

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

PORTSMOUTH, NH
TIME: 7:00PM [or thereafter]

At 4:30 p.m. there were three Anticipated Non-Public Session held regarding the following subjects:

- McIntyre - RSA 91-A:3, II (e)
- Nomination of Police Commission Member – RSA 91-A:3, II (c)
- Boyle Case – RSA 91-A:3, II (e)

Councilor Trace moved to enter into Non-Public Session regarding McIntyre – RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Seconded by Councilor Kennedy.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

Councilor McEachern moved to enter into Non-Public Session regarding Nomination of Police Commission Member – RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Seconded by Councilor Whelan.

On a roll call vote 8-1, motion passed. Assistant Mayor Splaine voted opposed.

Councilor Kennedy moved to enter into Non-Public Session regarding the Boyle Case – RSA 91-A:3, II (e). Seconded by Councilor McEachern.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

I. WORK SESSION

At 6:15 p.m. a Work Session was held regarding New Recreational Fields.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Becksted called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Becksted, Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilors McEachern, Whelan, Lazenby, Kennedy, Huda, Tabor and Trace

IV. INVOCATION

Mayor Becksted asked for a moment of silent prayer in memory of Charles DeGrandpre who passed away last week.

City Attorney Sullivan spoke regarding Mr. DeGrandpre and his accomplishments as well as his deep friendship with Charlie.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Becksted spoke to his visit at the Children's Garden Preschool where he spoke and answered questions of the kids and they presented him with a gift that he will place in his office.

PRESENTATION

1. Summary of City Hall and Police Department Infrastructure Upgrades

Public Works Director Rice said the Police Department wants to prioritize the improvements needed in their department. He spoke to the three buildings that make up the Municipal Complex and the 2014 study done which looked at the needs of the Police Department. He advised the Council the study indicated there is a 66,000 square foot addition needed. Public Works Director Rice spoke to the renovations that have been made to the building. He also indicated that the Police Department and Municipal Complex meet the needs for the future. He said there are funds in the 2023 CIP for construction costs for the building and suggested moving those funds forward.

Councilor Tabor asked if the current space meet the needs of the Police Department. Public Works Director Rice said with some additions there could be a configuration that could work and would be a collaborative function.

Councilor Huda thanked Director Rice for the presentation on the additional mold abatement. Public Works Director Rice said it is in the same area and the work is phased in. Councilor Huda asked if there are other areas. Director Rice said that there are in some areas but no plan for abatement at this time. He said we monitor the air quality to make sure it is not harmful.

Councilor Kennedy asked when you put the facility back together are you adding some improvements such as a kitchen. Director Rice said there are kitchen improvements and the area will be in good shape.

Councilor Trace asked when you get to the second phase of mold remediation have you found the root cause of the problem. Director Rice said the mold has been corrected. He said there is no comprehensive plan but when you look at the facility you need to look at the whole issue.

Mayor Becksted said we met in Non-Public Session and met with Redgate/Kane and discussed on how we can met and work collaboratively together. He said there are some times you need to do more moves with less people. He has created a four member City Council Subcommittee made up of Councilors McEachern, Tabor, Whelan and Trace. He said the Subcommittee will collaborate and sit down and discuss what the plans are going forward with Redgate/Kane.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Josh Denton advised the City Manager that she has the power and faith of the public. He thanked the City Councilors that voted not to vote down the ground lease. He asked the City Council to continue to collaborate and asked the City Attorney to do what is right by the people and not just the City Council. He asked Councilor Huda to reconsider the vote.

Katlin Deyo submitted a letter she spoke to the need to support the City Manager. She said that this is a City Manager form of government and the Council should be working for the residents.

Gerald Duffy said residents have signed a petition to rescind the vote of the McIntyre and demonstrate good faith. He said there are 300 signatures that have been gathered thus far. He said the City Council ran on promises and for listening to the residents. He stated HUB Spot is looking to come to the McIntyre which would help with the project.

John Raganese said he is a parent of a high schooler in the City and he is a licensed sports coach and accessibility is important to the playing fields. He said he is not concerned with players playing on artificial turf. He said the fields are subpar that we have. He indicated he would like to play at the High School field as it is finest field in the City. He reported that natural fields are untrained and are not the best fields and the City needs to move towards artificial fields immediately.

