

CITY COUNCIL NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018

PORTSMOUTH, NH
TIME: 6:00PM

At 6:00 p.m. the City Council held a Non Public Session in Accordance with RSA 91-A:2, I (a) regarding Strategy or Negotiations with Respect to Collective Bargaining – Clerical Employees Portsmouth School District; Portsmouth Police Ranking Officers Association; Portsmouth Police Civilian Employee Association; and Portsmouth Police Patrolman's Union Local 11.

City Clerk Barnaby conducted a roll call vote for attendance: Mayor Blalock; Assistant Mayor Lazenby; Councilors Pearson, Dwyer and Denton.

Councilors Roberts (6:02 p.m.) Perkins Raynolds and Becksted were absent.

Councilor Denton moved to enter into Non Public Session to discuss the Clerical Employees Portsmouth School District; Portsmouth Police Ranking Officers Association; Portsmouth Police Civilian Employee Association; and Portsmouth Police Patrolman's Union Local 11. Seconded by Councilor Pearson and voted.

The City Council moved from the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers into Conference Room A.

Staff Present during Non-Public Session: John P. Bohenko, City Manager; Tom Closson, Negotiator; Dianna Fogarty, Human Resource Director; Stephen Zadavec, Superintendent of Schools and Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk.

Also present: Police Commissioner Onosko

Negotiator Closson reviewed the request for a one year extension of the various contracts and indicated all four would receive a 2% increase. He stated these contracts are consistent with those that have been previously approved by the Council and that these are the final contracts that needed to be approved.

At 6:05 p.m. Mayor Blalock closed the Non-Public Session.

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

Public Dialogue Session Table

There was one table used for Public Dialogue this evening due to the limited number of residents.

PRESENT: Mayor Blalock, Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Roberts, Pearson, Dwyer, Denton, Perkins, Raynolds and Becksted.

The members of the public were asked to introduce themselves and begin discussing their concerns and/or questions related to their individual topics.

Erik Anderson spoke to the letter from Tom Nies regarding the budget and the points he addressed. He said it provides a great deal of information. He said Mr. Nies used the CAFR to prepare the letter.

Councilor Dwyer spoke to paying for some items out of fund balance and said it is a useful thing to do. City Manager Bohenko said fund balance is something that is non-recurring and we want to keep the fund between 10%-17%.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby said he read the letter and wants to come back to it when it is budget time.

Tom Nies said if you look at what you approve in June, the next year's budget is always more. He said you approve additional items throughout the year.

City Manager Bohenko said departments do turn back money and spoke to collective bargaining agreements that we fund which changes the amount of the budget that was adopted.

Finance Director Belanger spoke regarding bond premiums and supplemental appropriations.

Esther Kennedy said she is concerned with the cost for a new fire boat. She said we just gave away a fire boat and asked about the certifications required to operate the boat. She asked why we were expending this money and why the need for a new fire boat. She also spoke about the number of employees in the City and said that the number has grown over the last 10 years. She said the numbers have increased but mostly in middle management positions.

Councilor Denton said that the Coast Guard does not put out boat fires. He said the fire boat has different capabilities than our past boat.

Mr. Anderson said there are other agencies that provide fire protection of the water, if needed.

Councilor Pearson said the reason to get another vessel was to get a smaller one and what the new vessel would be able to do for the City.

Harold Whitehouse spoke to the 400th Anniversary and the need to get started with a committee to plan the various events.

Councilor Dwyer reported that there is currently a 400th Anniversary Committee and they have been meeting for the last 6 months. She indicated that Susan Labrie will be making another presentation to the City Council in June with focus sessions during the summer regarding the anniversary and bringing new people aboard.

Mark Brighton asked if Councilor Dwyer wants to take back the newspaper quote regarding the Coakley Landfill.

Councilor Dwyer said that Hampton Select Board made that comment about Portsmouth and that we were standing in the way of getting to a solution for the landfill.

Mayor Blalock said the City will be hosting a Coakley Landfill meeting on June 7th at Community Campus which will allow everyone to hear the same information at the same time.

Mr. Brighton thanked Councilor Dwyer for answering his question.

Councilor Perkins said we are still learning science relative to the landfill.

Ms. Kennedy said she would like to talk about the former Pease Air Force Base and Jones Avenue landfills. She said some of the chemicals have seeped into the bedrock. She said there needs to be clarification what role the federal government would play in this.

Councilor Dwyer said each of the areas is its own site with its own set of issues.

