

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010

PORTSMOUTH, NH
TIME: 7:00PM [or thereafter]

At 6:15 p.m., a work session was held regarding City Charter Revision.

I. CALL TO ORDER [7:00PM or thereafter]

Mayor Ferrini called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Ferrini, Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh, Councilors Lister, Hejtmanek, Spear, Coviello, Smith and Kennedy

Absent: Councilor Dwyer

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Ferrini asked everyone to join in a moment of silent prayer.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Smith led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Music in Our Schools Month

Councilor Spear read the Proclamation declaring March as Music in Our Schools Month. Mayor Ferrini presented the Proclamation to Wendell Purrington who accepted it with thanks and appreciation.

2. Red Cross Month

Councilor Lister read the Proclamation declaring March as Red Cross Month. Mayor Ferrini advised the City Council that the Proclamation will be mailed to the Red Cross.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 16, 2010

Councilor Smith moved to approve and accept the minutes of the February 16, 2010 City Council meeting. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh and voted.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Joseph Kane spoke opposed to issuing a license for the Bow Street Fair as conditions currently exist. He said the fair has safety issues associated with it and it should not be held in the height of summer. He spoke to the difficulty of vehicles getting access to the street.

Hank Stebbins said that Portsmouth is a wonderful City and the residents of Bow Street support the theatre but there is a great concern with emergency vehicles ability to access Bow Street during the fair. He said that placement of tents along either side of the street creates a safety concern and issue for people's access. Mr. Stebbins suggested having the tents relocated to the Connie Bean Center parking lot.

Jane James, Art-Speak, said they are aware of budget concerns and propose using a portion of the \$36,939.00 for relocating the "Rusty" art piece to the new Fire Station 2 and the remainder of the funds to go towards a new piece of art for the station.

Marylou McElwain – said the parking garage plans are on the fast track and she would like to see those stopped until some major projects are completed. She would like to see numbers before the garage project moves any further.

Peter Bresciano urged the City Council to reconsider its action for the appropriation of 1% of the arts at the new Fire Station 2. He said there are budget constraints and funds should not be expected for this use. He spoke to various art pieces within the City which could be suitable for Fire Station 2 and urged the Council to consider that factor before proceeding with the expenditure of funds.

Bill St. Laurent would like the Council to take a hard look at the contract process. This budget is very difficult and said some communities are instituting freezes on personnel salaries.

Erik Anderson thanked municipal employees for their efforts this weekend during the recent storm. He asked the City Council to reconsider the percent for arts ordinance and not expend the funds for the new Fire Station 2. He said he does not feel it is necessary. Mr. Anderson said he feels that the public should be given more of an opportunity to review the budget before a public hearing is held on it.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (CIP) FY2011-2016

Mayor Ferrini read the legal notice, declared the public hearing open and called for speakers.

City Manager Bohenko said that staff will be providing a presentation at this time outlining the various projects and items contained in the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2011-2016. He informed the City Council the request from the general fund for the CIP is \$1.5 million dollars. Various departments provided their presentation of the projects outlined within the CIP and those that are requesting funding and/or are used for identification purposes.

Charles Doleac, Portsmouth resident, spoke regarding the capital funding for the indoor pool. He said the pool is not in bad shape and should not be closed. The roof does leak but it could be patched and remain open. The pool and property are currently valued at \$2.4 million in the City and urged the City Council to find out what is needed for upgrades before the decision is made to close the pool completely. He discussed the creation of a group that is looking at ways to make the pool operate more cost effectively.

Charles Griffin Portsmouth resident, said that he was a member of the City Council in 1980-1981 when the pool was decided to be built. He said the pool is a community resource that needs to remain. He said he swims three days a week and the residents and individuals that utilize the pool are willing to pay more to insure it remains open.

Joan Nichol Newcastle resident, said a healthy community is a well used community.

Margaret O'Rourke, Portsmouth resident, said the indoor pool is an investment in the City. She said there is no comparable facility in the City that could take the place of the pool and it is a valuable asset that should remain.

