

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2015, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR LISTER, ASSISTANT MAYOR SPLAINE, COUNCILORS SHAHEEN, KENNEDY, LOWN, DWYER, MORGAN (via conference call), SPEAR AND THORSEN

1. At 6:00 p.m., a Work Session was held regarding Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade – Cost Treatment Level.
2. Discuss and Act on Charter amendments as it relates to the Police Commission – **On a roll call 5-4, voted to bring option #2 and #3 from City Attorney Sullivan’s memorandum dated June 24, 2015 forward for consideration and Public Hearing at the July 13, 2015 City Council meeting.**

Option #2

A proposed Charter Amendment which would add two new members to the existing Police Commission, one of which would be the Mayor or his/her designee and the other which would be the City Manager or his/her designee.

Option #3

A proposed Charter amendment which would eliminate the Police Commission and create Charter authority for the City Council to adopt an ordinance providing for a civilian review board which would have the authority to investigate complaints by members of the public concerning misconduct by police officers.

3. Assistant Mayor Splaine’s Police Commission City Charter Proposal (Not on agenda) – **On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to bring Assistant Mayor Splaine’s option #4 from his memorandum dated June 29, 2015 forward for consideration and Public Hearing at the July 13, 2015 City Council meeting.**

Option #4

- *I suggest that we keep the current three-member publicly elected Police Commission, with a two-term limit of continuous service, which would be eight years. That way, we assure more likely turnover and fewer close “relationships” between the Commission members and the police department leadership. The 3 members thus elected would select one among them to be chair for not more than two years of continuous service.*

- *I also suggested that a 4th member be appointed by the City Council in open public ballot at the first meeting of every newly elected Council.*

That member would serve for two years, and cannot be a City Councilor or an immediate former Councilor.

That member would serve for only two years and cannot be re-appointed for ten years, thus guaranteeing “fresh” eyes every two years.

- *Then I suggest that the City Manager be the 5th member. He or she can be the conduit to the Council, and provide management oversight and service to the police department.*
- *In addition, we should consider having a three-member Civilian Review Board, which I’ve already called it previously. That could add an additional layer of oversight in an advisory role.*

These members would be nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council, for terms of three years.

4. Adjournment – At 8:45 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

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City Clerk