

TO: KAREN CONARD, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020 IN THE EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR BECKSTED, ASSISTANT MAYOR SPLAINE, COUNCILORS McEACHERN, WHELAN, LAZENBY, KENNEDY, HUDA, TABOR AND TRACE

1. At 6:00 p.m., a Non-Public Session was held regarding Threat of Litigation Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (e).
2. On a unanimous roll call 9-0, **voted** to adjourn the Non-Public Session.
3. Approval City Council Rules and Orders – On a unanimous roll call 9-0, **voted** to accept the Revised Rules and Orders of the Portsmouth City Council as presented with a further amendments to Rule 7 – Order of Business Item XI. to remove “single item” and replace it with “*items*”. Rule 30 – Ordinance Procedure to remove “Staff” to “*Administration*” and “must” to “*may*”. Rule 7 – Order of Business Item VIII Public Dialogue Summary to remain. Rule 2 – Special Meetings add at end of first paragraph “*the party calling for the special meeting shall make every effort to schedule the meeting at a date no fewer than 7 days from the date the official notice is published to the City website if at all possible.*”
4. Ratify City Council Policies - **Voted** to approve the Policies, as submitted.
5. Ethics Committee Drawing by Lot – Councilor Tabor was selected by lot to serve on the Ethics Committee as the City Council Representative.
6. McIntyre Project – On a roll call vote 2-7, motion to table items IV – VIII for a later date to provide further input on this matter **failed** to pass. Councilor Lazenby and Councilor Tabor voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilor McEachern, Whelan, Kennedy, Huda, Trace and Mayor Becksted voted opposed.
7. McIntyre Project Presentations – Historic Preservation: Senator Martha Fuller Clark; – Finances: Michael Simchik, Developer; and Legal: Attorney Paul McEachern, provided individual presentations regarding each subject matter.

8. Public Comment Re: McIntyre Project – There were 19 speakers on the McIntyre Project: Josh Denton, Trevor Bartlett, Bernard Mulligan, Lee Roberts, Byron Matto, Ted Jankowski, Patricia Bagley, Mark Brighton, Dick Bagley, Gerald Duffy, Stephen Barndollar, Clare Kittredge, Duncan MacCallum, Patrick Ellis, Brad Lown, Bill Downey, Ralph Cox, Bruce Falby, and Zelita Morgan.
9. Discussion on Historic Monument Program application submitted to acquire The Thomas J. McIntyre Federal Building. Consideration to include related Development Agreement and Draft Ground Lease – **Voted** to schedule a Work Session at the discretion of the Mayor.
10. **Voted** to postpone Items VII. – Ask City Manager to arrange for Public Presentations from National Park Service and General Services Administration on all possibilities for acquisition of The Thomas J. McIntyre Federal Building and VIII. – Establish Transparent Process addressing the acquisition and development of The Thomas J. McIntyre Federal Building that would provide greatest benefit to the citizens of the City of Portsmouth until after the Work Session.

The City Council agreed to review the answers to the National Park Services Application and not forward those answers to the National Park Service. Further the City Council will review and discuss those answers with a vote at a later date of when to forward the answers. The City Council agreed there will be no further communications sent to the National Park Service until after a Work Session is held on this matter. Further, the City Council agreed to have the Ground Lease of December 7, 2019, forwarded to the City Council for discussion during the Work Session to be held at the call of Mayor Becksted.

11. Adjournment – At 10:20 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

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City Clerk