Kent LaPage, Portsmouth resident, spoke in support of the indoor pool and said closing it would affect the quality of life for the residents. The group created to support the pool would like to see \$5,000.00 - \$10,000.00 spent to study the pool to see what is needed in terms of maintenance. He spoke to the construction of the pool being funded through Community Development Block Grant funds. Mr. LaPage urged the City Council to not close the pool and consider the quality of life and needs of its residents.

Bob Ferland, North Hampton resident, spoke in support of the indoor pool. He said he learned to swim and become a life guard at the indoor pool and it is a valuable resource.

Phil Corbet, Portsmouth resident, said that the YMCA cannot meet the needs that the indoor pool does for its users.

Nancy Moore, Portsmouth teacher, spoke in support of the indoor pool and said she uses the pool for her physically disabled students. She said the pool allows the students to exercise and is an asset.

Stephanie Sheehan Portsmouth resident, said she moved to Portsmouth because of its quality of life and expressed concern with the loss of funding for crossing guards and the indoor pool in this budget. She said the loss of these items will affect the health and wellness of her family.

Mary Craig seacoast resident, spoke to her cardiologist as a user of the indoor pool and he indicated that he would write a letter opposed to its closing. She said that closing the pool will affect her quality of life.

Peter Somssich Portsmouth resident, said he lives in Portsmouth because of all it has to offer. He said Portsmouth has a high quality of life that many people come here to enjoy. Mr. Somssich said the indoor pool is an asset to the community that was a gift from the government through UDAG funds. He said many residents would pay more to insure the indoor pool remains open.

Mark Brighton Portsmouth resident, said that there is an emotional component with this budget and the potential closure of the indoor pool. He feels that the indoor pool should be considered as a want and not a need for the community.

Judy Ringer Portsmouth resident, spoke in support of the indoor pool and said a want and a need is debatable. She urged the City Council not to close the pool.

Dr. Tom Clairmont Portsmouth resident, said he is an avid user of the indoor pool and recommended increasing membership to increase the funding for the pool.

Stephen Mayeux Portsmouth resident, said he wants to keep the pool open and asked the City Council to consider the employees that work at the pool and how this will affect them.

Jennifer Varney Portsmouth resident, said she wants to keep the pool open and that it is a need for her, not a want.

Erik Anderson Portsmouth resident, said he has an interest in the CIP. He thanked the staff for presenting the CIP and said the City Manager and staff did a great job putting this document together. He said the water and sewer enterprise services is not well described in the document, as to what type of increases are expected or forecasted beyond the tax rate for these water and sewer fees that will be required to pay this debt. Even though the tax obligations and enterprise funds have been separated for distinction, the revenue source in the end is still the burden of individual citizens. The proposed \$1 million for the indoor pool rehabilitation is a most sensitive subject from public comments. A more comprehensive assessment related and possibly expressed in the recreational study conducted by the City might reveal a more promising solution of an expenditure of this size. As discussed by the Council and City Manager Bohenko, there needs to be focus on a restructuring and reorganizing process that will produce a plan to reduce cost overheads through some effort of consolidation of cost and services that have been taken for granted in previous times. Until that is accomplished the City will struggle into the future to contain costs in a reasonable manner and is a concern for its citizen's financial well being.

Mike Stasiuk Portsmouth resident, spoke in support of the indoor pool and said he has used the facility since 1984. He said the pool is very important to him and it is in great shape and should remain open.

Bill St. Laurent, Association of Portsmouth Taxpayers, spoke in support of Mr. Anderson's comments. He informed the City Council that there are various association members that are looking and working on different parts of the budget. He spoke in support of the CIP but is concerned with the amount of studies being conducted and feels that staff members could conduct some of these studies without hiring others to do the tasks.

Eric Garganta Portsmouth resident, spoke in support of the sound barriers for the Pannaway neighborhood. He said the neighbors need their quality of life improved and the sound barriers will do that for this area. Mr. Garganta said the noise generated from I-95 is so bad during the summer you need to keep your windows closed.

Greg Olsen Kittery Point, ME, resident spoke opposed to the closure of the indoor pool and said he has a great quality of life because he is able to swim at the pool. He said the pool has a great deal to offer, the water quality is wonderful and urged the Council to not close the pool.

