

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 17, 2009, 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., an Anticipated "Non-Meeting" with Counsel was held regarding Negotiations.
2. Public Comment Session – There were ten speakers: Allen Nelson, Larry Gray, Pat Gormley, Sue Polidura, Erik Anderson, David Forman, Christian Callahan, Carl Diemer, Steve Scott and Rick Chellman (Portsmouth Middle School Bond).
3. Acceptance of Donation to the Coalition Legal Fund - Town of Hampton Falls - \$1,000.00 – Voted to approve and accept the donation, as listed, to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund.
4. Acceptance of Public Health Emergency Response Grant; and Acceptance of Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Grant. - \$42,495.00 – Voted to authorize the City Manager to accept and expend two grants from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of funding the ongoing H1N1 planning and preparedness activities of the Greater Portsmouth Public Health Network. These two grants, which total \$42,495.00, include a \$30,000.00 Public Health Emergency Response grant and a \$12,495.00 Assistance Secretary of Preparedness and response grant.
5. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue of up to Thirty Eight Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$38,300,000.00) for School Improvements – Voted to remove the proposed Resolution from the table.

On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to amend the amount of the Resolution from \$38,300,000.00 to \$37,500,000.00 and further amend the language to reflect the useful life of the project from 20 years to **30 years**.

On a roll call 6-3, voted to adopt the Resolution as amended. Assistant Mayor Blalock, Councilors Dwyer, Kennedy, Spear, Hejtmanek and Mayor Ferrini voted in favor. Councilors Novelline Clayburgh, Smith and Pantelakos voted opposed.

6. Consent Agenda – Voted to adopt the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Letter from Sister Mary Agnes, St. Charles Children’s Home requesting permission to hold a 5k Road Race at Pease International Tradeport on September 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)
 - B. Letter from Zhana Morris, Production Manager for The Music Hall requesting Parking Meter bags for the Music Hall’s 2009-2010 season (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)
7. Letter from Jerry Tostenson regarding the Recreation Needs Study – Voted to accept the letter and place it on file with a copy to be sent to the Recreation Board for their review.
8. Letter from Charles A. Griffin, Esquire regarding Release of Paper Street, Portion of McClintock Avenue to Richard B. Duddy and Sue Ellen Duddy – Voted to refer to the Planning Board for a report back.
9. Request from James McSharry, Jumpin’ Jay’s Fish Café, requesting permission for a Sidewalk Obstruction License to place a bench on Middle Street in front of his establishment – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
10. Request from Roger’s Café Inc. requesting permission for a Sidewalk Obstruction License to place 1 A-frame sign in front of his establishment – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
11. Request from Stuart Tulchinsky, Headlines Boutique requesting permission for a Sidewalk Obstruction License to place 1 A-frame sign in front of his establishment – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
12. Request for a Special City Council Meeting – Voted to establish a special City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2009.
13. Request for Approval of PSNH Pole License #63-0480 – Voted to approve the request from PSNH for Pole License Agreement #63-0480, as recommended by the Public Works Department.
14. Polling Hours for November 3, 2009 Municipal Election – Voted to set the polling hours from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.
15. Reports – Mayor Ferrini announced that he would be moving forward with appointments to the Joint Building Committee for the Middle School.

16. Status of Major Approval Development Projects – No action required. Councilor Dwyer reviewed the memorandum from Planning Director Taintor regarding the status of major approval development projects.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

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City Clerk