Jackie Cali-Pitts said we have been through this issue of artificial fields in the City. She said it is not a concern with kids playing on the fields. She said she feels we are doing the best for our children by having the fields. She indicated we have problems getting children to play and we can do this more effectively with turf fields.

Nancy MacDonald asked if the motion by Councilor Lazenby is still active this evening. She said the ground lease is a good deal for the developer and not the City Council. She stated the City will receive 1% of revenue sharing and only after 11 years.

Trevor Bartlett said he appreciates the work of the City Council and he believes the vote to reject the Ground Lease was premeditated. He stated for the best interests of the residents and trust for the process a rescinding of the vote should be made to reexamine the factors.

Bill Hamilton thanked the City Council for their vote to withdraw the land lease as the project is not what residents want. He applauds negotiations with the developer, there is no citizen involvement for the plan. He said he supports the City Council Committee of 4 Councilors and the project needs to be reevaluated.

Bill Downy said there is misinformation and disservice surrounding the McIntyre Project. He thanked the current Council for working to make this right and get an agreement that works for everyone.

Byron Matto thanked the City Council for their work thus far. He is concerned with how the project will go with the developers. He stated we need to rely on the current checks and balances for the land use boards. He said the vote to reject the ground lease was not in good faith and we need more assurances. He requested the Council to rescind the vote and represent the entire residents of the City.

Patrick Ellis said the majority of the City Council was not supportive of the Right-to-Know with the request for a Non-Public Session with the City Manager and City Attorney. He said by not having a Non-Public Session you did not move forward.

Mark Brighton asked the City Council not to rescind their vote. He said people are opposed because they don't like the results of the election.

Arthur Clough spoke to the lack of parking in the downtown. He addressed the Right-to-Know law and said the City Council has the right to meet with the City Attorney and City Manager.

Michael Griffin requested the approval of the City Council for the use of City property for Flag Day on June 14th. He said the event will take place at Prescott Park and it is a wonderful event and urged the public to attend.

Justin Richardson thanked the City Council for their work on trying to correct the McIntyre Project. He stated there was no approval of the ground lease.

Carl Diemer, Chair of the Recreation Board said they have worked on the issue of fields in the City for over 10 years. He spoke to the research on all aspects including child safety. He said he has been coach and went to Leary Field in the past to pump water off the field and natural turf is not the approach we should take. He urged the City Council to make a decision as soon as possible and put trust in your Boards and Commissions.

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

Public Hearing – Capital Improvement Plan (CIP):

A. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) FY 2021-2026

- **PRESENTATION**

The Presentation was held at the January 13, 2020 Work Session.

City Manager Conard said the purpose of the Public Hearing is to be in compliance with the City Charter. She stated residents were encouraged to submit projects through the website. She indicated the Planning Board adopted the plan on December 19, 2019 and outlined the 5 index in the plan. She reported the Planning Board reviewed the requests of department heads and the projects are at \$2,000,000.00 and last year's CIP was approved at \$1,800,000.00. City Manager Conard informed the Council that the budget would be submitted to them on April 24th or thereafter.

- **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**

Councilor Lazenby asked about changes between the first version and current version. Deputy Finance Director Purgiel indicated the changes are in the number of pages.

- **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**

Mayor Becksted read the legal notice, declared the public hearing open and called for speakers.

Josh Denton spoke to the Renewable Energy Policy and one of those recommendations was to fund a digester. He said a digester would generate revenues and reduce sludge from land fill. He said there needs to be a report and it has been approved for \$50,000.00. He asked the City Council to make sure the study has been completed.

Pat Bagley asked about the CIP and future CIP as to when we would have a new Police Department. She said we need to prioritize costs and she looked at the CIP which extends out to 2026 and cannot see spending \$4,000,000.00 on police upgrades when a new station is needed.

Doug Woodward said he submitted a request for the Maplewood Avenue Bridge. He said the City needs to look at the sea levels rising and address those matters. He would like to see the issue of sea levels rising integrated with a design for the bridge.

James Boyle spoke to a project close to Greenleaf Avenue from Lafayette Road and said it is not needed. He stated there needs to be an extensive study done on that before closing the area.

After three calls and no further speakers, Mayor Becksted closed the public hearing.

- **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

Councilor Lazenby asked about the report on the regional digester as discussed by Josh Denton. Public Works Director Rice said the report was completed and the project was not cost effective. He said the generation of tonnage did not meet the needs for the generation of electricity.

