

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: DIANNE M. KIRBY, DEPUTY CITY CLERK II

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2011, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

ABSENT: COUNCILORS HEJTMANEK, SPEAR AND KENNEDY

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1. Presentation - Proposed Lease of South Meeting House by the Portsmouth Public Media Group, Inc. – Voted to bring the proposed lease between the City of Portsmouth and Portsmouth Public Media, Inc. back for action at the March 7<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.
2. Acceptance of Minutes – February 7, 2011 - Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the February 7, 2011 City Council meeting.
3. Public Comment Session – There was one speaker: Dr. Thomas Clairmont (Healthcare).
4. Public Hearing – Resolution Increasing the Maximum Income Limit for Individuals Qualifying for the Elderly Real Estate Tax Exemption to \$33,514.00 for Single and \$41,343.00 for Married and Total Assets may not exceed \$111,718.00 whether Single or Married – Held a public hearing. Voted to adopt the Resolution for Elderly Exemptions, as submitted.
5. Public Hearing - Resolution Increasing the Maximum Income Limit for Individuals Qualifying for the Disabled Real Estate Tax Exemption to \$33,514.00 for Single and \$41,343.00 for Married and Total Assets may not exceed \$111,718.00 whether Single or Married – Held a public hearing. Voted to adopt the Resolution for Disabled Exemptions, as submitted.
6. Public Hearing - Ordinance Amending the City Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 10, Article 7, Section 10.730 – Gateway Development, Subsection 10.735 – Sustainability Standards – Held a public hearing. Voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board and pass second reading and schedule a third and final reading for the proposed Zoning Ordinance as presented at the March 7, 2011 City Council meeting.
7. Acceptance of Donations to the African Burying Ground Project - \$750.00 – Voted to accept and expend a total of \$750.00 in donated funds from the Seacord Family for fundraising costs associated with the African Burying Ground Memorial Park project.

8. Consent Agenda – Voted to adopt the Consent Agenda.

- A. Acceptance of Donations for USS Virginia
- Carol and Harry McClard - \$ 40.00
  - Robert J. and Cynthia A. Lister - \$ 50.00
  - Neal L. Ouellett or Darlene Furbush Ouellett - \$ 50.00
  - William F. Clifford, Jr. - \$ 50.00
  - Portsmouth Little League - \$100.00
  - The American Legion, Frank E. Booma Post No. 6  
Antoinette Galvin - \$150.00
  - Mark and Susan Reiner - \$200.00
  - Gino Baroni / Trident Advantage - \$275.00
  - The American Legion, Frank E. Booma Post No. 6  
Portsmouth Rotary - \$500.00

***(Anticipated action – move to approve and accept the donations for the USS Virginia, as presented)***

- B. Letter from Heidi Roy, National Multiple Sclerosis, requesting permission to hold the 2011 Bike MS Seacoast Escape on Saturday, August 13, 2011 ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***
- C. Letter from Todd Hanson, New Heights and Paddy’s American Grille, requesting permission to hold the second annual St. Paddy’s 5 Miler on Sunday, March 13, 2011 at the Pease Tradeport ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***
- D. Letter from M. Kate Knight, Sexual Assault Support Services, requesting permission to hold a Candlelight Vigil on Thursday, April 7, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Vaughan Mall ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***

9. Letter from The Retail Committee of the Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce requesting that the City Council and Planning Board review the Projecting Sign application process for streamlining – Voted to refer to the Planning Board for report back.

10. Report Back Re: Draft Pilot – Use of City Property for Outdoor Seating with Alcohol Service – Voted to bring back for a formal vote the draft pilot for use of city property for outdoor seating with alcohol service at the March 7<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

11. Request to Establish Public Hearing Re: Proposed Supplemental Appropriation for Construction of the Youth Recreation Facility – Voted to establish a public hearing for Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> regarding a supplemental appropriation of \$2,312,700.58 for FY11 in accordance with the attached resolutions.

12. Request to Renew Lease of 251 Bartlett Street by the Creek Athletic Club – Voted 5-1 to extend the Lease Agreement with the Creek Athletic Club for 251 Bartlett Street for a period of ten years from April 2, 2011 through March 31, 2021, as presented. Councilor Coviello voted opposed.
13. Report Back Re: Letter from Portsmouth Housing Authority Regarding Wamesit Place – Voted to accept the report back from the CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee and authorize the City Manager to take all actions necessary to implement the recommendation as outlined in the City Manager's comments of February 22, 2011.
14. Non-resident members at Spinnaker Point Recreation Center – Voted to authorize the City Manager to enter into an amended Agreement with Spinnaker Point Condominium Association to allow non-Portsmouth residents to become members of Spinnaker Point.
15. Teacher's Early Retirement Incentive – Voted 5-1 to approve the request from the Portsmouth School Board to offer a retirement incentive to teachers with twenty-five (25) or more years of creditable service in the School Department. Councilor Coviello voted opposed.
16. Letter from Brian Wazlaw regarding not seeking reappointment to Conservation Commission. – Voted to accept and place letter on file with a letter of thanks for his service.
17. Charter Amendments: - Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh requested anyone with any suggested changes to the Charter to forward them to the Committee; they will review them and make recommendations to the Council.
18. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the February 10, 2011 meeting: - Voted 5-1 to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the February 10, 2011 Traffic & Safety Committee meeting. Councilor Coviello abstained.
19. Parking Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the February 10, 2011 meeting: - Voted to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the February 10, 2011 Parking Committee meeting. Councilor Coviello abstained.
20. National Health Care Act (or The Expanded and Improved Medicare For All Act) (Not on the Agenda: Voted to send the information provided by Dr. Clairmont during the Public Comment Session to our State Legislative Delegation.
21. Adjournment – At 8:55 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dianne M. Kirby

Deputy City Clerk II