Pat Bagley said she would like to have an update on the Foundry Garage. She said there has not been any meetings since December and now she hears we are moving the Parking Violation Department down to the new garage. Ms. Bagley asked if people will need to park in the garage to pay a parking violation now.

City Manager Bohenko stated that we would have a presentation of the Foundry Garage at the April 16, 2018 City Council meeting.

State Representative Cushing, Hampton, NH said there needs to be a larger dialogue on Coakley Landfill. He said the Coakley Landfill bill will be heard by the legislature tomorrow and he is surprised to hear that the City Council is opposing the bill. He said the bill is to protect drinking water and public health and it looks at the original record of decision of 2002 that had a pump and treat station to be built at the site. Representative Cushing also said the funds are no longer available or in the City budget. He said it is not in the CAFR Report under Coakley Landfill and if there is money that the City is obligated to pay you should be aware. He spoke to a letter from the DES regarding PFAS in Berry's Brook and the concerns of the Town of Hampton. He said for the City of Portsmouth not to respond to a pump and treat system is irresponsible.

Mayor Blalock said he will testify that we are not opposed to treating the water and he is following what the EPA directs us to do. He said Portsmouth is 53.6% of the Coakley Landfill and we are not arguing the science.

Representative Cushing said toxins are going outside the landfill now.

City Attorney Sullivan said that Mayor Blalock is speaking on the EPA and that Coakley Landfill is in compliance that there is no pump and treat system required. He said the decision whether to do that needs to be made upon science and everyone in the State should rely on the State Regulatory Service which is the DES and EPA. He stated the federal government gave \$5.2 million to building a pump and treat system but the money was provided to the City for a complete release from the site, it was contributed when there was no remedy selected and before the remedy was determine. He stated the \$5.2 million is to be spent for remediation of the project and the funds were spent on that. City Attorney Sullivan said if a pump and treat system is to be built because the EPA tells us to do it, it is a complex situation and much could happen between now and 2035.

City Manager Bohenko said the money was not pilfered, at some point in time we had to pay the bills and we did. He stated we would not bond the funds because it would cost more and he reported that we still have \$4 million if we need to build a pump and treat system.

Ms. Kennedy asked City Attorney Sullivan if we have the information currently from the Fish and Game on the perimeters for fishing at the brook. City Attorney Sullivan said we have not receive the information yet.

Merle White said taxi regulations need to be enforced by the Police Department. He said companies are out in the City operating without permits.

Mayor Blalock said we could have an answer back for the next City Council meeting on April 16, 2018.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018

PORTSMOUTH, NH
TIME: 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Blalock called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Blalock, Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Roberts, Pearson, Dwyer, Denton, Reynolds and Becksted

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Blalock asked everyone to join in a moment of silent prayer.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Blalock led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

1. National Service Day

Mayor Blalock read the Proclamation declaring April 3, 2018 as National Service Day. He informed the Council that later in the spring we will have a reception for AmeriCorps, Senior Corp and Boards and Commissions.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – MARCH 19, 2018

Councilor Perkins moved to approve and accept the minutes of the March 19, 2018 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Pearson and voted.

VI. PUBLIC DIALOGUE SUMMARY

Assistant Mayor Lazenby reviewed the number of speakers and their topics of discussion.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTES ON ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

- A. PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BOND ISSUE AND/OR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) LOAN OF UP TO SEVEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,200,000.00) FOR COSTS RELATED TO UPGRADES TO THE PEASE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

- **PRESENTATION**

Mayor Blalock read the legal notice and declared the public hearing open.

City Engineer Desmarais provided a brief presentation on the wastewater treatment plant. He reported that the facility has 1.2 million gallons per day that go through the system. He spoke to the various upgrades made to the plant in 1997, 2002 and smaller upgrades have been done since 2017. He addressed the Headwork construction project along with equipment, materials and primary clarifiers. Engineer Desmarais spoke to recent City Council authorizations which were done as follows:

- FY14 Sewer Bond - \$3,500,000.00
 - FY15 Sewer Bond - \$1,000,000.00
 - FY17 Capital Outlay - \$600,000.00
 - FY18 Capital Outlay - \$800,000.00
- Total \$5,900,000.00

He also spoke to the sewer line needing replacement and disinfecting improvements will be made along with sludge handling improvements. He addressed the Headworks project and what is existing compared to what is being proposed. Engineer Desmarais reported that disinfection improvements will be made to remove chlorine with the installation of an ultraviolet light for the disinfection process.