Councilor Kennedy asked about Mr. Woodward questions on climate and the Maplewood Avenue Bridge Project. Public Works Director Rice said we are just getting started with design and we can look at the scope.

Councilor McEachern said he would like the design to incorporate a study on sea level rising. He said we need to understand more resiliency down the line.

Mayor Becksted said action will take place on the CIP at the March 2, 2020 City Council meeting.

Adoption of Resolution:

- B. Adoption of Resolution regarding Portsmouth/Dover Emergency Water System Interconnection

City Manager Conard said staff has been speaking for three years with the City of Dover to the commission to look at this matter. She said the interconnection would allow four communities to connect with 8 communities. She reported that Dover is two-thirds away through the project with the City of Portsmouth investing \$50,000,000.00 in the last 20 years. She indicated the request would be to adopt the Resolution.

Councilor Tabor moved to adopt the Resolution, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Lazenby.

Councilor Kennedy inquired as to the cost. Deputy Public Works Director Goetz said \$8,000,000.00 with the piping being around \$3,000,000.00. He said the interconnection would be for emergencies.

Councilor Huda asked about the time line. Deputy Public Works Director Goetz said construction would be next year and funding would take place now for the design of the bridge. He said this is not part of our CIP we are seeking funding from the Drinking Water Fund.

Motion passed.

X. MAYOR BECKSTED

1. Nomination of Police Commission member

Mayor Becksted thanked everyone that has been involved in this process. He said two candidates rose to the top.

Assistant Mayor Splaine moved to approve the nomination of Tom Hart as Police Commissioner. Seconded by Councilor Kennedy.

Assistant Mayor Splaine thanked Mayor Becksted for creating a great committee. He stated that Tom Hart will be an excellent Police Commissioner and urged the City Council to approve the motion.

Motion passed.

2. Reappointments to be Considered:
 - Reappointment of Lisa Louttit to the Peirce Island Committee
 - Reappointment of Richard Smith to the Peirce Island Committee
 - Reappointment of Francesca Fernald to the Peirce Island Committee
 - Reappointment of Harold Whitehouse to the Peirce Island Committee
 - Reappointment of Jay McVay to the Peirce Island Committee
 - Reappointment of Marc Stettner to the Peirce Island Committee
 - Reappointment of Steven Marison to the Peirce Island Committee
 - Reappointment of Stephen Philp to the Peirce Island Committee

The City Council considered the reappointment of the individuals listed above that will be voted on at the next City Council meeting.

3. Resignations
 - Resignation of Kathleen Boduch from the Citywide Neighborhood Blue Ribbon Committee
 - Resignation of Chase Hagaman from the Citywide Neighborhood Blue Ribbon Committee
 - Resignation of Kathleen Bergeron from the Citywide Neighborhood Blue Ribbon Committee

Councilor Kennedy moved to accept the resignations and send letters of regret. Seconded by Councilor Lazenby and voted.

XI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. COUNCILOR McEACHERN

1. Identifying current Accessory Dwelling Unit Use and Applications to Date including Demographics and Locations

Councilor McEachern moved to request City staff to identify current Accessory Dwelling Unit use and current applications to date including Demographics and Locations. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Splaine.

Councilor McEachern said Accessory Dwelling Units are a good option to have an income stream. He said he would like to see how many applications and the demographics around them for Accessory Dwelling Units in the City.

Motion passed.

B. COUNCILOR LAZENBY

1. Motion to Rescind

Councilor Lazenby said the notices of default we have not received an extension on the time line. He said if the motion passed it would remove the ground lease but not approve the ground lease.

Councilor Lazenby moved to Rescind the motion from the January 28, 2020 City Council meeting to “take action and not approve, we deny the current draft form of the Ground Lease dated December 7th, written for use between the City of Portsmouth and SoBow Square, LLC also known as Redgate/Kane. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Splaine.

Councilor Lazenby said the motion is for moving forward together in good faith and work with development partners Redgate/Kane. He said the petition by Gerald Duffy has over 300 signature and is constructive as presented. He said the original vote was taken just three weeks after being sworn in and was done without information from our City Attorney. Councilor Lazenby said support of the motion allows for a do over. He said we need to identify places to work with Redgate/Kane. He stated there is no down side to moving ahead we can work to get the post office back, complete the application with a Non-Public Session. He asked City Manager Conard for information on things related to financial impact stated in the letter of default. He spoke to engaging outside legal counsel and asked if we have an estimate of cost. City Manager Conard said we do not.

