

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: DIANNE M. KIRBY, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 24, 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, HEJTMANEK AND PANTELAKOS

1. At 6:00 p.m., a Joint Work Session with the School Board was held regarding the Middle School.
2. Mayor's Awards – Portsmouth High School Girls Volleyball Team Division II State Champions – Mayor's Awards and shirts were presented by Mayor Ferrini to the Portsmouth High School Girls Volleyball Team Division II State Champions.
3. Proclamation – Buy Local First Week (Not on the agenda) – Councilor Smith read the Proclamation declaring December 1, 2008 through December 7, 2008 as Buy Local First Week.
4. Presentation – Report Back from Blue Ribbon Committee on Housing – David Moore, Assistant Community Development Director, provided a report back on the Blue Ribbon Committee on Housing.
5. Public Comment Session – There were three speakers: Robert Hassold (Parking Meter Hours), Tom Holbrook (Letter from Vicki Simpson – 5k Run), and Joel Carp (Port of New Hampshire).
6. Acceptance of Donation to the Coalition Legal Fund from the Town of Hebron - \$1,000.00 – Voted to approve and accept the donation to the Coalition Legal Fund as listed.
7. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking – Middle Road – Northerly side from Sylvester Street to Swett Avenue – Voted to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading of the proposed ordinance amendment, as presented, at the December 15, 2008 City Council meeting.
8. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking – Mechanic Street:
 - Southerly side, from Marcy Street to the Peirce Island Bridge
 - Northerly side, from Marcy Street to the Peirce Island Bridge between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
 - Westerly side, from Peirce Island Road to a point 86 feet north of Gates Street

Voted to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading of the proposed ordinance amendment, as presented, at the December 15, 2008 City Council meeting.

9. Letter from Sarah Hamill and residents regarding replacement for Alumni Field – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
10. Letter from John Ricci, Chairman Portsmouth Planning Board, Re: Re-appointment of Planning Board Member Donald Coker – Voted to accept and place on file.
11. Letter from Vicki Simpson, (H)EAT volunteer and local runner, Re: Road Race – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
12. Bartlett – Islington Street Sewer Separation Project – Voted to authorize the City Manager to schedule a public necessity hearing at a January 2009 meeting for the purpose of acquiring the necessary easements over the property of 653 Islington Street.
13. Request to Extend the Deck Lease Agreement for Poco Diablo, Inc. – Voted to suspend the rules to allow Mr. Golumb to speak to the timing of a work session. Voted to table and schedule a Non-Meeting with Counsel, Mr. Golumb, Poco Diablo President and Mr. DeLarenzo, Property Owner at the first reasonable meeting in January 2009.
14. Voted to suspend the rules in order for John Gregg, Chair of the Cable Commission to provide an outline of the FairPoint Proposed Pilot of Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) Technology program.
15. FairPoint Proposed Pilot of Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) Technology – Voted to authorize the City Manager to take such action, including the negotiation and execution of a Memorandum of Understanding to allow FairPoint to undertake a trial of its IPTV technology as outlined in FairPoint's letter of October 23, 2008.
16. Approval of 2009 City Council Schedule - Voted to approve the 2009 City Council Schedule of Meetings and Work Sessions as submitted.
17. Request to Extend Ceres Street Compactor License – Voted to authorize the City Manager to extend the compactor License Agreement for Ceres Street for one-year and schedule a work session in later months to discuss designs.
18. Second Annual Recognition of Service for the City of Portsmouth Boards & Commissions – Mayor Ferrini announced that December 8, 2008 the Council would hold its Second Annual Recognition of Service for the City of Portsmouth Boards & Commissions in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.
19. Appointments to be Voted – Andy Bangs Reappointment to PEDLP – Voted to re-appoint Andy Bangs to PEDLP until November 24, 2011.
20. Appointments to be Voted – Donald Coker – Reappointment to the Planning Board – Mr. Coker refused the nomination at this time. Therefore, no action was taken.

21. Resignation – Richard Adams – Conservation Commission – Voted to accept with regret the resignation of Richard Adams from the Conservation Commission.

Councilor Smith requested that Mayor Ferrini send a letter of thanks to Mr. Adams for his years of service to the Conservation Commission.

22. Resignation – Brendan T. Ristaino – School Board – Voted to accept with regret the resignation of Brendan T. Ristaino from the School Board.

Councilor Smith requested that Mayor Ferrini send a letter of thanks to Mr. Ristaino for his years of service to the School Board.

23. Request for Work Session Re: Follow-up Discussion on Blue Ribbon Committee on Housing – Voted to set a work session for Follow-up Discussion on Blue Ribbon Committee on Housing at a future date.

24. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet And Minutes of the November 13, 2008 meeting – Voted to remove Items 2 (Pleasant/Hancock Street Intersection), Item 4 (746 Middle Road), Item 7 (Islington at Dover/Salem Streets), and Item 8 (Washington/Hancock/Pleasant Streets) for discussion.

Voted to approve and accept the remaining items of the Action Sheet and Minutes of the November 13, 2008 Traffic & Safety Committee.

Item 2 – Pleasant/Hancock Street Intersection – Voted to approve and accept Item 2 of the Action Sheet and Minutes of the November 13, 2008 Traffic & Safety Committee meeting.

Item 4 - 746 Middle Road – Voted to approve and accept Item 4 of the Action Sheet and Minutes of the November 13, 2008 Traffic & Safety Committee meeting.

Item 7 - Islington at Dover/Salem Streets - Voted to approve and accept Item 7 of the Action Sheet and Minutes of the November 13, 2008 Traffic & Safety Committee meeting.

Item 8 - Washington/Hancock/Pleasant Streets - Voted to approve and accept Item 8 of the Action Sheet and Minutes of the November 13, 2008 Traffic & Safety Committee meeting.

25. Parking Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the November 13, 2008 meeting – Voted to remove Item 4 (367 Marcy Street) for discussion.

Voted to approve and accept the remaining items of the Action Sheet and Minutes of the November 13, 2008 Parking Committee meeting.

Item 4 – 367 Marcy Street – Voted to approve and accept Item 4 of the Action Sheet and Minutes of the November 13, 2008 Parking Committee meeting. Councilor Kennedy voted opposed.

26. Adjournment – At 9:40 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dianne M. Kirby, Deputy City Clerk