- **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**

Councilor Becksted asked if we are under any consent decree to make upgrades. City Engineer Desmarais responded no. Councilor Becksted asked about upgrades and if the PDA would be paying for any of the improvements to the plant. City Manager Bohenko said money is paid through the Municipal Services Agreement to maintain the plant. Councilor Becksted asked if any companies are asked at Pease to contribute to the plant. City Manager Bohenko responded that Lonza contributes 12.7% to our sewer revenues and 9.2% for our water revenue. City Engineer Desmarais stated that Lonza contributed \$550,000.00 to the sewer improvements and \$600,000.00 to the water improvements. Councilor Becksted said Lonza has paid for upgrades and Lonza is exempt from the school tax. City Manager Bohenko said that is because Lonza is part of the Airport District and they do not pay towards school tax. Councilor Becksted asked if we would still be making upgrades if Lonza left. City Engineer Desmarais said yes, it is an aging facility.

Mayor Blalock said we are doing upgrades because they are needed. He stated if Lonza left, our water and sewer rates would increase.

Councilor Becksted asked if funds for bonding would come from water and sewer only and not taxpayer funds. City Manager Bohenko explained it is a Special Revenue Fund.

Councilor Raynolds asked City Engineer Desmarais regarding the use of ultraviolet light for disinfecting. City Engineer Desmarais said the City will avoid chlorine and ammonia with the use of ultraviolet lights which has a better disinfecting result.

- **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**

Mayor Blalock called for speakers to come forward and address the City Council at this time.

Esther Kennedy said Lonza is expanding and maybe it is time to consider Pease as its own entity. She stated Pease should be paying the rate if there needs to be upgrades. Ms. Kennedy said this way the rest of the resident would not have to pay for the upgrades. She said we still don't know what our permit will be and she commended the City for getting rid of the ammonia and chlorine.

Pat Bagley said Lonza is the biggest user of water in the City. City Manager Bohenko said that is correct.

Paige Trace said she is very happy to hear that we are using ultraviolet lighting. She spoke to vats full of waste coming from Lonza and that it is carcinogen. She said the new Headworks building would require blasting and we are looking towards expansion and building but what happens if Lonza expands again or our permit limits change. She said we need to know where to build the expansion because there is not much land and would we look for a new place for the baseball field.

With no further speakers, Mayor Blalock declared the public hearing closed.

City Manager Bohenko asked City Engineer Desmarais to speak to the hookup fee. City Engineer Desmarais said it was an extraction cost from Lonza.

City Engineer Desmarais said we did an ultraviolet light study in 2006 and it was not cost effective at that time.

City Manager Bohenko asked City Engineer Desmarais to speak to the Headworks and further expansions. City Engineer Desmarais said we have added in an increase inflow. He said we do not have a request for an expansion numbers from Lonza. He stated if someone has a need to do an increase in capacity we could build another facility next to the current building.

Councilor Becksted moved to postpone the Resolution and have the City Council have the document to read. No second to the motion was received.

City Attorney Sullivan said you would need to read the Municipal Services Agreements all as one document.

Councilor Raynolds said he is pleased we are making the upgrade to ultraviolet lighting at Pease and asked why we are staying with chemicals at Peirce Island.

City Manager said we will provide an analysis to the City Council.

Councilor Becksted said if there is more information on the treatment facility he would like to have it provided to him. He stated the cost increased from \$10.8 million to \$13 million. City Engineer Desmarais said he did not include the capital outlay costs to the original figures.

Councilor Roberts would like a Municipal Service Agreement all in one spot available for the public to review. City Manager said that all the documents are online.

Councilor Dwyer moved to adopt the Resolution, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Pearson.

Councilor Becksted said he would not support the Resolution and the rates keep going up and he is concerned for the taxpayers.

On a roll call vote 8-1, motion passed. Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Roberts, Pearson, Dwyer, Denton, Perkins, Raynolds and Mayor Blalock voted in favor. Councilor Becksted voted opposed.

VOTES ON ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

- B. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance Amendment Chapter 1, Article IX, Section 1.9 Conflict of Interest/Election Candidate Financial Disclosure – Charter Amendment #1

Councilor Raynolds moved to remove the Ordinance from the table. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer and voted.

Councilor Denton said he would like to postpone third reading. He said that we have time to get this right. He indicated that Councilor Roberts worked on another version but it is not ready to be voted on. He said this could be brought forward at the next meeting.