City Manager Conard said in general terms the Finance Department would need a disclosure to our bond counsel and could affect our bond rating and rating agencies if there were impacts on financial scale. She said it would be a bond rating down grade which could have impacts to unassigned fund balance.

Councilor Lazenby said for everyone involved we are at risk with taxpayer’s funds. He said we have an opportunity to remove this, it does not mean we endorse the ground lease we have opportunity down the line to endorse the ground lease. He said we have 11 days to deal with this matter.

Assistant Mayor Splaine moved that we postpone the vote to rescind until the March 2, 2020 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Whelan.

Assistant Mayor Splaine said he is tempted to vote to revisit the ground lease and the vote. He said we need to let the Subcommittee created meet with representatives from Redgate/Kane to continue the dialogue or, we could get into a law suit which is the worst case scenario. He stated you could lose funding and the dialogue. He spoke to lower density and having the post office return and more parking spaces. He stated he wants to give the Subcommittee a change and we can revisit the ground lease but we can't lose this fragile moment.

Councilor Kennedy said she agrees with Assistant Mayor Splaine.

Councilor Lazenby said this is a fragile moment and ending up in a law suit is a lose/lose. He said the motion to rescind will make the risk less for the City. He said failure of his motion could be bad for the City. He stated we need to deal with this before the deadline. He said that he opposes the motion to postpone.

Assistant Mayor Splaine said if we were to postpone to March 2nd is it possible to have a special meeting before that date.

City Attorney Sullivan said he agrees with Councilor Lazenby and Assistant Mayor Splaine if the motion to rescind passes it would be seen as an extension of an olive branch to Redgate/Kane. He further stated if the motion does not pass it would be seen as a negative. He said discussion of the Subcommittee could work out an extension. Assistant Mayor Splaine said he is in favor of continuing the dialogue and we need to vote to postpone until March 2, 2020.

Councilor Tabor said no one votes to work to make the project better more than he. He said we don't want to vote to reject the ground lease twice. He said Redgate/Kane told us what they would like to know from us. He said he wants to see the process move forward. He said we need to delay and have a meeting of the Subcommittee to see how much further we can get. He said we need to avoid rejecting the ground lease twice. He stated he would vote to rescind to avoid the risk.

Councilor McEachern said he appreciates Councilor Tabor's words and change of heart. He said we came into being a City Council with a threat of litigation and there was a lack of trust. He supports Assistant Mayor Splaine motion to table this to allow more time and for the most prudent decision.

On a roll call vote 8-1, motion passed. Councilor Lazenby voted opposed.

C. COUNCILOR KENNEDY

1. Update Re: Report Back on two Budget Policies and Citizens Questions

Councilor Kennedy moved to have answers to Councilor Kennedy's questions placed on the website. Seconded by Councilor Trace and voted.

Councilor Kennedy said she would like to see a strong vote on contracts over \$10,000.00 with a report back from the City.

D. COUNCLOR HUDA

1. Final Review and Discussion of Proposed FY 2021 Budget Guidelines

Councilor Huda moved to put forward for final review and discussion the FY2021 Budget Guidelines of January 15, 2020. Seconded by Councilor Kennedy.

City Manager Conard said we have had several conversations regarding this with Councilor Huda and we can't tell the School Department what to spend items on, our concerns can only be for the bottom line of the budget. She said staff is working to make sure we are meeting the intent of the City Council. She said we will show non-operating expenses and where cuts can and cannot be made. She indicated we are down the road a bit with preparing the budget.

Councilor Tabor asked City Manager Conard the guideline of format will that mean for loss of services in the City. City Manager Conard said it would cause the loss of services and programs offered now.

Councilor Lazenby said if the motion passes are you required to follow the letter of what is there. City Attorney Sullivan said the City Manager controls the form of the budget. City Manager Conard said we will plan the budget process and how you want the budget presented looking forward.

Councilor Trace thanked Councilor Huda for bringing this item forward. She thanked the City Manager for the honest and transparent way of answering the questions regarding the budget.

Councilor McEachern echoed the comments of Councilor Trace and the work of the City Manager and Councilor Huda. He said any effort to bring the reasons why a budget might go up we need to bring more transparency which makes the City Council's job easier. He said City Manager Conard has the City Council's utmost respect and confidence.

