

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: VALERIE A. FRENCH, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 19, 2010, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR FERRINI, ASSISTANT MAYOR NOVELLINE CLAYBURGH, COUNCILORS HEJTMANEK, SPEAR, DWYER*, COVIELLO AND SMITH

ABSENT: COUNCILORS LISTER AND KENNEDY

*Councilor Dwyer participated via conference call, therefore all votes were taken by roll call in compliance with the Right-to-know RSA.

1. At 6:00 p.m., an Anticipated "Non-Meeting" with Counsel was held regarding Negotiations – RSA 91-A:2, I (b-c).
2. Acceptance of Minutes – June 21, 2010 – Voted on a 7-0 roll call to approve and accept the minutes of the June 21, 2010 City Council meeting.
3. Public Comment Session – There were 6 speakers: Karina Quintans (Downtown Portsmouth Zero Waste Project); Martin Cameron and Bill St. Laurent (WWI Monuments); Al Lapanne and Bill St. Laurent (Opening Sherburne Gate); Al Silva (Projecting Sign at 19 Congress Street); and Mary Lou McElwain (Red Ginger Sidewalk Obstruction)
4. Public Hearing – Pursuant to RSA 482-A:15 II on the Designation of Prime Wetlands in Accordance with the Report Prepared for the Conservation Commission by West Environmental in February 2007 – Held a public hearing. One speaker, Philip Stokel.
5. Acceptance of Conservation License Plate Grant – Voted on a 7-0 roll call to authorize the City Manager to accept and expend a \$10,000.00 grant from the State of New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources Conservation License Plate Grant Program for the Morton-Benedict House Roof Project.
6. Acceptance of Donations to the Coalition Legal Fund - Voted on a 7-0 roll call to approve and accept the donations, as listed, to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund.
 - Town of Carroll - \$1,000.00
 - Town of Moultonborough - \$5,000.00
 - Town of Tuftonboro - \$5,000.00
7. Voted on a 7-0 roll call to suspend the rules to take up Item X.A.1. – Prime Wetlands Designation.
8. Prime Wetlands Designation – Moved to adopt prime wetlands as designated on the Proposed Prime Wetland map with the exception of wetland 007 located on the Pease Tradeport and to authorize the City Manager to forward all necessary supporting documentation to the NH Department of Environmental Services for their review. Motion to table this matter for a report back from Planning Department failed on a 2-5 roll call vote. Main motion passed on a 6-1 roll call vote, Councilor Smith opposed.

9. Prime Wetlands Designation - Voted on a 7-0 roll call to authorize the City Manager to send a letter to the Pease Development Authority to ask them to seek State designation of wetland 007 as a Prime Wetland.
10. Consent Agenda – Voted on a 7-0 roll call to adopt the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Letter from James Heinz and Rochelle Jones requesting permission to hold a softball game fundraiser for firefighter Sarah Fox on Sunday, August 22, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Alumni Field (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)
11. Letter from Cindi Blanchette, Portsmouth City Soccer Club, requesting permission to hang banners at Leary field during soccer season from mid August through November (Same conditions as last year) – Voted on a 7-0 roll call to refer to the City Manager with power.
12. Letter from Richard Adams requesting that the City Council reconsider its action regarding the WW I monuments. – Voted on a 6-1 roll call to accept and place the letter on file. Councilor Spear voted opposed.
13. Petition requesting to open the back gate on Sherburne Road for a trial period during construction of the bridge over Interstate 95 – Voted on a 7-0 roll call to refer to the Traffic and Safety Committee for a report back.
14. Letter from Thans Lapanne requesting to change the name of the portion of Sherburne Road on the Tradeport – Voted on a 7-0 roll call to refer to the Planning board for a report back.
15. Request for License Agreement RE: 51 Islington Street, LLC – Voted on a 6-0 roll call to authorize the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with 51 Islington Street LLC to facilitate construction activities. Councilor Coviello abstained from voting on the matter.
16. Request for a License from Jeff Casler, owner of the Second Time Around, for property located at 19 Congress Street to install a projecting sign – Vote on a 7-0 roll call to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board with the aforementioned stipulations and approve the request of Jeff Casler, owner of Second Time Around, to install a projecting sign on a new bracket at 19 Congress Street and further authorize the City Manager to execute a License Agreement for this request.
 - 1) The license shall be approved by the Legal Department as to content and form;
 - 2) Any removal or relocation of the projecting sign, for any reason, will be done at no cost to the City; and
 - 3) Any disturbance of a sidewalk, street or other public infrastructure resulting from the installation, relocation or removal of the projecting sign, for any reason, shall be restored at no cost to the City and shall be subject to review and acceptance by the Department of Public Works.

17. Approval of Downtown Portsmouth Zero Waste Project – Voted on a 7-0 roll call to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the placement of recycling containers in downtown Portsmouth, as presented at the work session and the map location.
18. Report Back Re: Red Ginger, LLC, 261 South Street – Voted on a 7-0 roll call to approve the extension of the Sidewalk Obstruction License for the Red Ginger, 261 South Street for the remainder of the year at which time it is renewable annually.
19. Request to Establish a Work Session with Recreation Board Re: Recreation Needs Study – Voted on a 7-0 roll call to establish a work session with the Recreation Board regarding the Recreation Needs Study on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
20. Representatives to the Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory (TAC) – Voted on a 7-0 roll call to designate Steve Parkinson, Public Works Director, Dave Allen, Deputy Public Works Director (alternate) and Rick Taintor, Planning Director (alternate) to act as the City's representatives to the Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the July 2010 – June 30, 2013 term
21. Appointment to be Voted – Elissa Hill Stone – Appointment as an Alternate to the Conservation Commission – Voted on a 7-0 roll call to appoint Elissa Hill Stone as an alternate to the Conservation Commission with term to expire 04/01/2013.
22. Acceptance of Resignation – Susanne Delaney – Economic Development Commission – Voted on a 7-0 roll call to accept the resignation of Susanne Delaney from the Economic Development Commission with regret and a letter of appreciation.
23. Report Back from School Board Re: Final Budget Adjustments – Voted on a 7-0 roll call to place on file the list of final adjustments made by the Portsmouth School Board to the FY2010 Budget.
24. Letter from First Lady Michelle Obama Re: Preserve America Community Designation – Voted on a 7-0 roll call to place Letter from First Lady Michelle Obama regarding Preserve American Community Designation on file.
25. Mayor's Report – Request from African Burying Ground Committee to make a presentation before the Council. – Mayor Ferrini submitted into the record a letter from Vernis Jackson, Chair, African Burying Ground Committee, requesting to make a presentation to the City Council with a suggested date of September 20, 2010.
26. Parking Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the July 8, 2010 meeting. – Voted on a 7-0 roll call to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the July 8, 2010 Parking Committee meeting.
27. Adjournment - At 8:35 p.m., voted on a 7-0 roll call to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:
Valerie A. French, Deputy City Clerk I