Councilor Roberts said there were more last minute changes today and we should postpone it.

Councilor Dwyer said it is clarification not changes.

City Attorney Sullivan said this Ordinance is currently at third reading. He stated the document just provided is not red lined to the document you have in front of you. He suggested that we postpone and he would produce a new red line with changes.

Councilor Becksted said he agrees with Councilors Roberts and Denton.

Councilor Dwyer said she would like to see a draft that comes to the City Council before it comes back to the City Council at the meeting. She said we can't keep this going on forever.

Councilor Roberts said many suggestions came at the last minute and there was not time to clean-up the ordinance.

City Attorney Sullivan said he would distribute what is before you this Friday with the red line version and create one final red line for the next City Council meeting.

Mayor Blalock said a suspension of the rules would be needed to make amendments.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby asked if we could have the red line version on laptops.

City Manager Bohenko said it would need to be amended again and it would still need to come back.

Motion passed.

VIII. APPROVAL OF GRANTS/DONATIONS

- A. Acceptance of NH the Beautiful Grant - \$4,000.00

Councilor Perkins moved to accept and approve the grant from the New Hampshire the Beautiful, as presented. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Lazenby and voted.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Letter from Jay Diener, Seacoast Half Marathon, requesting permission to hold the 13th annual Seacoast Half Marathon on Sunday, November 11, 2018 (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)
- B. Letter from Donna Hepp, Granite State Wheelmen Bicycle Club, requesting permission to hold the 45th annual Seacoast Century Weekend on Saturday, September 22, 2018 and Sunday, September 23, 2018 (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)

Councilor Perkins moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Lazenby and voted.

X. PRESENTATION & CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

A. Email Correspondence

Councilor Dwyer moved to accept and place on file. Seconded by Councilor Perkins.

Councilor Becksted requested that his emails be sent to him on Monday.

Councilor Dwyer said if Councilor Becksted is having trouble retrieving his messages he might want to check his spam folder.

Motion passed.

B. Letter from Thomas Nies regarding the FY 2019 Budget

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to accept and place on file. Seconded by Councilor Roberts and voted.

XI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

A. CITY MANAGER

1. Request for a Public Hearing Re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing Borrowing of up to One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000.00) for the Acquisition of a Fire Boat

City Manager Bohenko requested Fire Chief Achilles to come forward to speak to the request for a new fire boat.

Fire Chief Achilles said this was addressed in FY17 to be replaced in FY18. He said the previous City Council moved it forward in the calendar and we are at a point where we are ready to put it out to bid.

Mayor Blalock said many comments were made as to why we need a fire boat.

Chief Achilles said we are required in our authority and jurisdiction to provide water service if necessary. He stated up to a couple years ago the vessel was not appropriate. He said they worked with Portsmouth Navy Shipyard Fire Station and they would only be deployed in an emergency on the water. He said we have authority to respond to the Bow Street area.

Councilor Pearson asked what the size of the new boat would be. Chief Achilles said 26ft. Councilor Pearson asked how many people are needed to operate the boat. Chief Achilles said 3 people and would provide more access to water access and rescues. Councilor Dwyer said it would be good to hear at the presentation about training, stipends and certification.

Councilor Roberts said it would be helpful to know the number of responses in the last several years and the type of assistance provided.

Councilor Denton asked if a Home Land Security Grant would be available. Chief Achilles said no because we have used those funds in the past.

Councilor Becksted asked if New Castle still has our former boat and if they would provide help. Chief Achilles said that there was a large costs to maintain the former boat and New Castle does not have jurisdictional authority or requirements to assist us.

Councilor Raynolds spoke to the large facilities between here and Newington and said there needs to be a substantial response to the river.

City Manager Bohenko said we have a bond Resolution to move to Public Hearing for the next meeting.

Councilor Denton moved to establish a public hearing for a Borrowing Resolution for the April 16, 2018 City Council meeting, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Perkins and voted.

2. Request to Establish a Public Hearing Re: Proposed Bonding of up to Five Million (\$5,000,000) Dollars for Phase II of the Facility Improvements at Dondero School

City Manager Bohenko said that this is for the improvements to Dondero School. He said this allows the School Department to enter into contracts before the school year ends and allows work to begin as soon as the school year ends.

Councilor Becksted moved to establish a public hearing on Monday, April 16, 2018 for bonding of up to Five Million (\$5,000,000.00) Dollars for Phase II of the Dondero School Improvements. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer.

