

PUBLIC DIALOGUE

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

PORTSMOUTH, NH
TIME: 6:15PM

Public Dialogue Session – Table A

PRESENT: Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Pearson, Reynolds and Denton

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 – said the Council needs to consider residents' concerns with the budget. He requested that further reductions be made to the budget that have a meaningful result. He said there needs to be more attention spent on the budget to allow more discussion for residents.

City Manager Bohenko said that the reductions effect the timing of when bonding would take place. He addressed the Shiller Station and said next year we will have a better idea as to the value of the facility and the revenues.

Mark Brighton said that the reductions are coming out of non-revenues in the budget.

City Manager said that Eversource is responsible to pay the hold harmless with the values staying where they are.

Erik Anderson said that there is a spending and revenue problem in the City.

City Manager Bohenko announced that Standard and Poor's reaffirmed the City's triple A bond rating. He said we are using funding from the debt service reserve to help with the increase to the budget.

Erik Anderson said that City Council needs to come up with a year-long budget planning process.

Councilor Pearson said we have more people requesting additional spending and asking for an increase in services and the Council needs to consider those requests.

Zelita Morgan said that the Council needs to look at operations and make changes. She said people have come forward with some changes we need to look at what we are spending and the amount of spending. She spoke opposed to the number of consultants working for the City and feels the Council needs to look through all operations. She suggested having high school students take care of the fields.

Brett Fletcher said he teaches at the Robert J. Lister Academy which has been greatly impacted by the Farm to School Program. He spoke in support of the program and the position. He spoke to the many benefits from the program that the students receive.

Councilor Reynolds said that the Farm to School Program is throughout all the schools.

Kate Mitchell, Coordinator for Farm to School Program said she is available this evening to answer any questions that may arise.

Mike Toner said he works at Gather and the Farm to School Program is important. He said with a little financial support the program can go a long way. He said the program makes a difference in people's lives.

Paul Mannle said the City Council can't analyze the budget in a month. He said you need to start the budget process earlier. He said revenues need to increase in the City because if we keep going with a 3% increase it will not allow for affordable housing. Mr. Mannle also addressed High Hanover Parking Garage leases and he would like to cut 350 leases and move 400 to the Foundry Garage.

City Manager Bohenko explained how the leases worked and the revenues that are collected. He said we would lose revenues by removing 350 from the High Hanover Parking Garage.

Councilor Reynolds said the parking fees and revenues are a very carefully balance.

Paul Mannle said he does not feel there should be parking leases at the garage any longer.

Mark Brighton asked if money has been set aside for the Jim Boyle case.

City Manager Bohenko said we have reserved the funds we would have to reimburse for legal fees.

Zelita Morgan asked if the Post Office is closing its downtown location.

Councilor Pearson said that is a rumor and the Post Office will be making the decision as to stay or leave, but in no way are they obligated to stay.

City Manager Bohenko said we left them the option to stay at the location.

Zelita Morgan asked about the presence of individuals from the Assessor's office in certain neighborhoods and if we were doing another revaluation.

Assessor Lentz said based on last year's revaluation she approached the City Council in February that updates will be made yearly based on assessments as of April 1st. She said this just equalizes everyone by reviewing the sales.

City Manager Bohenko said there would be a City Council Work Session prior to the Council meeting on June 18, 2018 regarding Assessments.

Erik Anderson asked if the Farm to School is a critical program.

Brett Fletcher said the Farm to School Program will affect capital expenses.

Public Dialogue Session – Table B

Councilors Roberts, Dwyer, Perkins and Becksted were seated at the table.

Councilor Roberts opened the floor for discussion:

Roy Helse – stated he has used vinegar for weed control for years with great success. He referred to an article by Ted Jankowski on the issue of pesticides and stated we should take advantage of his willingness to volunteer regarding this issue.

Councilor Roberts clarified that we are not, not doing it, but Department of Public Works is investigating the labor costs involved. He clarified that Mr. Jankowski is volunteering consulting on the issue but not the labor. He stated this will be a phased project.

Mr. Helse stated the areas near the sidewalks that they spray are near drains and the chemicals wash into the drains.

Councilor Dwyer stated that many people use the vinegar in their own yards, but this is an issue about scale and what is appropriate for the larger scale.

Councilor Becksted stated that Public Works Director Rice mentioned steam systems as well.