Jim Robertson Portsmouth resident, spoke in support of the indoor pool and said the City Council needs to consider the children and their needs. He said there are 120 kids that are on the Portsmouth Swim Team that will be affected by the closure of the pool.

Alfred Arcidi Portsmouth Swim Team President, said he works hand and hand with the High School and the indoor pool is a great place and would hate to see it close. He said the pool is utilized by the 120 members of the team and said teams from all over come New England come here for swim meets.

After no further speakers Mayor Ferrini declared the public hearing closed. At 9:10 p.m., Mayor Ferrini declared a brief recess. At 9:20 p.m., Mayor Ferrini called the meeting back to order.

VIII. APPROVAL OF GRANTS/DONATIONS

- A. Acceptance of Donations to the Coalition Legal Fund
- Town of Eaton - \$1,000.00

Councilor Smith moved to approve and accept the donation, as listed, to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund. Seconded by Councilor Coviello and voted.

- B. *Acceptance of Donations for Art-Speak for Overnight Art
- Centrix Bank & Trust - \$250.00
 - Coughlin, Rainboth, Murphy & Lown - \$1,000.00
 - Dos Amigos Burritos, LLC - \$666.67
 - Russ Grazier, Jr. (firstgiving) - \$46.25
 - Jumpin" Jay's Fish Café - \$333.33
 - Portsmouth Candle Company \$25.00
 - Leanne Spees - \$100.00

Councilor Kennedy move to accept and approve the donations to Art-Speak for Overnight Art, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Lister and voted.

- C. *Acceptance of Donation for Art-Speak
- Griffin Family Corporation - \$250.00

Councilor Smith moved to accept and approve the donation, as listed. Seconded by Councilor Kennedy and voted.

IX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

There are no items under this section of the Agenda

X. CONSENT AGENDA

A MOTION WOULD BE IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Letter from William M. Lyons in support of the Recreational Facilities
(Anticipated action – move to accept and place on file)
- B. Letter from Nancy Pollard, President of Friends of the South End, requesting permission to hold the sixth Fairy House Tour on September 18 and 19, 2010.
(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)
- C. Letter from Jim Noucas and John Tabor, Portsmouth Listens, requesting permission to close Parrott Avenue between the Library and Rogers Street for the third annual Portsmouth Sustainability Fair on Saturday, May 8, 2010
(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)
- D. Letter from Heidi R. Roy, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, requesting permission to hold the 2010 MS Bike Seacoast Escape on Saturday, August 21, 2010. ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***
- E. *Acceptance of Art-Speak Application Fees
- David Anderson/Jasmine Inglesmith - \$15.00
 - Andrew & Amy Beal - \$15.00
 - Donna Dodson - \$15.00
 - Elizabeth Doherty - \$15.00
 - Jennifer Eddinger - \$15.00
 - Carly Glovinski - \$15.00
 - Craig Gray - \$15.00
 - Ironwood Design - \$15.00
 - J&J Steel & Stone - \$15.00
 - Jeremy LeClair - \$15.00

- Andrew & Jennifer Moore - \$15.00
- William Paarlberg - \$15.00
- Vicki Silver - \$15.00
- Paul Stankiewicz - \$15.00
- Bruce Teatrowe - \$15.00

(Anticipated action – move to accept and approve the application fees for Art-Speak, as presented)

- F. Letter from Todd Hanson, Race Director & New Heights Board Member, requesting permission to hold a road race on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at the Pease Tradeport. ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***
- G. Letter from Marian Hallowell, Sexual Assault Support Services, requesting permission to hold a candlelight vigil at the Vaughn Mall on April 9, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***

Councilor Smith requested to remove Item H – Letter from Stacy Baker Chilicki, Seacoast Repertory Theatre, requesting permission to hold the 44th Annual Bow Street Fair on Saturday, July 17th and Sunday, July 18th from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)*** from the Consent Agenda.

Councilor Smith moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilor Kennedy and voted.

