

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: VALERIE A. FRENCH, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 19, 2013, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

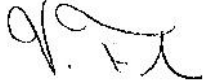
PRESENT: MAYOR SPEAR, ASSISTANT MAYOR LISTER, COUNCILORS COVIELLO, KENNEDY, NOVELLINE CLAYBURGH, LOWN, DWYER, SMITH AND THORSEN

1. Work Session – Wastewater Update – A work session was held at 6:30 p.m. regarding Wastewater update.
2. Presentation – Update on Senior Transportation Program from William Henson, President and CEO of the Mark Wentworth Home. – William Henson gave a brief update of the number of participants of the Senior Transportation Program and the various activities to which they are transported.
3. Presentation – Update from Brinn Chute, Senior Services Coordinator – Brinn Chute, Senior Services Coordinator gave a brief update of Senior Citizen issues she is coordinating since being hired in November 2012.
4. Presentations – Update on Doble Center from David Moore, Community Development Director – Community Development Director David Moore gave a brief update on the status of the Doble Center and the need determine if and how the city wishes to reuse the property. *A future work session may be scheduled.*
5. Acceptance of Minutes – There were no minutes on for approval.
6. Public Comment Session – There were two speakers: Tom Carroll (Scrap Metal Issue), Jim Splaine (DOMA repeal/Equality)
7. Public Hearing – Resolution Increasing the Maximum Limit for Individuals Qualifying for the Elderly Real Estate Tax Exemption– The Mayor opened the public hearing and seeing **no one wishing to speak**, closed the public hearing. **Voted** to pass the resolution increasing the Maximum Limit for Individuals Qualifying for the Elderly Real Estate Tax Exemption.
8. Public Hearing – Resolution Increasing the Maximum Limit for Individuals Qualifying for the Disabled Real Estate Tax Exemption– The Mayor opened the public hearing and seeing **no one wishing to speak**, closed the public hearing. **Voted** to pass the resolution increasing the Maximum Limit for Individuals Qualifying for the Disabled Real Estate Tax Exemption.
9. Acceptance of Donation from Lonza Biologics Incorporated – **Voted** to accept and approve the aforementioned donation from Lonza Biologics Incorporated, and further, authorize the City Manager to sign a release agreement.

10. Third Reading of Proposed Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 1, Article XIV, Section 1.14 – Municipal Fund Balance - **Voted** to pass third and final reading of the proposed Fund Balance Ordinance.
11. Consent Agenda –**Voted** to adopt the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Letter from Kristen Lyons, Sexual Assault Support Services, requesting permission to reschedule the 5th Annual 5K Race to Sunday, June 2, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. (**Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power**)
12. Letter from Barbara Engelbach, Moffatt-Ladd House Maintenance Chair, inquiring if non-profit museums could have tier billing as private residences for the watering of gardens - **Voted** to refer to the City Manager to include in the rate study.
13. Letter from Elizabeth Moreau, Member, Islington Creek Neighborhood Association, requesting submitted stipulations be integrated with any renewal of the license for the 21 Brewster Street property – **Voted** to refer to the Legal Department for report back at the March 4, 2013 City Council Meeting. *Councilor Lown abstained.*
14. Adoption of Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) FY2014-2019 – *Several amendments were offered but failed to pass.* **Voted 7-2** to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2014-2019 as presented. *Councilors Kennedy and Thorsen voted opposed.*
15. Request to Renew Lease Agreement for Sons of Italy – **Voted** to extend the Lease Agreement with the Sons of Italy at One Plains Avenue, for a period of One year from April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. *Councilors Coviello and Novelline Clayburgh abstained.*
16. Town of Barrington Re: Land Conservation – **Voted** to support this project with an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.
17. Request for Easement Re: 32 Livermore Street – **Voted** to refer this proposed easement for an underground utility conduit on Livermore Street to the Planning Board for a report back.
18. Report Back Re: 21 Brewster Street Boarding House Permit – **Voted** to authorize the City Manager to bring back at the March 4th City Council meeting, permit renewals for 21 Brewster Street three month extension; one-year permit for 350-352 Hanover Street; and a one-year permit for 278 Cabot Street. *Councilor Lown abstained.*
19. Appointments to be Considered – Colby Gamester to Planning Board and Craig Welch to Portsmouth Housing Endowment Fund were considered and will be voted at the March 4, 2013 City Council meeting.
20. Appointments to be Voted - **Voted** to appoint Kelly Weinstein to the Citizens Advisory Committee, Lisa Louttit to the Peirce Island Committee, term to expire 12/31/2013; J. Robert Shouse to the Blue Ribbon Committee on Sustainable Practices.

21. Defense of Marriage Act Re: Motion to Sign onto an Amicus Brief - **Voted** to sign onto an amicus brief with other cities and employers in the Windsor v. United States of America lawsuit at the U.S. Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of the Federal Defense of Marriage Act.
22. Portsmouth's 400th Anniversary – Discussion was held regarding the planning of the 400th Anniversary occurring in 2023 and the potential appointment of a Blue Ribbon Committee at a future date to begin the process.
23. Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business – Mayor Spear requested a report back regarding a final analysis of the move of the Connie Bean Center to the Middle School.
24. Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business – Councilor Smith announced he will hold an informal public input session at Bagelworks on Saturday, February 23, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. – noon regarding the Parking Garage issue. He also announced that there will be a work session of the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee on February 28, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. also regarding the Parking Garage issue.
25. Adjournment – At 9:45 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:



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