Paige Trace – stated she has several issues. She began by discussing the Farm to School program stating that she understands the director of the program is a good person, but feels that this is something that can be done at home without spending \$50,000.00 a year. She continued that this money could be used to install filtered water systems for the school children who are ill and cannot ingest PFAS at any level and feels that if city hall can have these filtered water systems, then so should the schools. She stated this is the health of our children.

Next, Ms. Trace stated she doesn't feel that personnel that receive training and education through the city should be let go and has heard that this may happen in the Police Department.

Councilor Dwyer stated that the Council is not proposing cuts to the Police Department and that the comments made regarding not getting everything they want was in regards to the supplemental proposals.

Next, Ms. Trace discussed the proposal to add 9 metered parking spaces in front of the Langdon House and feels that this is “whoring our history”.

Councilor Dwyer stated this was proposed in order to narrow the road but there are other ways to do it. She stated this is in regards to traffic calming, but there are other ways to achieve it.

Councilor Roberts stated this is not on the next Parking and Traffic Safety Committee agenda and there is no meeting in July, so this is still awhile away. He stated this is a safety issue as the roadway is wide and people drive very fast and it is actually 3 feet wider than I-95.

Councilor Dwyer agrees that there should not be any parking.

Finally, Ms. Trace stated that as a south end resident and with all due respect to Councilor Dwyer and the architect for the McIntyre project, she is dismayed that the Post Office is being removed and being relocated to Heritage Avenue. She knows there is supposed to be a kiosk of some sort, but will there still be post office boxes. She stated that people need to be able to go to the downtown location.

Councilor Dwyer explained that it is the post offices’ decision where to relocate. She stated that the loading docks at the McIntyre site are not used any longer and that function moved to Heritage Avenue 10 years ago. She stated regarding the retail function, it is up to the Post Office how they want to use the space.

Karen Bouffard also discussed the relocation of the post office and feels that if they relocate even temporarily and come back, it will not be the same.

Councilor Dwyer stated we have been waiting for the input from the post office. Ms. Bouffard asked how residents can encourage that this not be relocated as it is important to businesses as well as residents.

Councilor Dwyer and Councilor Roberts suggested contacting the Post Master General as well as writing a letter and petitions.

Ms. Bouffard stated it is important for the developers to set the terms and incumbent upon the city to state the importance of keeping it downtown.

Councilor Dwyer clarified that it is listed as one of the requirements to keep the retail portion.

Ms. Bouffard stated she feels that the plan does not include keeping the post office boxes. She continued that parking is also being lost and what is there is 15 minute or loading zone. She is also concerned with large trucks having to back out onto Daniel Street.

Councilor Roberts stated there is a trade-off of parking or losing other things.

Councilor Dwyer explained that there will be a loading zone access on Lyndon Street.

Danielle Miles, teacher and mother of children in Portsmouth School system, discussed the Farm to School program stating that it is more than being about tasting vegetables. She further explained that the director of the program is funded through grants which she secured herself and feels that this item is miniscule comparatively. She stated that the children are excited with this curriculum and is because of this persons' effectiveness.

Councilor Dwyer stated she doesn't understand why the School Department didn't include it themselves. She stated that the Council doesn't have line item authority and would like to see the School Board integrate it.

Ms. Miles stated that if the School Board decides to include it, then fine, but she feels this has become a bigger thing than just the schools with endless possibilities and the city needs to see the value of the program.

Ms. Trace stated that this wasn't presented in this way during the budget work session and feels the program should have more publicity. She continued that the issue is really about the PFAS water filtration systems not being done and also not losing police officers that the city trains.

Eric Wold, curator at Strawberry Banke stated they have been coordinating with the schools with this program and feels that children are finding a passion with connecting to the landscape and learning about their diets, etc.

Councilor Dwyer reiterated that this should be included in the School budget.

Ms. Miles stated she sat in a cold school all winter because they need a new heating system and again stated that this should be a part of a larger conversation.

Heidi Bostic stated her concern for losing the post office downtown as it is a community hub and feels the Council should speak to the post master.

Councilor Dwyer reiterated her suggestion that residents should contact the post master.

Jeffrey Cooper stated he would like to see the City have a Phase IV Public Input Session to see if the public likes the new proposal and have it presented with the 3-D display. He stated he has also heard that the post office has been reduced to a kiosk. He stated that with the Prescott Park Master Plan Process there were at least 2 presentations with the full plan.

