

## **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

### **Presentation of Transportation Dialogue Groups to City Council**

June 24, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.

Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers

City Council Present: Assistant Mayor Lister, Councilors Coviello, Kennedy, Lown, Dwyer and Thorsen

City Council Absent: Mayor Spear, Councilors Novelline Clayburgh and Smith.

#### I. Call to Order – Robert Lister, Assistant Mayor

Assistant Mayor Lister called the meeting for order at 6:30 p.m. He asked the City Council to hold questions until the end of the presentation. He then introduced Jim Noucas and John Tabor, co-chairs of Portsmouth Listens.

Mr. Noucas and Mr. Tabor began by extending their appreciation to the City Council and city staff as well as the volunteers who participated over the 5 week process to obtain information for going forward with parking issues and sustainable transportation in the City of Portsmouth. They continued to review the process stating that in order to assess the public opinion the study circle created a short yet informative survey which was completed by 39 Portsmouth residents who were not a part of the study circle.

Each group then gave a brief presentation on their findings. Some of the common findings among the groups included safety, public transportation improvements and accessibility, trolley loops in the downtown corridor, residential and satellite parking and the need to make sidewalks safer for students walking and bicycling to schools which was the focus of the Portsmouth High School government Class Group. (See meeting folder for complete report)

#### IV. Adjournment

After some discussion and accolades on the work of the study circles from the City Council, Assistant Mayor Lister closed the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. French  
Deputy City Clerk