Councilor Becksted asked if this is a bond we are paying. City Manager Bohenko said it is from the General Fund.

Councilor Becksted asked is it possible to get a price of what a filtered water station would be to install in the schools. Mayor Blalock said it would be a request of the School Department. City Manager Bohenko said Superintendent Zadavec could speak on this at the next meeting.

Motion passed.

City Manager's Informational Items

2. *Presentation Re: Update City Hall Façade Improvements*

Public Works Director Rice said the north portion of the complex was built in 1962 and the brick façade is pulling away from the building. He said we are going to be doing a new look to City Hall. He reported all existing brick will be removed and replaced with a glass curtain wall and new windows that will open as a canopy. He stated the construction would create a new entrance to the Police Department and the project will be done over a 9 month period. Director Rice said the work will start on the west wall windows will be blocked out and windows sealed off. He stated all windows will be replaced and improvements to efficiency. He said we are still working out details for the Farmers' Market parking.

Councilor Becksted asked if the building will be wrapped with plastic. Director Rice explained the process to be used. He said we have an environmental monitoring system for the project.

3. *Presentation Information Re: Great Bay Coalition Update*

Deputy City Attorney Woodland said when talking about the Great Bay she would like people to consider their own health and begin thinking of beginning to investigate the symptoms, we are looking for the right diagnosis or treatment in what ails the Bay. She said it is a large and diverse water body with 7 wastewater treatment facilities that empty into the Bay. She said a number of facilities flow into that water body. She stated we are trying to figure out the challenges with the system. She reported in 2006 was the Mother's Day flood which was a major rain event which had a significant decline in eelgrass. She spoke to a Technical Advisory Committee being established that was made up of researchers from UNH and some employees from different municipalities. She stated in 2008 they did not find a link in eelgrass and nitrogen. Deputy City Attorney Woodland explained that the staff was engaged and wanted to find out what happened and what the science was, but we found a road block when we were looking for a seat at the table. She said we do not feel the science demonstrated the linkage to nitrogen for the eelgrass. She stated that the Great Bay Coalition was formed in 2010 which consisted of 6 communities. She spoke to decisions being made and one was to put money into sampling and analyzing and putting together information that needed to be looked at. She said we looked at design changes and nitrogen reductions. Deputy City Attorney Woodland spoke to the permits for Exeter and Newmarket that were issued in 2014 and we begin to see a change and the State of NH came to the table with us. She indicated that scientists were hired to look at the premise of the 2009 document that was written. She indicated the theory that if you have excess nitrogen in the system it is a factor of eelgrass decline, was not supported by data. She discussed the Peer Review Report.

City Engineer Desmarais spoke to the document submitted and provided data that the GBMC pulled together. He said it spoke to eelgrass changes, nitrogen concentrations and system responses. He spoke to changes in eelgrass growth and said water events had impact on the eelgrass. He said we received 7-15 inches of rain during the 2006 Mother's Day storm and since the storm there has been restoration in those areas. He addressed the spring runoff and color in the water column some of the soil conditions could have changed and the reasons why the eelgrass has not returned to the area. He said total nitrogen levels are trending low and algae growth trend in unchanged and nitrogen levels have changed significantly. He said eelgrass cover remains constant and we continue with the measured approach.

Councilor Becksted asked about the discharge levels and what they will be when we are done. He asked what the PPM for Dover and Rochester are. City Engineer Desmarais said Dover and Rochester are shooting for 8 but during the summer are achieving 5 to 6 mpl. He said we will be in the same range and in August you would have a lower number than June. Councilor Becksted asked what we have funded in the Great Bay Management Coalition (GBMC).

Mayor Blalock said we are promoting the science and why we are trying to reduce nitrogen.

City Engineer Desmarais said the State regulations are unfunded and are only to use limited data and their science did not work.

Councilor Pearson said you did not mention there should be some soil testing. City Engineer Desmarais said the question is how to get the funding in place to fund it. Councilor Pearson asked if there is some correlation with water temperature. Engineer Desmarais said that needs to be looked at and depends on the funding.

Councilor Dwyer asked if we are looking at other trends and research on those lines. City Engineer Desmarais said we want to do research on those lines.

Councilor Reynolds asked about the research over the last 10 years and if there been an analysis of the impact of road salt and fertilizers. City Engineer Desmarais said the background shows 70% from nitrogen is a non-point source.

At 9:18 p.m., Mayor Blalock called a brief recess. At 9:25 p.m., Mayor Blalock called the meeting back to order.

