

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: VALERIE A. FRENCH, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 2010, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

1. An update of the Indoor Pool was given by Rus Wilson, Recreation Director, Lisa Arakelian, Indoor Pool Office Manager, and Thomas Conneen of SIPP.
2. A presentation of the African Burying Ground Memorial Park, *We Stand in Honor of Those Forgotten*, was given by Deputy City Manager Cindy Hayden and Vice Chair of the African Burying Ground Committee Mary Bailey.
3. A report back of the Operational Efficiencies Committee was presented to the Council by Councilor Jerry Hejtmank, Chair, David Moore, Community Development Director and various staff members.
4. Acceptance of Minutes – December 6, 2010 - Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the December 6, 2010 City Council meeting.
5. Public Comment Session – There were 9 speakers: Peter Bresciano (Assessments), Susanne Delaney (Portsmouth Criterium), Bill St. Laurent (Budget/Union Contracts), Dan Stolworthy (St. John’s Masonic Lodge), Melinde Lutz Sanborn and Bob McElwain (African Burying Ground), Mark Brighton and Jeff Cooper (Study Circles/Budget 101), and Jim Lee (Vision Appraisal Online).
6. African Burying Ground Memorial Park, *We Stand in Honor of Those Forgotten*. Voted to suspend the rules to move up agenda item XII.C.1. for Council action. Voted to authorize the expenditure of \$100,000.00 from the Urban Development Action Grant Fund (UDAG) for the African Burying Ground project.
7. Proposed Study Circles Re: Budget Citizen Deliberation Pilot Project (Tabled from December 6, 2010 City Council meeting) – Voted to suspend the rules to move up agenda item XII.B.1. for Council action. Motion made to proceed with the proposed Study Circles as presented and to authorize the City Manager to provide the necessary staff support as available and necessary. Voted on an 8-1 roll call vote to amend the motion to read: “proceed with Budget 101 and to authorize the City Manager to provide the necessary staff support as available and necessary”. Mayor Ferrini voted opposed. Voted on a 9-0 roll call to adopt main motion as amended.

8. Ordinance of Amendments to Chapter 7 – Vehicles, Traffic, Parking Omnibus Ordinances Held a Public Hearing. Voted 8-1 to pass second reading for the proposed changes to Chapter 7 of the Vehicles, Traffic, Parking Omnibus Ordinances, as recommended by the Parking Committee, and hold a third and final reading at the January 3, 2011 City Council meeting. Councilor Kennedy voted opposed.
9. Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article II, Taxicabs – of the Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, be stricken in its entirety and replaced. Held a Public Hearing. Voted to pass second reading for the Taxi Ordinance, as recommended by the Taxi Commission, and hold a third and final reading at the January 3, 2011 City Council meeting.
10. Acceptance of Donations to the Coalition Legal Fund - Voted to approve and accept the donations, as listed, to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund.
 - Town of Grantham - \$1,000.00
 - Town of Center Harbor - \$500.00
11. Acceptance of Grant for Curbside Recycling Bins – Voted to accept and expend a \$2,100.00 grant for the purpose of curbside recycling bins.
12. Consent Agenda – Voted to adopt the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Letter from Doug Bates, President of Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, requesting permission to hold the 2011 Community Road Race Series as follows:
 - YMCA 5K – Saturday, May 14th at 9:00 a.m.
 - Harbour Trail Road Race 5K – Saturday, July 9th at 9:00 a.m.
 - Rotary Club of Portsmouth Thunder Chicken 5K – Thursday, August 4th at 6:00 p.m.
 - Breast Cancer Stories 5K – Saturday, September 17th at 9:00 a.m.
 - Seacoast Rotary Club Turkey Trot 5K – Thursday, November 24th at 8:30 a.m.

(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)
13. Letter from Susanne Delaney, The Portsmouth Criterium, requesting permission to hold The Portsmouth Criterium event on Sunday, September 18, 2011 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
14. Letter from Peter Bresciano regarding Vision Property Record Cards posted on the website – Voted to accept and place on file.
15. Letter from Richard Gamester, Chair Portsmouth Fire Commission, regarding Budget Citizen Deliberation Pilot Program – Voted to accept and place on file.

16. Report Back Re: Vision Appraisal Online. – Voted 7-2 to authorize the City Manager to proceed with retaining Vision Appraisal Systems to place assessing information online, as presented, and to fund from FY11 contingency. Councilors Lister and Smith voted opposed.
17. Proposed Bonding for Wastewater Treatment Preliminary Engineering and Long-Term Control Plan Implementation – Voted to authorize the City Manager to bring back for first reading at January 3, 2011 City Council meeting, a bonding resolution for up to \$3,000,000.00 for treatment plant engineering and equipment performance testing and Long-Term Control Plan Implementation, as presented.
18. Request for Approval of PSNH Pole License and Easement for Granite Street Ballfield – Voted to grant PSNH's Petition and Pole License #63-0502 and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and grant an easement to PSNH to provide service to the Granite Street Ballfield.
19. Request for Approval of Comcast License Agreement – Voted to approve the request from Comcast for a Petition and Conduit License Agreement, as recommended by the Public Works Department and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the Agreement.
20. Adjournment – At 9:27 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Deputy City Clerk I