Councilor Dwyer stated there is still a lot of the process ahead.

Mr. Cooper stated that the Council is about to vote on the application so what will be left after that.

Councilor Roberts explained the 3 things that the Parks Services need including details of the renovation to the McIntyre building, general mass and scale of the building and financial arrangements. He stated that the Historic District Commission and other committees will be reviewing it and will include public sessions as well.

Mr. Cooper stated that he would still like another public input session as he feels people will object to the mass and scale.

Councilor Becksted invited everyone to attend the Historic District Commission meeting on June 13th and feels they should have a 3-D model.

Councilor Dwyer stated the press releases are no longer printed in the Portsmouth Herald so people should spread the word via social media.

Mr. Cooper asked if the application will lock us in to what has been presented now.

Councilor Perkins stated decisions needed to be made in order to get the application in.

Dave Hudlin stated that the budget process needs to go beyond the current budget year because the taxpayers need relief. He stated we need to make it affordable for people to live here and it requires a culture change. He stated there should not be a target set of 3.5% but we need to maximize resources. He concluded that there needs to be a different approach to make it affordable for the future and not just this year.

Pat Bagley asked when the parking issue in front of the Langdon House will come before the Parking and Traffic Safety committee.

Councilor Roberts stated possibly August, or July if they have a July meeting.

Councilor Dwyer stated the work won't be done for a long time.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Blalock closed the Public Dialogue Session.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Blalock called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. INVOCATION

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Becksted led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RECOGNITION OF STATE CHAMPIONS FOR PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

1. Boys Basketball

Mayor Blalock honored the players, manager and coaches with a plaque for winning the State Championship for the third year in a row.

2. Boys Track Team

Mayor Blalock honored the players and coaches with a plaque for winning the Boys State Track Championship.

3. Girls Track Team

Mayor Blalock honored the players and coaches with a plaque for winning the Division II State Championship.

4. Girls Tennis Team

Mayor Blalock honored the players and coaches with a plaque for winning the Girls Division II State Championship.

PROCLAMATION

1. Men's Health Month

Mayor Blalock read the Proclamation declaring June as Men's Health Month.

PRESENTATION

1. Art-Speak Annual State of the Art Presentation and Request to Extend the Agreement Between the City and Art-Speak

Art-Speak Director Robin Lurie-Meyerkopf introduced Miles Burns, Liam Ellis and Sam Rogers of Portsmouth Academy of Performing Arts from Seacoast Repertory who performed a piece from Hunchback. Mike Teixeira provided the Art-Speak Annual State of the Art Presentation. He spoke about the community collaboration on working together. He reported in 2017 there were 882 events and they expect 978 this year.

Councilor Perkins moved to authorize the City Manager to extend the agreement from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Seconded by Councilor Pearson.

Councilor Becksted asked about Art-Speak request for an additional \$15,000.00. Mayor Blalock said those funds come from UDAG and are not taxpayer's money.

Motion passed.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – MAY 2, 2018 AND MAY 21, 2018

Councilor Dwyer moved to accept and approve the minutes of the May 2, 2018 and May 21, 2018 City Council meetings. Seconded by Councilor Denton. Assistant Mayor Lazenby said the May 21, 2018 minutes need to have him as calling the meeting to order. Main motion passed as amended.

VI. PUBLIC DIALOGUE SUMMARY

Assistant Mayor Lazenby reported at Table A that Erik Anderson spoke on the budget; Zelita Morgan spoke regarding the possible relocation of the post office; Brett Fletcher spoke in favor of the Farm to School Program; Mike Toner spoke in support of the Farm to School Program; Paul Mannle spoke regarding the budget; Mark Brighton spoke of the Boyle cases and revaluation process.

Councilor Becksted reported on Table B that Roy Helsel spoke on weed control; Paige Trace spoke on Farm to School Program and Police Department budget; Karen Bouffard spoke on the post office possible relocation; Eric Wold and Danielle Miles spoke on Farm to School Program; Heidi Bostic spoke in support of the post office remaining downtown; Jeffrey Cooper spoke on the need for more dialogue sessions to discuss the 3-D renderings of the McIntyre; Dave Hudlin spoke on the budget and Pat Bagley spoke on losing views on Pleasant Street.

City Manager Bohenko said we have not heard that the post office is moving but we will try to speak to them about keeping it downtown and advise the public of any changes we are made aware of.

