

TO: KAREN CONARD, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2020 HELD BY ZOOM MEETING AT EACH INDIVIDUAL CITY COUNCILOR'S HOME, CITY MANAGER CONARD'S OFFICE, CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND CITY CLERK'S HOME

PRESENT: MAYOR BECKSTED, ASSISTANT MAYOR SPLAINE (7:43PM), COUNCILORS WHELAN, LAZENBY, KENNEDY, HUDA, TABOR AND TRACE

ABSENT: COUNCILOR McEACHERN

1. Mayor Becksted recited that this is a Remote Meeting via Zoom Conference Call. Per NH RSA 91-A:2 III (b) the Chair has declared COVID-19 Outbreak an emergency and has waived the requirement that a quorum be physically present at the meeting pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 2020-04, Section 8, as extended by Executive Order 2020-20, and Emergency Order #12, Section 3. Members will be participating remotely and will identify their location and any person present with them at that location. All votes will be by roll call.
2. Public Comment Session – There were 6 speakers: Gerald Duffy, Andrew Bagley, Mark Brighton (Board of Ethics); Jane Zill (Sewer Ordinance); Kevin Dwyer (Extending Outdoor Dining); and Sheridan Lloyd (Sagamore Avenue Sewer Extension/Sewer Ordinance).
3. First Reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking – Chase Drive: northerly side, from Michael Succi Drive to a point 30 feet delete on either side and insert west of the driveway located at 355 Chase Drive – On a roll call 7-0, voted to pass first reading and to schedule a public hearing and second reading at the December 7, 2020 City Council meeting.
4. Public Hearing – Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article IVA, Section 7-A.402: - Bus Stops Designated – Hanover Street: Southerly side of Hanover Street ~~90 feet east of~~ from Fleet Street to a point 285 feet east of Fleet Street – Held a public hearing. On a roll call 7-1, voted to pass second reading and to schedule a third and final reading at the December 7, 2020 City Council meeting. Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilors Whelan, Lazenby, Kennedy, Huda, Tabor and Trace voted in favor. Mayor Becksted voted opposed.
5. Public Hearing – Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article XI, Section 7.1100 – Speed Limits E: Speed Limit: 25 MPH by the addition of South Street, from Middle Road to Lafayette Road – Held a public hearing. On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted to pass second reading and to schedule a third and final reading at the December 7, 2020 City Council meeting.
6. Public Hearing – Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking by the addition of Dearborn Street: easterly side, from the North Mill Pond running northerly for a distance of 25 feet - Held a public hearing. On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted to pass second reading and to schedule a third and final reading at the December 7, 2020 City Council meeting.

7. Public Hearing – Ordinance amending Chapter 11, Article II – Sewers, Section 11.203 and Section 11.204 – Waiver from Connection to Public Sewer – Held a public hearing. On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted to postpone second reading until the December 7, 2020 City Council meeting for inclusion of additional language for the deferring connection during winter months
8. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article VI – Loading Zones, Section 7.601 – Limited Hours Loading Zones – Pleasant Street: easterly side, beginning 94 feet south of the southerly curb line of Daniel Street and running southerly for a distance of 45 feet – On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted to adopt the third and final reading.
9. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III – Traffic Ordinance, Section 7.336 – One-Way Streets deletion of Parker Street: northerly from Tanner Court to Hanover Street - On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted to adopt the third and final reading.
10. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III – Traffic Ordinance, Section 7.330 – No Parking – Little Harbor Road: Both sides of the roadway, beginning at the east side of the Wentworth Coolidge Mansion driveway, running easterly for a distance of 155 feet to the gate at the end of the pavement - On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted to adopt the third and final reading.
11. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III – Traffic Ordinance, Section 7.326 – Limited Parking – 15 Minutes - Daniel Street: Southerly side, deletion of first five and insert three metered spaces deletion of east from Market Square and insert running between 102 and 160 feet west of Penhallow Street and Hanover Street: deletion of northerly side, first two spaces east from Bridge Street - On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted to adopt the third and final reading.
12. Appointments to be Considered – The City Council considered the appointments listed below and will take action on them at the December 7, 2020 City Council meeting.
 - Reappointment of Peter Weeks to the Trustees of the Trust Funds
 - Reappointment of Philip Cohen to the Economic Development Commission
 - Appointment of Devan Quinn to the Peirce Island Committee
 - Appointment of Andrew Samonas to the Conservation Commission
13. Appointments to be Voted – On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted to appointment Karen Bouffard to the Historic District Commission as an Alternate until June 1, 2022 and the reappointment of Robert Marchewka to the Economic Development Commission until October 1, 2024.
14. Resignations – On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted to accept the resignations with a letter of regret to Mary Morin from the Citizen Response Task Force and Jane Wright from the Conservation Commission.
15. Holiday House Decorating Contest – Mayor Becksted announced that he will be reintroducing the Holiday House Decorating Contest which will be overseen by the Citywide Neighborhood Committee.