Councilor Kennedy understands and does not see why the School Department needs to justify why one school is getting more than another. She will support Councilor Huda's motion. She said the School Department needs to help us and that all elementary schools are being treated equally.

City Manager Conard said she met with Superintendent of Schools Zdravec and Business Manager Bartlett and would provide answers to the questions by the City Council.

Assistant Mayor Splaine said individuals of the Police Department and Fire Department are under the Police Commission and Fire Commission which is a little more defined essential as police and fire services must be provided.

Councilor Tabor asked Councilor Huda to clarify all budgets. Councilor Huda said actual amounts of FY19 make the figures come to as close to the bottom line.

Councilor Tabor asked if you would give a rate.

Councilor Lazenby appreciates the process of the budget and the transparencies the residents need to see in reading what we are voting on.

Councilor Huda said further down the line we go since we are behind that would make it more difficult for everyone else.

Councilor Lazenby moved to postpone the motion to put forward for final review and discussion the FY2021 Budget Guidelines of January 15, 2020. Seconded by Councilor McEachern.

Councilor Kennedy said we need to vote to see what can and can't be done on this matter because of time we are late in the process.

City Manager Conard said staff will continue on in the extent we have it we can accommodate either one.

Councilor Lazenby said this is to make guidelines available to everyone in the public.

Councilor Whelan said we discussed this at the first budget meeting. He said it has been out there. He said he trusts the City Manager that she has been working with the guideline.

On a roll call vote 5-4, motion passed. Councilor McEachern, Whelan, Lazenby, Tabor and Mayor Becksted voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilors Kennedy, Huda and Trace voted opposed.

E. COUNCILOR TRACE

1. New EPA Great Bay Permitting and Potential Effects on City of Portsmouth – both Environmental and Financial

Councilor Trace moved to request a report from City Staff at the March 2, 2020 City Council meeting including Legal Department on the Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit which is NH DES NHG 58A000 with a report back on the potential effects on the City of Portsmouth both environmental and financial and also on recent meetings attended by staff in Dover, New Hampshire. Seconded by Councilor McEachern.

City Manager Conard indicated that Deputy City Attorney Woodland has drafted a letter on this matter and there is a public hearing tomorrow evening.

Councilor Trace said there are moving parts in the permit and would like the public hearing information for tomorrow available on-line. City Manager Conard said the information is on-line. She also advised that the public hearing tomorrow at Pease is allowing written comments which are due March 9th.

Councilor Trace asked if a full presentation could be done at the March 2nd meeting. City Attorney Sullivan said it is a complicated permit and how it will impact the City. He said we are still developing and working on this matter. Councilor Trace asked if the storm water lines would be considered storm water remediation. Deputy City Attorney Woodland said a gap in the permit from the Peirce Island Plant there will be time where we would bypass the discharge.

Councilor Whelan asked if the EPA would be making a presentation tomorrow. Deputy City Attorney Woodland said she hopes that they will.

Councilor Trace asked Deputy City Attorney Woodland if Rye is not covered and we were to build the line down Route 1 would we receive credits from the EPA. Deputy City Attorney Woodland said that is implied in the draft permit.

Motion passed.

Councilor Kennedy moved to continue the meeting beyond 10:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilor McEachern and voted. Assistant Mayor Splaine voted opposed.

XII. APPROVAL OF GRANTS/DONATIONS

- A. Acceptance of the Health Trust Wellness Program Reward - \$2,300.00

City Manager Conard spoke to the program and our reward of \$2,300.00.

Councilor Kennedy moved to accept and approve the Health Trust Wellness Program Reward, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Trace and voted.

XIII. CITY MANAGER'S ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION

A. CITY MANAGER CONARD

1. 24-Hour Warming Centers Policy

City Manager Conard spoke to the policy of warming centers which allows entities to open their centers for a 3 day period. She reported they will open Wednesday – Friday of this week and she feels it was appropriate to bring this matter before the Council this evening.

Councilor Kennedy moved to accept and approve the policy, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Trace.

Assistant Mayor Splaine thanked the Fire and Police Departments for bringing this policy forward. He understands the real logistics doing this as a regular center and the difficulties that may be encountered. He said he wants to make sure we are not creating a hardship for operation placing and volunteers to make sure this works.

Fire Chief Germain explained that any organization could come forward to do this and the reason for the policy is authorizing overnight accommodations which is not allowed. He reviewed the operations for when the center would need to be functional.