Councilor Becksted moved to suspend the rules in order to allow for Public Comment on the budget. Seconded by Councilor Denton.

Councilor Becksted said that the City Council promised to allow for the public to speak on the budget and would like the residents to be able to speak and weigh in on the budget.

Mayor Blalock passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Mayor Blalock said he would not support the motion as it was not advertised to be a Public Comment Session.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby returned the gavel to Mayor Blalock.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby said the Council had an opportunity for people to speak on the budget at the Public Dialogue Session. He said he would have supported the motion if we advertised that there would be a Public Comment Session.

Councilor Reynolds said he would not support the motion as he agrees with Mayor Blalock and Assistant Mayor Lazenby. He also spoke to the many opportunities residents had to speak during the work sessions.

Councilor Roberts said he would support the Public Comment Session because we talked about having the session.

Councilor Becksted said it would only take a little more time and we should let the public weigh in.

Councilor Dwyer said the effective comments come in dialogue and work sessions and they don't come from standing up this evening to cut the budget.

On a roll call vote 6-3, motion passed. Councilors Roberts, Pearson, Dwyer, Denton, Perkins and Becksted voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilor Reynolds and Mayor Blalock voted opposed.

Brett Fletcher spoke in support of the Farm to School Program and explained the success the program has had with his students at the Robert J. Lister Academy.

Mark Brighton said the School Department could be cut as well as the Municipal Budget. He said it is not the job of residents and City Council to tell where reductions should be made in the budget, it is the City Manager.

Paul Mannle said you don't have the time to take apart a budget document in six weeks. If you are going to have a 3% increase each year you will lose affordable housing.

VII. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

Adoption of Budget Resolutions for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 (FY2019)

City Manager Bohenko said that there are six Resolutions that are required to adopt the budget. He said the Municipal Fees make up 1% of the General Fund revenues.

- Resolution No. 8-2018 – Municipal Fees

Councilor Pearson moved to adopt Resolution #8-2018 – Municipal Fees. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer.

Councilor Dwyer said we try over a cycle to raise fees and we make a distinction and give residents a break over non-residents.

Councilor Becksted said he is not sure why we have not tapped into more revenue sources. He said we should have impact fees like the City of Dover.

Motion passed.

- Resolution No. 9-2018 – General Fund Expenditures

City Manager Bohenko said that the City Council has before it a resolution with changes that were made at the May 23rd Work Session which will increase taxes by \$.51.

Councilor Denton moved to adopt Resolution #9-2018 – General Fund Expenditures. Seconded by Councilor Pearson.

Councilor Denton moved to amend Resolution #9 and add \$58,750.00 to the School Department budget to keep the Farm to School Program. Seconded by Councilor Perkins.

Councilor Denton said we received over a dozen e-mails on the Farm to School Program and some were from students.

Councilor Dwyer said she does not understand why the Farm to School Program was not part of the original School Department budget. She said the School Board should have found a way to put the funds into the School Department budget.

Mayor Blalock passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Mayor Blalock said he believes in the program and we could vote to authorize the School Department and School Board to give them more funds. He said the School Department can find the money in their budget and if in the fourth quarter there is a budget shortfall the Council would fund it.

City Manager Bohenko said the School Department put forward their budget and he spoke with Superintendent Zadavec regarding moving forward with the position in the fourth quarter and if there is a short fall we work together to find the funding for the program.

Mayor Blalock said we have heard from our taxpayers to give them a break. He said we don't want to lose services right now. City Manager Bohenko said the Finance Director and City staff has worked hard to get the budget where it is currently.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby returned the gavel to Mayor Blalock.

Superintendent Zadavec thanked the City Council for the support for the program. He said we are looking at the energy line item to repurpose those funds for the Farm to School Program.

Mayor Blalock passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Mayor Blalock said that we have assurances from the Superintendent for the program.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby returned the gavel to Mayor Blalock.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby said he does not want to increase any of the funds beyond what the City Manager proposed.

Councilor Raynolds said having heard comments from Mayor Blalock and Superintendent Zadavec he is comfortable that the School Department will retain the program as the budget is.

Councilor Pearson said that she supports the program and is glad to hear that the School Department will support the program.

Councilor Denton withdrew his motion and Councilor Perkins the second to the motion.

**Councilor Becksted moved to remove \$175,296.00 from the General Fund.
Seconded by Councilor Perkins.**

Councilor Becksted said he is looking at the professional services and unanticipated expenses.