- H. Letter from Stacy Baker Chilicki, Seacoast Repertory Theatre, requesting permission to hold the 44th Annual Bow Street Fair on Saturday, July 17th and Sunday, July 18th from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***

Councilor Smith moved to refer to the City Manager with power. Seconded by Councilor Spear.

Councilor Smith said everyone is in support of the Fair but people have concerns with safety issues that should be addressed. He asked the City Manager to sit down with members of the Condominium Association during the review of the event to discuss the safety issues and come to a reasonable solution. City Manager Bohenko said he met with the group in November and then another meeting was held in February with representatives from the Fair and the Condominium Association. He said that the Fire Inspector has indicated there is no issue with emergency vehicles gaining access to the street during the event. Councilor Smith requested a memorandum from City Manager Bohenko to the Council following his meeting regarding the event.

Councilor Kennedy said another concern by people is that the fair is requesting a donation and feels that owners on the street should be issued a sticker so they are not pressured to provide a donation.

Motion passed.

XI. PRESENTATION & CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

- A. Letter from Bill St. Laurent, Association of Portsmouth Taxpayers regarding contract negotiations

Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh moved to accept and place the letter on file. Seconded by Councilor Kennedy and voted.

XII. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

A. CITY MANAGER

1. Report Back Re: Downtown Parking

City Manager Bohenko requested Planning Director Taintor discuss this matter with the Council. Planning Director Taintor reported that the Planning Board reviewed this matter on February 18th and they will initiate a study process on managing parking with the establishment of a focus group. The group does not have any individuals with a direct interest, to insure there is no conflict. He announced a meeting will take place this week in Conference Room A to review the system. Planning Director Taintor said that the Planning Board is recommending an interim change for the fee from \$5,000.00 to \$2,000.00.

Councilor Coviello moved to accept the recommendations of the Planning Board, as submitted, which would entail a first reading of a zoning ordinance amendment at the March 15th City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Lister.

Councilor Coviello said the Planning focus group is made up of a great group of individuals. He said we need to determine how much of a tax benefit residents are seeing from these fees and he would like to see that quantified.

Councilor Smith asked City Manager Bohenko to speak to the difference between a focus group and a sub-committee. City Manager Bohenko said a sub-committee would be members made up of that particular board.

Councilor Kennedy asked why restaurants only are charged the impact fee. Planning Director Taintor said terminology is important, this is a payment in lieu of providing spaces and not an impact fee.

Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh asked how long the focus group would be assembled. Planning Director Taintor reported approximately two months. He also informed the City Council that the ordinance will need to be retroactive.

Motion passed.

2. Request to Change Location for City Manager's FY11 Budget Public Hearing

City Manager Bohenko requested that the City Council vote to change the location of the Budget Public Hearing to the Portsmouth High School Auditorium.

Councilor Coviello moved to change the location for the City Manager's FY11 Budget Public Hearing on both April 14, 2010 and its continuation on May 10, 2010 at the Portsmouth High School auditorium, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh.

Councilor Smith asked if the meeting would be televised or taped and rebroadcast. City Manager Bohenko said the meeting will be taped and rebroadcast.

Motion passed.

3. Prescott Park Dock Policy

City Attorney Sullivan said this is similar to last year's policy for the summer season. The Trustees of the Trust Fund are requesting approval of the proposal.

Councilor Smith moved to approve the Trustees of the Trust Fund proposed revision to the Prescott Park Dock Policy, as presented. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh.

Councilor Kennedy questioned the amount and said she feels this is undercutting other marinas in the City.

City Manager Bohenko advised the Council that the Fee Committee looks at the private sector when establishing fees and this is a request of the Trustees of the Trust Fund.

Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh said we did not sell out all of the slips last year and it is good to offer this to our residents.

Councilor Coviello moved to postpone this matter until the next meeting for a report back regarding the \$250,000.00 item within the CIP for repairs to docks. Seconded by Councilor Kennedy.

City Manager Bohenko said that there are no tax dollars being spent. Councilor Coviello withdrew his motion and Councilor Kennedy her second to the motion.

Motion passed.

B. MAYOR FERRINI

1. Appointment to be Considered:
 - Robert Marchewka – Economic Development Commission

The City Council considered the appointment of Robert Marchewka to the Economic Development Commission. This appointment will be voted at the March 15th City Council meeting.

