

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016 MEETING, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR BLALOCK, ASSISTANT MAYOR SPLAINE, COUNCILORS PERKINS, DWYER (joined via conference call at 8:20 p.m. until adjournment), LOWN, PEARSON, SPEAR, CYR AND DENTON

1. At 6:15 p.m., an Anticipated Non-Meeting with Counsel was held regarding Negotiations – RSA 91-A:2, I (b).
2. Presentation – Recognition of Portsmouth High School Boys 2016 New Hampshire Division 2 Winter Track State Champions – Mayor Blalock presented plaques in recognition of the players and coach of the Portsmouth High School Boys 2016 NH Division 2 Winter Track State Champions
3. Music Hall Re: Chestnut Street Streetscape Improvements – Patricia Lynch and Ben Auger provided a presentation of the proposed Chestnut Street Streetscape Improvements and a 50/50 partnership with the City for the streetscape. Ms. Lynch stated that \$400,000.00 will be funded by The Music Hall with \$400,000.00 from the City's Capital Improvement Plan & UDAG funds.

Voted to refer this matter to Art-Speak per City Council policy to authorize The Music Hall to proceed with a project review by the Historic District Commission; Parking and Traffic Safety Committee; and Trees and Greenery Committee. Further, move to request the City Manager prepare a report back following these reviews (and Art-Speak referral) to the City Council prior to final project approvals by the City Council.
4. Acceptance of Minutes – February 1, 2016, February 16, 2016, and March 7, 2016 – **Voted** to approve and accept the minutes of the February 1, 2016; February 16, 2016 and March 7, 2016 City Council meetings.
5. Public Comment Session – There were 6 speakers: Tom Hersey, Steven Burk, Esther Kennedy (Wastewater Treatment Plant); David LaFevers (Downtown Parking for Handicap); Mark Brighton (Springtime); and Nancy Brown (West End).

Assistant Mayor Splaine requested to have the Project Labor Agreement for Contracts placed under his name for the April 4, 2016 City Council meeting.

Councilor Spear requested City staff come back at the April 4, 2016 City Council meeting outlining the issues related to a Project Labor Agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Facility project from the City's perspective.

6. Public Hearing - Ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Zoning Ordinance Delete the existing Article 5A – Character Districts in its entirety and insert in its place the new Article 5A – Character Districts dated January 11, 2016

Amend Articles 4, 5, 11, 12 & 15 of the Zoning Ordinance as set forth in the document titled “Conforming Amendments to Zoning Ordinance” January 11, 2016

Amend the Zoning Map as set forth in the following maps dated January 11, 2016;

- (a) Map 10.5A21A – Character Districts and Civic Districts;
- (b) Map 10.5A21B – Building Height Standards;
- (c) Map 10.5A21C – Special Requirements for Façade Types, Front Lot Line Buildout & Uses

Voted to recess the public hearing and postpone second reading to the May 2, 2016 City Council meeting, as presented.

7. Consent Agenda – **Voted** to adopt the Consent Agenda.

- A. Letter from Jess Dorr, Seacoast Outright requesting permission to hold the Portsmouth Pride community event on Saturday, June 25, 2016 in Market Square (**Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power**)

8. Letter from Lilia Potter-Schwartz requesting to hold a Triathlon on Sunday, May 22nd or Sunday, May 29 beginning at Portsmouth High School – **Voted** to refer to the City Manager with power.

9. Proposed Ordinance Re: Irrigation Capacity Surcharge – On a unanimous roll call 9-0, **voted** to authorize the City Manager to bring back for first reading the proposed ordinance, as presented, along with the previous ordinance at the April 4, 2016 City Council meeting

10. Second License Request from Green & Co. Real Estate for 275 Islington Street Project – On a unanimous roll call 9-0, **voted** to negotiate and enter into a second license with Green & Co. Real Estate for facilitate phased completion of individual dwelling units at 275 Islington Street.

11. License Request for Conduit for 39 Dearborn Lane from owner Michael Brandsel Street – On a unanimous roll call 9-0, **voted** to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a Petition and License for new electrical conduit with the Owner.

12. Establish a Joint Work Session Re: Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Construction Impact Mitigation – On a unanimous roll call 9-0, **voted** to establish a Joint Work Session with the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee, Recreation Board, Peirce Island Committee, and the Trustees of Trust Funds on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers regarding the Wastewater Treatment Facility expansion construction impact mitigation.

Councilor Lown requested that Geno Marconi and Charles Lassen be extended an invitation to attend the Work Session.

13. Appointments to be Voted – On a unanimous roll call 9-0, **voted** to reappoint Richard Winstanley to the Cable Television & Communications Commission until April 1, 2019, reappoint Colby Gamester to the Planning Board until December 31, 2018 and reappoint Todd Henley to the Recreation Board until April 1, 2019.
14. Housing Working Group – Mayor Blalock announced the appointment of a Housing Working Group with Councilor Perkins, Chair; Councilor Dwyer, Councilor Spear as members and John Ricci, Planning Board Chair; David Witham, Zoning Board of Adjustment Chair; Mike Kennedy, Portsmouth Housing Authority representative as participants of the group than specific members which would be more effective and 3 staff members to be appointed by City Manager Bohenko.
15. Parking & Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of March 3, 2016 – On a roll call 8-1, **voted** to approve and accept the minutes of the March 3, 2016 Parking & Traffic Safety Committee meeting. Councilor Perkins, Dwyer, Lown, Pearson, Spear, Cyr, Denton and Mayor Blalock voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Splaine voted opposed.
16. Communication Plan for Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Facility Construction – No vote required. Councilor Spear requested to see a more robust communication strategy for the next 4 years for the construction of the Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Facility.
17. Adjournment – **At 9:10 p.m., voted to adjourn.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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City Clerk