Councilor Perkins said she is inclined to support a reduction of the operating budget.

City Manager Bohenko said general government is being hit hard with the proposed reduction.

Councilor Reynolds asked for an explanation regarding unanticipated expenses.

Finance Director Belanger said that this is budgeted every year between \$75,000.00 and \$100,000.00. She said it is similar to a contingency fund and once the funds are allocated they go away.

Councilor Pearson said she doesn't feel it is realistic to spring these kinds of reductions this year because there needs to be more time for the staff to plan for these reductions.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby asked about the line item for professional services engineering.

Finance Director Belanger said it is increased due to the number of projects we have going on in the City.

City Manager Bohenko said the Public Works Department assists other departments such as Police and Fire Departments with professional services for engineering.

Councilor Becksted said he understand that this is last minute. He said the taxpayers didn't expect another 3% increase and a revaluation, this will save the taxpayers \$.3 on the tax rate.

On a roll call vote 1-8, motion to reduce the General Government Budget by \$175,296.00 failed to pass. Councilor Becksted voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Roberts, Pearson, Dwyer, Denton, Perkins, Reynolds and Mayor Blalock voted opposed.

Councilor Denton moved to amend Resolution #9-2018 by adding \$48,956.00 to the Police Department budget. Seconded Councilor Perkins.

Mayor Blalock said he hopes that the Police Department finds these funds in the fourth quarter as the School Department will.

Police Chief Merner said this would cut the operating budget significantly. He spoke to various increases to cost in the department.

Councilor Dwyer said the Police Department could look to work this into the existing budget.

Police Chief Merner said the department is looking at expenditures beyond the \$48,956.00.

City Manager Bohenko said he would work with the Police Department and keep the officers in place and work in the fourth quarter for the funding for officers.

Mayor Blalock passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Mayor Blalock said he feels strongly not to lay off any officers but we need to balance and keep the budget under control. He said he would vote in favor of an increase if the money is not there to fund it in the fourth quarter.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby returned the gavel to Mayor Blalock.

Councilor Perkins said it does not make sense to hire an officer, train them and then let them go.

Councilor Denton asked if Chief Merner is comfortable with the approach. Chief Merner said he was.

Councilor Denton withdrew his motion and Councilor Perkins withdrew her second to the motion.

Councilor Becksted asked about making an amendment to parking. City Manager Bohenko said that would be for Resolution #10.

Councilor Perkins moved to amend Resolution #9-2018 by cutting \$100,000.00 from the General Fund budget and \$40,000.00 from the Fire Department budget. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Councilor Becksted said it is a slippery slope to cut \$40,000.00 from the Fire Department. He said we rely on the Fire Department for public safety and they have not increased staffing in the last 20 years.

Mayor Blalock passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Splaine.

Mayor Blalock said he would not support cutting the Fire Department Budget or the General Government and 90% of people are happy with the way the City is running.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby returned the gavel to Mayor Blalock.

Councilor Roberts asked if we could add Parking and Transportation funds for the Fire Department.

City Manager said you would need to find a way to link the Fire Department to the Parking & Transportation budget.

Councilor Roberts said the Way Finding Program is a good program but he would like to see those funds reduced and moved to other line items.

City Manager Bohenko said we don't want to create the Parking & Transportation fund as a second revenue fund. He said we need to make sure there are enough funds in the Parking & Transportation to pay down the Foundry Garage bond. He said he would sit on expending Way Finding funds until the fourth quarter.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby said he is interested in the idea of reducing the operating budget, understanding the line items and where the items come from. He said he would not support the reductions to the Fire Department budget.

Councilor Becksted said as a friendly amendment he would support the \$100,000.00 from the General Government budget.

Councilor Perkins said she is open to the friendly amendment from Councilor Becksted.

Councilor Pearson said she supports the spirit but for next year, as she does not feel the Council should make drastic reductions this year.

Councilor Dwyer said the Council spoke on the line items during all our work sessions in May and we need to work through and look at alternative ways to do things in the future.

Councilor Perkins said that she will amend her motion to reduce General Government by \$100,000.00. Assistant Mayor Lazenby agreed as the second to the motion.

Councilor Becksted said he feels that the City Manager could find the funds to make up the \$100,000.00.

On a roll call vote 3-6, motion failed. Councilors Roberts, Perkins and Becksted voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Pearson, Dwyer, Denton, Reynolds and Mayor Blalock voted opposed.

