

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: VALERIE A. FRENCH, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2012, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR SPEAR, ASSISTANT MAYOR LISTER, COUNCILORS COVIELLO, KENNEDY, NOVELLINE CLAYBURGH, LOWN, DWYER, SMITH AND THORSEN

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1. Presentation – Prescott Park Arts Festival Proposed Public-Private Partnership for Renovations to Pavilion Building in Prescott Park – Ben Anderson, Executive Director, Prescott Park Arts Festival, gave a presentation regarding the proposed renovations to the Pavilion Building in Prescott Park. **Voted** to suspend the rules to take action on this Item. **Voted** to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a 25 year lease with the Prescott Park Arts Festival for the use of the renovated pavilion building at Prescott Park.
 2. Public Comment Session – There was one speaker: Sue Polidura (John Langdon gravesite/Constitution Day).
 3. Public Hearing – Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue of Up to One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000.00) to pay for the Reconstructing of Commerce Way, and to Pay for All costs Incidental and Related Thereto – **A public hearing was held** with one speaker (Atty. Malcolm McNeill). **Voted** on an 8-0 roll call to adopt the resolution authorizing a bond issue of up to One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000.00) to pay for the Reconstructing of Commerce Way, and to Pay for All Costs Incidental and Related Thereto in accordance with its terms; and **further voted** that no bond should be issued pursuant to the said Resolution until; 1) All right, title and interest in Commerce Way shall have been conveyed by its current owner or owners to the City; and 2) All legal requirements established by state law, including but not limited to RSA 231:28 through RSA 231:33, have been satisfied and an opinion to that effect has been received by the City Manager in written form from the City Attorney. *Councilor Coviello abstained.*
 4. First Reading - Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue of up to Two Million Two Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$2,267,000.00) for FY 13 Citywide, Bridge, Street, and Sidewalk Improvements – **Voted** to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and adoption of a Bond Resolution for Citywide Improvements in the amount of up to \$2,267,000.00 at the October 1, 2012 City Council Meeting.
 5. First Reading - Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue of up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for FY 13 School Facilities Improvements – **Voted** to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and adoption of a Bond Resolution for School Facilities Improvements in the amount of up to \$500,000.00 at the October 1, 2012 City Council Meeting.
 6. First Reading of Various Housekeeping Amendments to the City's Code of Ordinances – **Voted** to pass first reading, and schedule a public hearing and second reading for the proposed amendments, as presented, at the October 1, 2012 City Council meeting.

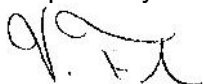
7. First Reading of Amendment to Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7.102 – Parking Meter Zones – Voted to pass first reading, and schedule a public hearing and second reading for the proposed amendments, as presented, at the October 1, 2012 City Council meeting.
8. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking – Tanner Court - Voted to pass third and final reading of the proposed Ordinance amendment.
9. Consent Agenda –Voted to adopt the Consent Agenda.

A MOTION WOULD BE IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. *Acceptance of Donations to the Coalition Legal Fund
 - Town of Holderness - \$500.00
 - Town of Jackson - \$250.00

(Anticipated action – move to approve and accept the donation, as listed, to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund)
- B. Letter from Marsie Silvestro, A Safe Place, requesting permission to hold a candle light vigil on Thursday, October 4, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Vaughan Mall with amplification and a power source for people to speak
(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)
10. Letter from Renee McCune, Portsmouth Lodge of Elks #97, regarding Portsmouth High School students safely running on Jones Avenue - Voted to refer to the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee for report back.
11. Proposed Acceptance of Middle Road Bridge (NH Route 33) over Pan Am Railways– Voted to accept the Middle Road Bridge (NH Route 33) over Pan Am railways project.
12. Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance related to the Historic District – Voted to refer the letter from Richard Katz, Historic District Commission Chair, to the Planning Board for a report back to the City Council.
13. Polling Hours for November 6, 2012 Presidential General Election – Voted to set the polling hours from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Presidential General Election for November 6, 2012.
14. Appointment of Shari Donnermeyer to the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee - Voted to appoint Shari Donnermeyer to the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee to a 3 year term
15. Adjournment – At 8:05 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:



Valerie A. Frnch
Deputy City Clerk