

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 5, 2018 MEETING, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR BLALOCK, ASSISTANT MAYOR LAZENBY, COUNCLORS ROBERTS, PEARSON, DWYER, DENTON, PERKINS, RAYNOLDS (*left the meeting at 10:45 p.m.*) AND BECKSTED

1. At 6:15PM the Public Dialogue Session was held.
2. Presentation – 400th Anniversary Celebration – Susan Labrie provided a Presentation on the City's 400th Anniversary Celebration that will be happening in 2023. Harold Whitehouse presented Ms. Labrie with a donation to the 400th Anniversary Celebration.
3. Acceptance of Minutes – February 20, 2018 – Move to accept and approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018 City Council meeting. **Voted** to amend page 8 of the minutes first paragraph under Additional Council Questions and Deliberations delete the word addition from the last sentence and replace with *instead of*. Also amend first sentence by the addition of the words *to trigger the reporting* at the end of the sentence.
4. Public Dialogue Summary – Councilor Denton reported on Table A that had 4 topics of discussion: 1) Commercial Properties and Tax Rate, 2) School Safety, 3) New Castle Water Line, and 4) North Cemetery Wall.

Councilor Becksted reported on Table B which had 4 topic of discussion as well: 1) School Safety, 2) Coakley Landfill Article in newspaper, 3) Resident Parking and moving it forward, and 4) Coakley Landfill meeting is estimated to take place in June.
5. Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution Pursuant to RSA 72:39-b the City hereby amends the Elderly Exemption from Property Tax based on Assessed Value for qualified Taxpayers, such that the Exemptions shall be available only when the Qualifying Taxpayer(s) have a net income of not more than \$41,314.00 for a Single taxpayer or \$56,807.00 for a Married Taxpayers, inclusive of Social Security Payments. The Elderly Exemption shall remain unchanged except as amended hereby – Held a public hearing. **Voted** to adopt the Resolution for Elderly Exemption, as presented.
6. Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution Pursuant to RSA 72:37-b, City hereby amends the Disabled Exemption from Property Tax, based on Assessed Value for Qualified Taxpayers, such that the Exemptions shall be available only when the Qualifying Taxpayer(s) have a net income of not more than \$41,314.00 for a Single Taxpayer or \$56,807.00 for Married Taxpayers, inclusive of Social Security. The Disabled Exemption shall remain unchanged except as amended hereby – Held a public hearing. **Voted** to adopt the Resolution for Disabled Exemptions, as presented.

7. Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Collection of an Additional Motor Vehicle Registration Fee in the amount authorized by RSA 261:153 VI for the purpose of supporting a Municipal and Transportation Improvement Fund – Held a public hearing. **Voted** to adopt the proposed Resolution to add a \$5.00 Motor Vehicle Fee for the purpose of supporting a Municipal and Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.
8. Second reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article IX, Section 1.9 Conflict of Interest/Election Candidate Financial Disclosure – Charter Amendment 1 – Moved to pass second reading.

Moved to amend ordinance in accordance with the proposal submitted by Councilor Denton. **Motion passed.**

Moved to amend Councilor Denton's proposal under Required Disclosures after the word expenditures to add *exceeding \$100.00*. **Motion passed** with Councilor Denton voting opposed.

Moved to amend the ordinance under Required Disclosures Other than City Council to add *Ballot Questions, Referendum Questions or Charter Questions*. Further amend Required Disclosures City Council under Political Action Committee to add *Ballot Questions, Referendum Questions or Charter Questions*. **Motion passed.**

Voted to pass second reading, as amended.

Voted to schedule third and final reading at the March 19, 2018 City Council meeting.

9. Second reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article IX, Section 1.901 – Conflict of Interest/Municipal Officials Disclosure – Charter Amendment #2 – **Voted** to pass second reading, as presented.

On a unanimous roll call 9-0, **voted** to rescind the previous vote to pass second reading.

Moved to pass second reading.

Voted to amend ordinance in accordance with the proposals submitted by Councilor Dwyer.

Voted to amend ordinance in accordance with the proposals submitted by Councilor Roberts.

Voted to pass second reading, as amended.

Voted to schedule third and final reading at the March 19, 2018 City Council meeting.

10. Consent Agenda – Councilor Raynolds requested to remove Item IX. D. – Request for License to Install Projecting Sign from Rebecca Earle, owner of Cotillion Bureau for property located at 65 Bow Street from the Consent Agenda.

Voted to adopt the Consent Agenda.

- A. Letter from Martin J. Wyman, Army National Guard, requesting permission to conduct the Best Warrior Competition on Sunday, April 15, 2018
(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)
- B. Letter from Richard Wagner, AIDS Response Seacoast, requesting permission to hold the 22nd Annual Seacoast AIDS Walk and Dog Walk on Sunday, May 6, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)**
- C. Letter from Bruce MacIntyre, Portsmouth Maritime Folk Festival, requesting permission to hold the 19th Annual Portsmouth Maritime Folk Festival on Saturday, September 29, 2018 and Sunday, September 30, 2018
(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)

11. Request for License to Install Projecting Sign from Rebecca Earle, owner of Cotillion Bureau for property located at 65 Bow Street – **Voted** to approve the aforementioned Projecting Sign License as recommended by the Planning Director, and further, authorize the City Manager to execute the License Agreement for this request