Councilor Denton moved to add \$30,000.00 to the composting budget. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Councilor Denton reported that Mr. Fox has seen an increase of 56% with the pilot program.

Councilor Dwyer said this is not something that the City needs to support.

Public Works Director Rice said we have 24 additional participants in Mr. Fox.

Councilor Dwyer said we should promote the program but we don't need to subsidize the program.

Mayor Blalock passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Mayor Blalock said he would vote against the amendment because we have worked hard to get to a small increase in the budget.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby returned the gavel to Mayor Blalock.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby said we should support the composting but not with a budget increase.

Councilor Denton said according to Mr. Fox 87 people were added to the program.

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

Councilor Becksted said he would not support the General Fund Resolution.

On a roll call 8-1, voted to adopt Resolution #9-2018. Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Roberts, Pearson, Dwyer, Denton, Perkins, Raynolds and Mayor Blalock voted in favor. Councilor Becksted voted opposed.

Department	Appropriation
General Government	\$19,445,179.00
Police	\$11,280,229.00
Fire	\$8,966,305.00
School	\$48,086,136.00
Transfer to Indoor Pool	\$150,000.00
Transfer to Prescott Park	\$60,000.00
Non-Operating	\$25,021,244.00
Total	\$113,009,093.00

At 9:30 p.m., Mayor Blalock called a brief recess. At 9:45 p.m., Mayor Blalock called the meeting back to order.

- Resolution No. 10-2018 – Sewer Fund Expenditures

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to adopt Resolution #10-2018 – Sewer Fund Expenditures. Seconded by Councilor Perkins.

Councilor Becksted moved to reduce \$865,122.00 from the sewer fund. Seconded by Councilor Perkins.

Councilor Becksted said there was no funding for FY17 and FY16 for Professional/Services-Lab Tests and FY18 there was \$10,000.00 and he wants to bring it back to \$10,000.00.

City Manager Bohenko said that particular line item is under the water fund not the sewer fund.

Councilor Becksted withdrew his motion and Councilor Perkins the second to the motion.

Councilor Becksted said he would like to abstain from this vote as his home has a septic system.

Main motion passed with Councilor Becksted abstaining from the vote.

- ✓ ***Appropriated sum of \$12,406,664.00 to defray expenses for the operation of the sewer system.***
 - ✓ ***Cash requirements of \$18,340,484.00 to defray expenses for the operations of the sewer system.***
 - ✓ ***Sewer user rate effective July 1, 2018 is \$13.24 per unit for the first 10 units of consumption per month, and \$14.56 per unit for all units used thereafter to yield a portion of revenue to meet the cash requirements for the operation of the City of Portsmouth's sewer system.***
- Resolution No. 11-2018 – Water Fund Expenditures

Councilor Reynolds moved to adopt Resolution #11-2018 – Water Fund Expenditures. Seconded by Councilor Pearson.

Councilor Becksted moved to remove \$262,000.00 from the Water Fund Expenditures. No second received.

Main motion passed with Councilor Becksted voting opposed.

- ✓ ***Appropriated the sum of \$8,425,724.00 to defray expenses for the operations of the water system.***
- ✓ ***Cash requirements of \$10,175,232.00 to defray expenses for the operations of the water system.***
- ✓ ***Water user rate effective July 1, 2018, is \$4.23 per unit for the first 10 units of water consumed per month, and \$5.10 per unit for all units consumed thereafter to yield a portion of revenue to meet the cash requirements for the operation of the City of Portsmouth's water system.***
- ✓ ***Water irrigation user rate effective July 1, 2018, is \$5.10 per unit for the first 10 units of water consumed per month, \$9.61 for consumption over 10 and up to 20 units consumed, and \$11.86 per unit for all units consumed thereafter to yield a portion of revenue to meet the cash requirements for the operation of the City of Portsmouth's water system.***

- Resolution No. 12-2018 – Special Revenues, Debt Service Fund and Committed Fund Balances for Necessary Expenditures

City Manager Bohenko advised the Council that they could now speak on the parking revenue and storm water.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to adopt Resolution #12-2018 – Special Revenues, Debt Service Fund and Committed Fund Balances for Necessary Expenditures. Seconded by Councilor Pearson.

City Manager Bohenko recommended adoption of the Parking budget as presented but he would put on hold the Way Finding program until the fourth quarter.