B. MAYOR BLALOCK

1. Report from Coakley Working Group Re: Coakley Community Meeting
 - Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilor Dwyer and Councilor Perkins

Mayor Blalock said the Coakley Working Group meeting will be held on June 7th. He said there is a press release and goals for the meeting. He said we will provide a platform for the DES, EPA and Coakley Landfill Group and learn of next steps. He indicated that the meeting will be held at Community Campus. He further stated that the Town of Newington has been invited to the meeting. Mayor Blalock stated we are working on a financial review and records would be available to look at prior to the event. He said we need to do more work on a moderator for the program.

Councilor Becksted said the press release does not have our State Representatives listed and they should be added.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby said we want to share information with communities.

Councilor Perkins said she is looking forward to the meeting because there is a great deal of information swirling around and we will learn about the science and have questions asked and answered.

City Attorney Sullivan said the matter of conflict of interest was raised last fall by town officials in Hampton. He said he addressed the conflict of interest question and does not feel one exists. He did indicate that he would have Deputy City Attorney Woodland be the City's Legal Representation at the June 7th meeting while he serves on the Executive Committee.

Councilor Dwyer said the misunderstanding for the Coakley Landfill group is a joint venture. She said it is really like a unique entity and hard to understand. She said she does not understand why we would ever want to change our leadership role on the Coakley Landfill Group.

Councilor Reynolds said he agrees with Councilor Dwyer's comments. He said it is appropriate that the City of Portsmouth be a representative on the Executive Committee.

2. Appointments to be Considered:
 - Reappointment of Adrienne Harrison to the Conservation Commission
 - Appointment of Thaddeus Jankowski to the Conservation Commission as a Regular Member
 - Reappointment of Carl Diemer to the Recreation Board
 - Reappointment of Kathryn Lynch to the Recreation Board

The City Council considered the appointments which will be acted upon at the April 16, 2018 City Council meeting.

3. Reappointment of Peter Loughlin to the Pease Development Authority for a 3 year term

Councilor Becksted moved to reappoint Peter Loughlin to the Pease Development Authority until March 31, 2021. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer and voted.

C. COUNCILOR DWYER

1. McIntyre Update

Councilor Dwyer provided an update on the McIntyre. She advised the City Council that the redevelopment plan would be coming to the City Council at the first meeting in May. She said the next stage is design and mapping which would be the last part of April.

D. COUNCILOR DENTON

1. Municipalities with Renewable Energy Exemptions

Councilor Denton moved to bring for consideration the expansion of the November 21, 2011, Solar Energy System Tax Exemption resolution, to include both Wind-powered Energy Systems and Wood heating Energy Systems under RSA 72:61-72 and eliminate both the current five year term and \$25,000.00 cap. Any Public Hearing and vote to adopt the expanded resolution should be held after relevant information is gathered from the April 15, 2018, Solar Energy System Tax Exemption filing deadline. Seconded by Councilor Perkins.

Councilor Denton said the upcoming deadline to file is April 15th for up to \$25,000.00 for a 5 year exemption. He said this motion starts the process from the renewable energy committee. He would like to have a public hearing on it and the information gathered from the April 15, 2018 exemption filing deadline.

City Manager Bohenko said he does not see an issue with gathering the information and there may be something we don't want to keep on for years because some things depreciate out.

Councilor Dwyer said the motion is to consider the expansion.

Mayor Blalock passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Mayor Blalock moved to table for a report back from the City Manager. Seconded by Councilor Pearson and voted.

Assistant Mayor Blalock returned the gavel to Mayor Blalock.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Legislative Subcommittee Report
Mayor Blalock, Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilor Dwyer and Councilor Denton
- Approval of Principles on Science and Technology

Councilor Dwyer moved to approve the Principles on Science and Technology. Seconded by Councilor Perkins.

Councilor Dwyer said the committee worked hard to navigate the principles in front of you.

Councilor Perkins said that this is not an easy thing to do and we might want to include balancing the expenditures for Portsmouth taxpayers.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby said that this does not just apply to science and technology.

Councilor Denton said he supports these when it comes to legislation. He asked when speakers speak to things would there be a way that they provide their credentials during the public comment sessions and public dialogue sessions.

Councilor Dwyer said that the point by Councilor Perkins is larger than the economic trade off.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 p.m., Mayor Blalock adjourn. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Lazenby and voted.



KELLI L. BARNABY, MMC, CMC, CNHMC
CITY CLERK