted to adopt the Consent Agenda, as presented.
- A. Acceptance of Donation for Overnight Art Event
- Susan Conway - \$1,000.00
 - Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund for George Friese - \$1,000.00
 - Jumpin Jay's Fish Café - \$500.00
 - Dos Amigos Burritos - \$500.00
 - Empresa Resource Group - \$200.00
 - Karen & Anthony Maneen - \$100.00
 - Susan Carlisle - \$100.00
 - The Betty LaBranch Agency - \$50.00
10. Letter from Monte Bohanan, The Music Hall, requesting permission to close Chestnut Street on Saturday, May 31, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to hold their on sale date for next season – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
11. Letter from John Wright, Granite State Pedicabs, requesting permission to operate a pedal driven tricycle with a two passenger cab (Pedicab) for rides around the city – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
12. Letter from Cindi Blanchette, Portsmouth City Soccer Club, requesting permission to offer local businesses to hang banners at Leary field during the soccer season – mid August to mid November – Voted to refer to the Planning Board for a report back with a consideration of alternatives for banners.
13. Letter from John Dussi, Northern Tier Real Estate Acquisition & Development, LLC, requesting to plant 5 or 6 eastern redcedar juniper evergreen bushes on the sidewalk in front of 172 Hanover Street – Voted to refer this matter to the Trees and Public Greenery Committee for report back to the City Council.
14. Letter from School Administrative Unit Fifty supporting the School Board's proposed 2008/2009 budget – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.
15. Letter from Lynne Langley & Cristy Cardoso, Atlantic Heights Community Garden Committee, requesting to create a Community Garden project in the Atlantic Heights Neighborhood on City property located on Bedford Way – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
16. Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up Fernald Court which is not on the agenda.
17. Fernald Court (Not on agenda) – On a roll call 6-3, voted to ask the City Attorney to support the injunction to preserve the dock temporarily. Assistant Mayor Blalock, Councilors Dwyer, Smith, Kennedy, Raynolds and Pantelakos voted in favor. Councilors Novelline Clayburgh, Spear and Mayor Ferrini voted opposed.
18. Voted to suspend the rules in order to continue the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m.

19. Request from School Department to Establish Work Session on a Quarterly Basis Re: Education Issues – moved to schedule work sessions on September 15, 2008 and December 15, 2008. Voted to table this matter. Councilor Kennedy requested if the School Board has a specific issue that they communicate with an agenda request for a work session on a case-by-case basis.
20. Request to Establish First Reading Re: Authorizing Payment by Credit Card Pursuant to RSA 80:52-C – Voted to authorize first reading of an ordinance at the June 2, 2008 City Council meeting that would authorize water and sewer bill credit card payments in accordance with state law.
21. Appointments to be Considered - The City Council considered the following appointments:
- Ruth Griffin – Reappointment to Portsmouth Housing Authority
 - Cristy Cardoso – Appointment to Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Citywide Neighborhood Steering Committee
 - James Melfi – Reappointment to Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Citywide Neighborhood Steering Committee
 - William St. Laurent – Reappointment to Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Citywide Neighborhood Steering Committee
- These appointments will be voted on by the City Council at the June 2, 2008 meeting.
22. Central Veterans Council – Memorial Day Parade and Services – Mayor Ferrini announced that the Central Veterans Council will be holding the Memorial Day Parade and Services on Monday, May 26, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.
23. July 7, 2008 City Council Meeting – Voted to cancel the July 7, 2008 City Council meeting.
24. Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Consolidation of Committees – Voted to instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to create a new Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Committee that would assume the functions of the existing Recreation, Peirce Island, Cemetery and Dog Committees. In addition, once this item has been addressed the Report on the AD Hoc Restructuring Committee will come back to the City Council for consideration of the remaining four recommendations.
25. Sagamore Creek Bridge – Councilor Raynolds requested a report back from City Manager Bohenko with a recommendation on creating safe, smooth bicycle lanes on either side of the bridge.
26. Adjournment – At 11:00 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

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City Clerk