

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013

PORTSMOUTH, NH  
TIME: FOLLOWING WORK SESSION

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Spear called the special meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Spear, Assistant Mayor Lister, Councilors, Kennedy, Novelline Clayburgh, Lown, Dwyer, and Thorsen

Absent: Councilors Coviello and Smith

### **III. PEIRCE ISLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Mayor Spear stated that following the presentation at the work session held prior to this special meeting, he is looking for a motion.

**Councilor Kennedy moved to comply with the EPA mandate to meet secondary treatment at the Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Plan with the ability to treat to a total nitrogen limit 8 milligrams per liter on a seasonal rolling average basis and to stay within the current footprint, seconded by Assistant Mayor Lister.**

***City Manager Bohenko asked that the language be “within the existing fence line” instead of footprint. Motioner and seconder agreed.***

***Mayor Spear asked if the motion could also include support of the Biological Aerated Filter (BAF) technology. Motioner and seconder agreed.***

Councilor Thorsen stated he is concerned with the motion regarding complying with the EPA mandate as we do not yet know what the mandate will be.

Assistant City Attorney Woodland explained that the statement is regarding meeting secondary treatment at the Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Plant which we are required to do.

City Manager Bohenko stated this is also consistent with the Master Plan.

Assistant Mayor Lister stated that this is intended in the spirit of cooperation and the ability to proceed.

Councilor Dwyer asked that the full motion be read for clarification.

Deputy City Clerk French read the motion as follows:

***“Move to comply with EPA mandate to meet secondary treatment at the Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Plan with the ability to treat a total nitrogen limit 8 milligrams per liter on a seasonal rolling average basis, stay within the current fence line, and to support of the Biological Aerated Filter (BAF) technology.”***

Councilor Novelline Clayburgh thanked the staff and the representatives from AECOM for their presentation and clarifying the process.

Councilor Kennedy stated this isn't just about the EPA compliance but is also for our environment and ensuring we have the ability to go to 3 milligrams if required, is making a statement that we are willing to do what is right.

Councilor Lown agreed stating that there is always the possibility that the EPA will require us to go to 3 milligrams and the BAF technology will allow us to do that and also allows us to stay within the current fence line.

Councilor Novelline Clayburgh asked if this is the largest project the City has ever undertaken. City Manager Bohenko stated yes.

**Motion passed on a 7-0 vote.**

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Assistant Mayor Lister moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Seconded and voted unanimously.**



Valerie A. French  
Deputy City Clerk