Councilor Becksted moved to reduce \$68,000.00 from the Zagster Program. Seconded by Councilor Denton.

Councilor Becksted asked when would the City see the revenue return on the program.

Planning Director Walker said last year there was \$7,800.00 in revenue received. She said we are paying for the program out of Parking and Transportation and we never expected to have this be a self-sustaining program. She said we have a tentative three year program with Zagster and it returns in May.

Councilor Becksted asked what the liability to the City is if someone is injured by not wearing a helmet while operating a Zagster bicycle.

Planning Director Walker said that this is a lease program and the liability is with Zagster.

Councilor Reynolds said he is opposed to the amendment because Zagster is an important phase of our Transportation Program.

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

City Manager Bohenko spoke to the Storm Water budget and said most cities and towns are dealing with storm water issues.

Public Works Director Rice said there is now a Storm Water budget and costs have gone up significantly. He said they're documenting and tracking costs.

Main motion passed with Councilor Becksted voting opposed.

- Resolution #13-2018 – Investment Policy

City Manager Bohenko said that this is required by statute.

Councilor Dwyer moved to adopt Resolution #13-2018 – Investment Policy. Seconded by Councilor Pearson and voted.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Letter from Floyd Caron, St. John's Lodge requesting permission to hold the St. John's Church March on Sunday, June 24, 2018 (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)
- B. Request for License to Install Projecting Sign from James & Kate Horne, owner of birch for property located at 73 State Street, Unit 1 (***Anticipated action – move 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***
- C. Request for License to Install Projecting Sign from Jay McSharry, owner of The Nice for property located at 107 State Street (***Anticipated action – move 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***

- D. Letter from Abigail Wiggin, Portsmouth Halloween Parade Committee requesting permission to hold the 24th annual parade on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)
- E. Letter from Nick Diana requesting permission to host a running road race on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. with donations going to the Cocheco Valley Humane Society (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)
- F. Letter from JerriAnne Boggis, Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire, requesting permission to hold the annual Juneteenth Celebration (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)

X. PRESENTATION & CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

- A. Email Correspondence

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

- B. Letter from State Representative Pamela Gordon resigning as the Ward 5 State Representative

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

- C. Letter from Jennifer Leyden, South Church requesting permission to use City property for the placement of a toilet trailer on June 16, June 22, June 23, July 7, July 28, August 11 and August 25, 2018 due to construction

Councilor Dwyer moved to refer to the City Manager with power. Seconded by Councilor Perkins and voted.

- D. Letter from Alena Shellenbean, Strawberry Banke, requesting permission for the firing of muskets and a small cannon during specific timed demonstrations during the Independent Day celebrations on Sunday, July 1st

Councilor Reynolds moved to refer to the City Manager with power. Seconded by Councilor Perkins and voted.

- E. Letter from Patrick Healey requesting the City bestow an official name to what is presently referred to as the Marcy Street Bridge and culvert

Mayor Blalock passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Mayor Blalock moved to name the bridge and install a plaque honoring Harold Whitehouse. Seconded by Councilor Pearson.

Councilor Dwyer said it is a wonderful present and requested that Harold work with the City on the plaque.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby returned the gavel to Mayor Blalock.

Motion passed.

XI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

A. CITY MANAGER

1. Portsmouth Historical Society – Proposed Extension of Lease for Discover Portsmouth Center (10-30 Middle Street)

Councilor Dwyer moved to refer to the Planning Board for report back with action on this matter at the July 9th City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Pearson and voted.

2. Request for First Reading Re: Clipper Traders, LLC Petition for Re-Zoning of 105 Bartlett Street

Councilor Dwyer said she would like the City Council to think about this before acting on the matter. She asked if there was a way to break this down and take it up in smaller segments. She said first reading on this entire package might be too much at once.

Councilor Becksted said he will recuse from voting on this matter.

Planning Director Walker said we could look at the housekeeping items and move them and simplify the process. She advised the City Council that this would be a lengthy process.

Councilor Dwyer said that this is much more complicated.

Councilor Perkins said she would support the motion recommended to bring it to first reading.