2. Appointments to be Voted:
 - Lyz Boudreaux – Peirce Island Committee – Initial
 - Linda King – Peirce Island Committee – Initial
 - James Russ – Peirce Island Committee – Initial
 - John Simon – Peirce Island Committee – Initial
 - Arlene Corriveau – Peirce Island Committee – Reappointment
 - Harold Hapgood – Peirce Island Committee – Reappointment
 - Steven Marison – Peirce Island Committee – Reappointment
 - Robert Pollard – Peirce Island Committee – Reappointment
 - Richard Smith – Peirce Island Committee – Reappointment
 - Harold Whitehouse – Peirce Island Committee – Reappointment
 - Anthony Blenkinsop – Planning Board – Reappointment
 - MaryLiz Geffert – Planning Board - Reappointment
 - William Gladhill – Planning Board Alternate - Initial
 - Paige Roberts – Planning Board – Reappointment
 - Peter Bresciano – Taxi Commission – Reappointment
 - Frank Daggett – Taxi Commission – Reappointment
 - James Feehley – Taxi Commission – Reappointment
 - Joel Look – Taxi Commission – Reappointment
 - John Connors – Traffic & Safety Committee – Reappointment
 - Ronald Cypher – Traffic & Safety Committee – Reappointment
 - Frederick (Ted) Gray – Traffic & Safety Committee – Reappointment
 - Brad Lown – Trustees of the Trust Fund – Reappointment

Councilor Kennedy moved to appoint the following individuals:

- **Lyz Boudreaux – Peirce Island Committee – Initial until December 31, 2011**
- **Linda King – Peirce Island Committee – Initial until December 31, 2011**
- **James Russ – Peirce Island Committee – Initial until December 31, 2011**
- **John Simon – Peirce Island Committee – Initial until December 31, 2011**
- **Arlene Corriveau – Peirce Island Committee – Reappointment until December 31, 2011**
- **Harold Hapgood – Peirce Island Committee – Reappointment until December 31, 2011**
- **Steven Marison – Peirce Island Committee – Reappointment until December 31, 2011**
- **Robert Pollard – Peirce Island Committee – Reappointment until December 31, 2011**

- **Richard Smith – Peirce Island Committee – Reappointment until December 31, 2011**
- **Harold Whitehouse – Peirce Island Committee – Reappointment until December 31, 2011**
- **Anthony Blenkinsop – Planning Board – Reappointment until December 31, 2012**
- **MaryLiz Geffert – Planning Board – Reappointment until December 31, 2012 as a regular meeting**
- **William Gladhill – Planning Board Alternate - Initial until December 31, 2012. Mr. Gladhill is replacing MaryLiz Geffert as an alternate who was appointed as a regular member.**
- **Paige Roberts – Planning Board – Reappointment until December 31, 2012**
- **Peter Bresciano – Taxi Commission – Reappointment until December 31, 2011**
- **Frank Daggett – Taxi Commission – Reappointment until December 31, 2011**
- **James Feehley – Taxi Commission – Reappointment until December 31, 2011**
- **Joel Look – Taxi Commission – Reappointment until December 31, 2011**
- **John Connors – Traffic & Safety Committee – Reappointment until January 1, 2012**
- **Ronald Cypher – Traffic & Safety Committee – Reappointment until January 1, 2012**
- **Frederick (Ted) Gray – Traffic & Safety Committee – Reappointment until January 1, 2012**
- **Brad Lown – Trustees of the Trust Fund – Reappointment until January 1, 2013**

Seconded by Councilor Lister and voted.

C. ASSISTANT MAYOR NOVELLINE CLAYBURGH, COUNCILOR HEJTMANEK AND COUNCILOR SPEAR

1. *Motion to Reconsider November 16, 2009 City Council action Re: Percent for Arts Appropriation in the amount of \$36,939.00

Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh moved to suspend the rules in order to reconsider the action of the City Council at the November 16, 2009 meeting regarding Percent for Arts Appropriation in the amount of \$36,939.00. Seconded by Councilor Lister and voted.

Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh moved to rescind the Percent for Arts appropriation in the amount of \$36,939.00. Seconded by Councilor Hejtmanek.

Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh said the sculpture “Rusty” will be moved to the new Fire Station 2 and feels it is adequate for the art requirement. She feels due to the economic climate we should not fund this appropriation.

Councilor Spear said 1% would have come from the funds for the building when the resolution was passed.

City Manager Bohenko said that the Fire Chief, Steve Parkinson and Dave Hartrey are trying to bring the project in under budget. Councilor Spear asked what happens when a project comes in under budget. City Manager said that we pay down the bond.

Councilor Spear said he would vote in support of the motion.

Mayor Ferrini passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh.

Mayor Ferrini said he would not support the motion and would like to see \$14,500.00 of the \$36,939.00 spent to move "Rusty" to the new Fire Station 2. He said this is what the ordinance was created for this type of reason and going forward we need to look at each project and how it relates to the ordinance.

Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh returned the gavel to Mayor Ferrini.

Motion passed with Mayor Ferrini voting opposed.

D. COUNCILOR SPEAR

1. *Traffic Detail

Councilor Spear moved to bring back a first reading on March 15, 2010 City Council meeting to change the ordinance on traffic detail to use certified flaggers under the direction of the Public Works Director. Seconded by Councilor Kennedy.

Councilor Spear said the budget is tight because of retirement costs which are escalating quickly. He said in our case we are looking at a \$10 million dollar exposure when the new law takes effect in July.

Councilor Smith said he would vote opposed to the motion. The overall safety is a concern; the flaggers are not required at every project. He said we need to think of safety and if we stop using police officers, we could face liability issues. He would like this send to the Traffic & Safety Committee for review and report back.

Councilor Smith moved to amend the motion and refer the matter to Traffic & Safety Committee for a full study and report back to the Council. Seconded by Councilor Lister.

Councilor Lister said he seconded the motion to receive more information and to speak with the Police Chief to see if this will affect public safety.

Mayor Ferrini passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh.

Mayor Ferrini said he would not support the amendment by Councilor Smith but said we could have the Police Chief speak to those matters.

Assistant Mayor Novelline returned the gavel to Mayor Ferrini.

On a roll call vote 2-6, motion to amend and refer the matter to Traffic & Safety Committee for a full study and report back to the Council failed to pass. Councilors Lister and Smith voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh, Councilors Hejtmanek, Spear, Coviello, Kennedy and Mayor Ferrini voted opposed.

Councilor Smith would like to insure that we follow the Council Rules and Orders and for written reports on items.

On a roll call vote 7-1, main motion passed. Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh, Councilors Lister, Hejtmanek, Spear, Coviello, Kennedy and Mayor Ferrini voted in favor. Councilor Smith voted opposed.

E. COUNCILOR SMITH

1. Parking Committee Action on New Garage and Parrott Avenue Lot

Councilor Smith reported that the Parking Committee voted at its February 11th meeting to recommend that the Council move forward with the Worth Lot as the site for a new municipal parking garage. Councilor Smith also announced that a Public Input Session has been scheduled with the Parking Committee for Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers to discuss metering the Parrott Avenue parking lot.

2. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the February 11, 2010 meeting

Councilor Smith moved to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the February 11, 2010 Traffic & Safety Committee meeting. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh and voted. Councilor Kennedy voted opposed.

3. Parking Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the February 11, 2010 meeting

Councilor Smith moved to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the February 11, 2010 Parking Committee meeting. Seconded by Councilor Coviello and voted. Councilor Kennedy voted opposed.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilor Smith announced on Monday, March 1, 2010, the City of Portsmouth will begin accepting some online payments of parking fines by credit card, debit card and electronic check payments via a secure website.

Councilor Hejtmanek gave a brief status report on the Joint Building Committee and said Gilbane was selected as the construction management firm who is nationally known and they have worked on 30 schools over the years.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT [AT 10:00PM OR EARLIER]

At 10:30 p.m., Councilor Coviello moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Kennedy and voted.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelli L. Barnaby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelli L. Barnaby, CMC/CNHMC
City Clerk