

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 MARCH 7, 2011, 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 (arrived at 7:15 p.m.) AND SMITH

1. Proclamation – Music in Our Schools Month – Councilor Spear read the Proclamation declaring March as Music in Our Schools Month. Mayor Ferrini presented the Proclamation to Steve Cirillo who accepted it with thanks and appreciation.
2. Acceptance of Minutes – February 22, 2011 – Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the February 22, 2011 City Council Meeting.
3. Public Comment – There were 4 speakers.
4. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A YOUTH RECREATION FACILITY:
 - RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AND FIFTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$512,700.58) FROM THE PREMIUM THE CITY RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF ITS \$17,300,000.00 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS FOR EXPENSES RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A YOUTH RECREATION FACILITY
 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR NECESSARY EXPENDITURES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A YOUTH RECREATION FACILITY. THE CITY COUNCIL HAS DETERMINED THAT THE SUM OF ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,800,000.00) DOLLARS BE APPROPRIATED TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE YOUTH RECREATION FACILITY

A presentation was given by Rus Wilson Recreation Director, John Stokel, Middle School Principal and City Manager John Bohenko, A Public Hearing was held with 12 speakers. Motion made and seconded to adopt the 2 resolutions appropriating funds for the Construction of a Youth Recreation Facility. Motion made and seconded to table to the March 21, 2011 City Council Meeting. Voted on a 6-3 roll call to amend motion to table to March 21, 2011 to include referring to the Parking Committee (with item to be added to March 10, 2011 Parking Committee Agenda). Councilors Lister and Dwyer and Mayor Ferrini voted opposed. Voted on a 6-3 roll call vote to table to March 21, 2011 and refer to the Parking Committee. Councilors Lister and Dwyer and Mayor Ferrini voted opposed.

5. Proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) FY2012-2017 – A presentation was given by City Staff of the FY2012-2017 CIP. A public hearing was held with 2 speakers.
6. Acceptance of Police Department Grant from the Seacoast Crime Stoppers in support of the upcoming 2011 Citizen Police Academy in the amount of \$1,000.00 - Voted to approve and accept the grant to the Portsmouth Police Department, as listed.
7. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.321, Sub-section G – Snow Emergency Parking Ban - Voted to accept the Parking Committee’s recommendation and pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading of the proposed ordinance for the March 21, 2011 City Council meeting.
8. Third and Final reading of Ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance, Article 7, Section 10.730 – Gateway Development, Subsection 10.735 – Sustainability Standards. – Voted to pass third and final reading of the proposed Zoning Ordinance, as presented.
9. Consent Agenda – Voted to adopt the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Letter from Sarah Curtin, Seacoast Suicide Prevention Coalition, requesting permission to hold the 7th annual Out of the Darkness Community Walk on Saturday, September 24, 2011 (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)
 - B. Letter from Dee Dee Schreitmueller, The New England Relay, requesting permission to hold the 24 hour relay running race on Saturday, June 11, 2011 and Sunday, June 12, 2011 (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)
 - C. Letter from Kathie Lynch, President of Portsmouth Little League, Inc, requesting permission to place temporary signage at the Plains and Hislop Park baseball fields during the 2011 baseball season and maintain signage to the rear of the Plains scoreboard (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)
 - D. Acceptance of Donations for USS Virginia
 - James L. Colbert - \$50.00
 - Jay S. & Jean L. Smith - \$100.00(***Anticipated action – move to approve and accept the donations for the USS Virginia, as presented***)

E. Acceptance of Donations for Art-Speak's Annual Appeal

- Nicholas & Molly Ferrara -\$25.00
- Russ & Katie Grazier - \$50.00
- Dennis Moulton & Maureen Gallagher - \$50.00
- Diane Cabell (Firstgiving) - \$185.00
- Peter Michaud - \$200.00

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

10. Letter from Tom and Zelita Morgan regarding the proposal to erect a youth recreation facility on Alumni Field – Voted to accept and place on file. (Councilor Smith noted that this will be addressed at the Parking Committee)
11. Letter from Attorney Peter Loughlin, regarding Connector Roadway – Lang Road to Long Meadow Road – Voted to refer to the Planning Board for a report back.
12. Letter from Paul Mahoney regarding labor unions rally held on Saturday in Market Square - Voted to accept and place on file and to forward a copy to the Fire Commission.
13. Pilot Program Re: Use of City Property for Outdoor Seating with Alcohol Service – Voted to approve the pilot program for use of city property for outdoor seating with alcohol service, as presented.
14. Proposed Lease of South Meeting House by the Portsmouth Public Media, Inc. – Voted to approve the proposed Lease between the City of Portsmouth and Portsmouth Public Media, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.
15. Report Back Re: 54 Rogers Street – Voted to refer to the Planning Board for a recommendation and report back to the City Council.
16. Request for approval of Pole License #63-0506 – Voted to approve the request from PSNH for Pole License Agreement, #63-0506, as recommended by the Public Works Department.
17. Report Back Re: Regulation of Synthetic Marijuana (K-2) – Voted to accept the report and refer to the City Council Legislative Subcommittee to support this legislation.
18. Acceptance of Resignation of Betsy Shultis from the Board of Library – Voted to accept letter of resignation with regrets and issue a letter of appreciation of her service.
19. Adjournment – At 10:10 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Valerie A. French
Deputy City Clerk I