Planning Director's Stipulations:

- *The license shall be approved by the Legal Department as to content and form;*
- *Any removal or relocation of projecting sign, for any reason, shall be done at no cost to the City; and*
- *Any disturbance of a sidewalk, street or other public infrastructure resulting from the installation, relocation or removal of the projecting sign, for any reason shall be restored at no cost to the City and shall be subject to review and acceptance by the Department of Public Works*

12. Email Correspondence – **Voted** to accept and place the correspondence on file.
13. Letter from James Splaine regarding Mandating an Independent Professional Audit and Financial Analysis of the Coakley Landfill Group records, dating back to its origination – **Voted** to accept and place the letter on file.
14. Request for Approval of the One-Year Extension of the Current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Portsmouth and the Portsmouth Management Association – **Voted** to accept the proposed One-Year Agreement between the City of Portsmouth and the Professional Management Association, as presented.

15. Request for Approval of the One-Year Extension of the Current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Portsmouth School Board and the Custodial Supervisors Union – **Voted** to accept the proposed One-Year Agreement between the Portsmouth School Board and the Custodial Supervisors Union, as presented.
16. Request for Approval of the One-Year Extension of the Current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Portsmouth School Board and the School Association of Portsmouth School Administrators – **Voted** to accept the proposed One-Year Agreement between the City of Portsmouth and the Association of Portsmouth School Administrators, as presented.
17. Adoption of Proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) FY2019-2024 – Moved to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) FY2019-2024.

Move Market Street Gateway Improvements #129 and the Russell-Market Intersection Upgrades #119 to have the work completed following Islington Street Improvements Phase II #124 which would move up Islington Street Improvements by 2 years and move back the Market Street Gateway Improvements and the Russell-Market Intersection Upgrades by 2 years. **Voted** to divide the question to take action of the Islington Street Improvements Phase II. **Voted** to approve moving up the Islington Street Improvements Phase II #124 by 2 years. On a roll call vote 1-8, motion to move back the Market Street Gateway Improvements #129 and the Russell-Market Intersection Upgrades #119 by 2 years **failed** to pass. Councilor Becksted voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Roberts, Pearson, Dwyer, Denton, Perkins, Reynolds and Mayor Blalock voted opposed.

Moved Sagamore Avenue Sidewalk #111 up by 1 year, the Recycling & Solid Waste Totes #76 out by 1 year and Police New Facility-Land Acquisition #51 out of the CIP as a TBD amount. **Voted** to amend the motion to remove the Recycling & Solid Waste Totes #76 from the main motion and the funding to remain in FY19. **Voted** to pass main motion, as amended.

Voted to add the Hodgson Brook project for identification purposes into the Capital Improvement Plan.

Moved to remove Police Gym Equipment Replacement #48, Vaughan-Worth-Bridge Strategic Vision Development #69, Citywide Playground Improvements #67, Citywide Park Improvements #68, and Historic Cemetery Improvements #80 funding out of the FY19 CIP. **Voted** to leave the Vaughan-Worth-Bridge Strategic Vision Development #69 in the FY19 CIP. Councilor Dwyer voted opposed. On a roll call 5-4 **voted**, to keep the Police Gym Equipment Replacement #48 in the FY19 CIP. Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Pearson, Denton, Becksted and Mayor Blalock voted in favor. Councilors Roberts, Dwyer, Perkins and Reynolds voted opposed. **Voted** to pass the main motion, as amended.

Voted to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) FY2019-2024, as amended.

18. Appointments to be Considered – The City Council considered the appointments listed below which will be acted upon at the March 19, 2018 City Council meeting.
 - Appointment of Richard Blalock to the Recreation Board
 - Reappointment of MaryAnn Blanchard to the Conservation Commission
 - Reappointment of Samantha Collins to the Conservation Commission
 - Reappointment of Ruth Griffin to the Portsmouth Housing Authority
19. Establish Round Table Conversation with Concerned Residents of PFAS – Mayor Blalock announced that a Round Table Conversation will take place at the March 19, 2018 City Council meeting at 6:15 p.m.
20. Working Group to organize a public meeting for the Coakley Landfill – Mayor Blalock announced that Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Dwyer and Perkins will served on the Working Group. He reported that the Charge of the Working Group is as follows: *To organize and establish a date and time for a comprehensive presentation on the Coakley Landfill. The group will be charged further with establishing an independent moderator and panel.*
21. Response to Hampton Select Board Re: Coakley Landfill – The City Council agreed that the Coakley Landfill Group will prepare a response back to the Hampton Select Board.
22. **Voted** to suspend the rules in order to continue the meeting beyond 10:30 p.m. Councilor Raynolds abstained from voting on the motion.
23. Gun Safety – No action required.
24. McIntyre Update – Councilor Dwyer provided an updated on the McIntyre. She announced the next meetings regarding the McIntyre will be held on Tuesday, March 6th at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 10th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.
25. Renewable Energy Policy for Adoption – **Voted** to adopt the Renewable Energy Policy, as presented.
26. Former City Council Rule #47 – Voted in accordance with City Council Rule 39 the proposed re-adoption and amendment of former Council Rule 47 be placed on the agenda for consideration at the Council meeting on March 19, 2018. Councilor Becksted voted opposed.
27. Adjournment – At 11:00 p.m., **voted** to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

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City Clerk