Assistant Mayor Splaine asked if the center worked well last week. Chief Germain said it did. Assistant Mayor Splaine said we need to brain storm over this matter and meet the need out in the community. He would like to look at a city run facility on a 24hr basis.

Police Chief Merner said he notified the officers to try and get individuals to go into a facility during these cold snaps.

Motion passed.

2. Request to Schedule a Council Retreat

City Manager Conard proposed holding a Work Session Retreat on Saturday, March 28, 2020 and stated she will be working with Mayor Becksted on an agenda.

Assistant Mayor Splaine said much of the meeting should be open to the public.

Councilor McEachern said he would not be in the Country and unable to attend. City Manager Conard said she would work with Mayor Becksted on another date.

3. Presentation and Report Back Re: Elderly & Disabled Exemptions

Assistant Mayor Splaine stepped off the dais because he is eligible for the exemption but would not be applying for it.

Assessor Maurice-Lentz said she looked at the comparison of single family median to elderly exemption which is a 60% increase from 2007. She reported in 2007, 80 year olds received 76% today they receive 48% which is a decline over time. She stated the disabled declined due to real estate's market appreciation throughout the City.

She spoke to two options that are available, Option A and Option B.

Option A:

Keep current exemption levels the same with the proposed increase in income levels.

Option B:

Adjust the exemption levels for the Elderly and Disabled taxpayers similar to the FY 2003 baseline as follows:

- Age 65 to 74 \$235,000 increase to \$110,000
- Age 75 to 79 \$175,000 increase to \$110,000
- Age 80+ \$225,000 increase to \$110,000
- Disabled \$210,000 increase to \$110,000

An analysis showing the estimated median tax impact on single family homes if the proposed changes are made to the exemption limits would be an additional \$.03 or an annual increase of approximately \$14.20.

City Manager Conard advised the City Council with these changes we would need to schedule another public hearing.

Councilor Kennedy said she would like to see the elderly and disabled be equitable.

Assessor Maurice-Lentz said currently we have 10 disabled exemptions in the City.

Councilor Tabor said clearly this exemption has fallen behind and having less and less relief for residents. He said Option B would address the problem which is being recommended by the Assessor. He stated maybe we phase this in over two years.

Councilor Lazenby moved to schedule a public hearing for the March 2, 2020 City Council meeting for the purpose of reviewing the amended Option B as presented by the City Assessor to amend the disabled exemption. The exemptions amounts for disabled and elderly taxpayers would increase as follows:

Ages 65-74	\$235,000.00 increase of \$110,000.00
Ages 75-79	\$285,000.00 increase of \$110,000.00
Ages 80+	\$335,000.00 increase of \$110,000.00
Disabled	\$235,000.00 increase of \$135,000.00

Seconded by Councilor Tabor.

Councilor Lazenby thanked Councilor Tabor for working with the Assessor on this matter.

Motion passed.

XIV. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Lazenby moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilor McEachern and voted.

- A. Request for License to Install Projecting Sign for owner Margherita Verani of Berkshire Hathaway Verani for property located at 77 Hanover 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***

- B. Letter from Hershey Hirschkop, Seacoast Outright, requesting permission to hold the Portsmouth PRIDE on Saturday, June 27, 2020 (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with authority to act***)
- C. Letter from Nancy Potter, Girls on the Run – NH, requesting permission to hold the annual 5k celebration event on Saturday, May 30, 2020 (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with authority to act***)
- D. Letter from Michael J. Griffin, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, requesting permission to celebrate Flag Day on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at Prescott Park (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with authority to act***)

XV. PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERAION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- A. Email Correspondence

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

- B. Letter from Craig Welch, Portsmouth Housing Authority Director, regarding the Court Street Workforce Housing Project

Councilor Kennedy moved to accept and place on file. Seconded by Councilor Trace and voted.

- C. Letter from Bob Lister regarding destination fee

Councilor Kennedy moved to refer to the Fee Committee. Seconded by Councilor Huda and voted.

XVII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS INCLUDING BUSINESS REMAINING UNFINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:15 p.m., Councilor McEachern moved to adjourn into Non-Public Session regarding McIntyre – RSA 91-A:3, II (e). Seconded by Councilor Kennedy and voted.



KELLI L. BARNABY, MMC/CNHMC
CITY CLERK