Councilor Dwyer moved to schedule a first reading for the June 18, 2018 City Council meeting on the following zoning amendments related to the request of Clipper Traders, LLC for rezoning of property located at 105 Bartlett Street with an adjusted format:

- **Amendments to Articles 4, 5A, and 15;**
- **Amendment to the Zoning Map to change Tax Map 157 Lots 1 and 2 from Office Research (OR) to Character District 4 West End (CD\$-W) and a portion of Tax Map 164 Lot 4 from OR and Transportation Corridor (TC) to CD4-W and Character District 4 Limited 2 (CD\$-L2);**
- **Amendment to the Zoning Map to extend the West End Overlay District and add new Building Height Standards for Tax Map 157 Lots 1 and 2 and a portion of Tax Map 164 Lot 4**

Seconded by Councilor Pearson and voted. Councilor Becksted recused himself from the vote.

City Manager Informational Items

3. Presentation Finance Department Internal Review Re: Coakley Landfill Expenditures

City Manager Bohenko said a financial review of the Coakley Landfill was done by the Finance Department.

Finance Director Belanger provided a brief presentation regarding the Internal Review regarding Coakley Landfill Expenditures and reported that the Coakley remediation to the Coakley Landfill group to date is determine to be \$16,898,985.44.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby announced that there will be a Community Meeting regarding the Coakley Landfill on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Community Campus beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Becksted asked if we would recoup our costs for the 630 hours spent on this project. City Manager Bohenko said we will be going to the Coakley Landfill Group to recover our costs.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby asked about financial reports going forward. City Manager Bohenko said the Coakley Landfill Group will provide semi-annual reporting.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby asked if you still expect to expend the \$27 million up to the end of the project.

Environmental Planner Britz said it is difficult to come up with a figure.

Councilor Roberts asked if another audit is anticipated. City Manager Bohenko said all the work has been done but it is a decision of the Coakley Landfill Group.

City Attorney Sullivan said they will pick up where the City's Finance Department left off and produce a similar report. He said the audit is a good idea.

Councilor Dwyer said DES has done a charge back. Environmental Planner Britz said recently the DES has done some charge backs.

Councilor Becksted asked where the financial information will be. City Manager Bohenko said it would be placed on the Coakley Landfill Group web page.

Councilor Becksted moved to suspend the rules in order to take up Item XI. C.1. – Coakley Community Meeting – June 7, 2018. Seconded by Councilor Denton and voted.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby said the agenda will be available on the night of the meeting. He reported that there will be two moderators, John Gilbert and John Mayer.

Councilor Becksted moved to suspend the rules in order to continue the meeting beyond 10:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Perkins and voted.

B. MAYOR BLALOCK

1. Resignation – Leslie Stevens from the Trees and Greenery Committee

Councilor Dwyer moved to accept with regret the resignation of Leslie Stevens from the Trees and Greenery Committee effective June 14th. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Lazenby and voted.

2. Appointment to be Considered:
 - Michael Griffin to the Trees & Greenery Committee

The City Council considered the appointment of Michael Griffin to the Trees & Greenery Committee to be voted on at the next City Council meeting.

3. Continuation of Council Sub-Committee on McIntyre Project

Mayor Blalock announced that the Council Sub-Committee on McIntyre Project will continue and Councilors Roberts, Dwyer and Perkins will remain serving.

4. Recognition of Service Ceremony

Mayor Blalock announced that there will be a Recognition for Boards/Commissions and other volunteers on June 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers at City Hall.

D. COUNCILOR DWYER

1. Proposed Parking in front of Langdon House refer to Parking Traffic & Safety Committee for report back

Councilor Dwyer spoke to petitions received on parking spaces in front of the Langdon House. She said we were trying to narrow the street in a way to slow traffic. She said we would have this referred to Parking Traffic & Safety Committee to be looked at again and not block the Langdon House with cars.

Councilor Roberts said that Public Works Director Rice said the process has been started and right now there is no meeting in July of the Committee but they will be meeting in August.

City Manager Bohenko reported that nothing will be done to allow parking in front of the Langdon House by Parking Traffic & Safety Committee.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilor Becksted said he had asked for measurements on the State Street bump out prior to its installation but he noticed the other day that the bump out had already been installed.

Councilor Becksted suggested that David Mullen of the PDA make a presentation to the City Council on what is and is not the Airport District at the Pease Tradeport.

Councilor Becksted asked if there is a revaluation taking place. City Manager Bohenko said we will have a Work Session before the next City Council meeting on June 18th on the revaluation matter.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:05 p.m., Councilor Becksted moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Perkins and voted.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelli L. Barnaby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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