16. On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted to suspend the rules in order to take up Item XVII A. – Presentation by Health Officer Kim McNamara regarding COVID-19 Update.
17. Presentation by Health Officer Kim McNamara regarding COVID-19 Update – Health Officer McNamara provided a brief presentation reviewing the current COVID-19 numbers in State of New Hampshire and the number of cases in the City of Portsmouth. She reported on the work for a vaccine and who are expected to receive the first tier.
18. Face Covering Requirement – Assistant Mayor Splaine deferred his item to have Councilor Lazenby's item acted upon.
19. Extension of Mask Mandate – On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted to pass first reading and hold second reading and public hearing at the December 7, 2020 City Council meeting.
20. Waste Water Treatment 2050 – Assistant Mayor Splaine asked the City Manager to initiate discussions with area communities for long-term cooperative planning for Waste Water Treatment on a regional basis using evolving technologies.
21. Report Back on the Establishment of Ad Hoc Advisory Group Re: Public Art Acquisition – On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted that the City Council give a vote of support to the Ad Hoc Committee that was charged with looking at the sculpture for the McEachern Park.
22. Report Back on traffic calming request on Chevrolet Avenue – No action taken.
23. Parking Traffic & Safety Action Sheet and Minutes of the October 8, 2020 meeting – On a roll call 5-3, voted to accept and approve the Parking Traffic & Safety Action Sheet and Minutes of the October 8, 2020 meeting. Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilors Whelan, Lazenby, Tabor and Trace voted in favor. Councilors Kennedy, Huda and Mayor Becksted voted opposed.
24. Work Session Re: Peirce Island – On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted to establish a work session on Peirce Island to include the Peirce Island Committee. During this meeting the following should be included but not limit to: The treatment plant, public art, return of the Dog Park, Peirce Island Bridge, and vegetation clean up.
25. Ethics Board Observation/Recommendations for the Future – City Attorney Sullivan explained that the Ethics Board Report is public information and is on file. No action taken.
26. Diversity and Inclusion Training – On a roll call 7-1, voted to request the City Manager to schedule Diversity and Inclusion Training for Elected Officials and members of Boards and Commissions. Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilors Whelan, Lazenby, Kennedy, Tabor, Trace and Mayor Becksted voted in favor. Councilor Huda voted opposed.
27. Ratification of Assistant Fire Chief Employment Agreement – On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted to ratify the agreement with Assistant Fire Chief, William McQuillen, as presented.
28. Temporary Construction License for 111 Maplewood Avenue, LLC for Property Located at 145 Maplewood Avenue – Moved to authorize the City Manager to execute and accept the temporary license for 111 Maplewood Avenue, LLC as submitted.

On a roll call vote 3-5, motion to strike from the agreement under the Term section the sentence that reads: Licensee may make application to the City Manager for one extension this term without further City Council approval and further in the final sentence of this section to strike the word “may” and replace it with the word “will” ***failed*** to pass. Councilors Kennedy, Huda and Trace voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilors Whelan, Lazenby, Tabor and Mayor Becksted voted opposed.

On a roll call 7-1, voted to pass the main motion to authorize the City Manager to execute and accept the temporary license for 111 Maplewood Avenue, LLC as submitted. Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilors Whelan, Lazenby, Kennedy, Tabor, Trace and Mayor Becksted voted in favor. Councilor Huda voted opposed.

29. Request for Public Hearing for Five Bond Resolution Authorizations – On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted to authorize the City Manager to bring back for public hearing and adoption the various proposed CIP projects to be bonded, as presented, for the December 7, 2020 City Council meeting.

- General Fund – Police Facility Improvements - \$400,000.00
- General Fund – School Facility Improvements - \$1,000,000.00
- General Fund – Outdoor Pool and City Street and Sidewalk Upgrades - \$3,640,000.00
- Water Fund – FY21 Water Projects - \$3,600,000.00
- Sewer Fund – FY21 Sewer Projects - \$5,250,000.00

30. Adjournment – On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted at 10:40 p.m., to post pone the remainder of the agenda items until next Monday, November 23, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, MMC, CNHMC
City Clerk