

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 2, 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 6:00 p.m., an Anticipated "Non-Meeting" with Counsel was held regarding Negotiations – RSA 91-A:2, I (b-c) and Litigation – RSA 91-A:2 I (c).
2. At 6:30 p.m. a Work Session was held regarding the Re-Use of 251 Bartlett Street (Creek Athletic Club).
3. Presentation – Portsmouth High School Student Council Endowment Fund – Mayor Ferrini announced that the Presentation will not be held this evening but at a future City Council meeting.
4. Acceptance of Minutes – May 12, 2008 and May 19, 2008 – Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the May 12, 2008 and May 19, 2008 City Council meetings.
5. Public Comment Session – There were two speakers: Bill St. Laurent and Erik Anderson (Budget).
6. Public Hearing - Resolution Authorizing Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenues and Taxes in the amount of \$16,000,000.00 – Held a public hearing. On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to adopt Resolution, as presented.
7. Acceptance of Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grant - \$4,756.00 – Voted to accept and expend a \$4,756.00 DES grant for the purpose of household hazardous waste collection events and authorize the City Manager to execute any documents which may be necessary for this grant contract.
8. Resolution #1 – General Fund Expenditures – Voted to adopt Resolution #1.
9. Resolution #2 – Municipal Fees – Voted to adopt Resolution #2.
10. Resolution #3 – Sewer Fund Expenditures – Voted to adopt Resolution #3.
11. Resolution #4 – Water Fund Expenditures – Voted to adopt Resolution #4.
12. Resolution #5 – Special Revenues for Necessary Expenditures – Voted to adopt Resolution #5.

13. Resolution #6 – Investment Policy – Voted to adopt Resolution #6.
14. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 1 by the creation of an Article XVIII entitled Payment by Credit Card Pursuant RSA 80:52-c – Voted to pass first reading and hold a public hearing and second reading at the June 16, 2008 City Council meeting on the proposed ordinance that would authorize these credit card payments in accordance with state law.
15. Consent Agenda – Voted to adopt the Consent Agenda, as presented.
 - A. Acceptance of Donation from the Portsmouth Garden Club to the Blue Ribbon Cemetery Committee - \$150.00 (***Anticipation action – move to approve and accept the donation to the Blue Ribbon Cemetery Committee, as listed***)
 - B. Acceptance of Donations to Art-Speak for Overnight Art Event
 - Vigilant Capital Management (Daniel Mulkern) - \$100.00
 - NH Charitable Foundation - \$500.00

(Anticipated action – move to approve and accept the donations to Art-Speak for the Overnight Art Event, as listed)
16. Letter from Chris Curtis, The Music Hall, requesting permission to hold the Annual Telluride by the Sea Weekend Celebration of Film on September 18, 2008 – September 21, 2008 and the closure of Chestnut Street to Porter Street – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
17. Letter from Steve Miller, Conservation Commission Chair, Report Back Re: Establishment of Open Space Committee – Moved to accept the Conservation Commission’s report back to establish an Open Space Committee as a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, including creating the Open Space Committee, setting the Committee’s charge and refer to the Mayor to appoint the Committee members. Moved to postpone this item until a report back is received from the City Manager and City Attorney on this matter. On a roll call 8-1, voted to postpone this item until a report back is received from the City Manager and City Attorney on this matter. Assistant Mayor Blalock, Councilors Novelline Clayburgh, Dwyer, Smith, Spear, Reynolds, Pantelakos and Mayor Ferrini voted in favor. Councilor Kennedy voted opposed.
18. Letter from Debbie Golter Re: Property Located at 4 Sagamore Grove Road – Voted to accept the letter and place it on file.
19. Letter from John Dussi, New Adventure Entertainment, LLC, requesting approval of lighting and awnings at 172 Hanover Street – Voted to refer to the Planning Board for report back.
20. Thank you letter from Catherine Murray Houle Re: Granite Bench at Powder House Park – Voted to accept the letter and place it on file.

21. Approval of Extension of Employment Agreement for Dr. Robert J. Lister, Superintendent of Schools – Voted to approve the extension of the employment agreement to expire on June 30, 2009 with Dr. Robert J. Lister, Superintendent of Schools.
22. Planning Board Report Back Re: Brora LLC License Request to Erect a Sign in a Public Right-of-Way at the Intersection of Market Street and Portsmouth Boulevard – City Manager Bohenko advised the City Council that this item has been withdrawn.
23. Request for Approval of Pole License Agreements #63-0452 – Voted to approve the request from PSNH for Pole License Agreement #63-0452 as recommended by the Public Works Department.
24. Appointment to be Considered – The City Council considered the appointment of Charles Oxford, Jr. to the Portsmouth Housing Authority filling the unexpired term of Albert Charest. This appointment will be voted on by the City Council at the June 16, 2008 meeting.
25. Appointments to be Voted – Voted the following appointments:
- Ruth Griffin – Reappointment to Portsmouth Housing Authority until April 1, 2013.
 - Cristy Cardoso – Appointment to Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Citywide Neighborhood Steering Committee until April 1, 2010.
 - James Melfi – Reappointment to Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Citywide Neighborhood Steering Committee until April 1, 2010.
 - William St. Laurent – Reappointment to Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Citywide Neighborhood Steering Committee until April 1, 2010.
26. Resignation – Albert Charest, Portsmouth Housing Authority – Voted to accept with regret the resignation of Albert Charest from the Portsmouth Housing Authority.

Councilor Smith requested that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to Mr. Charest for his service to the City.

27. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the May 8, 2008 Meeting – Voted to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the May 8, 2008 Traffic & Safety Committee meeting. Mayor Ferrini abstained from voting.

Voted to request that the City Council upon receiving further information from the developer regarding this project write a letter to the State Department of Transportation supporting the installation of a cross walk across the strip of the Route 1 By-Pass to address safety concerns as this development goes forward. Councilor Kennedy voted opposed.

28. Parking Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the May 8, 2008 Meeting – Voted to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the May 8, 2008 Parking Committee meeting.

29. Adjournment – At 9:00 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, CMC/CNHMC
City Clerk