

TO: KAREN CONARD, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL AT THE MEETING HELD IN THE EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JUNE 21, 2021

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

1. Acceptance of Minutes – June 7, 2021; October 5, 2020; October 19, 2020; October 26, 2020 – **Voted** to accept and approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021; October 5, 2020; October 19, 2020; and October 26, 2020 City Council meetings.

2. Recognitions and Volunteer Committee Reports:

2021 Division II NHIAA Girls Lacrosse Champions – Portsmouth High School Clippers – Tom Kozikowski introduced the players and called them forward to receive a plaque from Mayor Becksted recognizing their 2021 Division II Championship.

2021 Division II NHIAA Boys Lacrosse Champions – Portsmouth High School Clippers – Tom Kozikowski announced and requested each member of the team to come forward and receive a plaque from Mayor Becksted recognizing their 2021 Division II Championship.

3. Public Comment Session – There were four speakers: Josh Denton (End of Afghanistan War Parade); Andrew Bagley (Skateboard Park Support of Funding; Support to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day and Columbus Day); Fawn Gaudet, Coalition for Indigenous People (Recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day) and Denise (inaudible) (Indigenous Peoples' Day).

4. **Voted** to suspend the rules to take up Item XIII.B.1. – Resolution – Appropriation for Funds.

5. Resolution – Appropriation for Funds – **Moved** to adopt a Resolution relative to NH RSA 31:95-B, Appropriation for funds made available during the year. (Unanticipated Moneys – I.E. ARP Funds). As a friendly amendment to the Resolution the amount of unanticipated funds increased from \$10,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

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

6. Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$6,441,140.00 – Held a public hearing. **Voted** to authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept and expend the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$6,441,140.00, with the final approval on the plan for expenditures by the City Council and subject to the attached terms and conditions of the offer and the rules and regulations pertaining thereto.
7. First Reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article IV – COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES, Section 1.414 AUDIT COMMITTEE – **Voted** to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading at the July 12, 2021 City Council meeting.
8. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article VII, Section 7.702 – Truck Traffic Prohibited – **Voted** to pass third and final reading of the ordinance.
9. Clarification Regarding Indigenous Peoples' Day Vote on 6/7/2021 – **Voted** to reconsider the action taken by the Council on June 7, 2021, with respect to Indigenous Peoples' Day under suspension of the rules.

On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to pass the motion regarding Indigenous Peoples' Day, as amended, so that in the City of Portsmouth the state holiday of Columbus Day shall be known as Columbus and Indigenous Peoples' Day.

10. Resignation of Steven Gray from the Cable Television & Communications - **Voted** to accept with regret the resignation of Steven Gray from the Cable Television & Communications Commission with a letter of thanks and appreciation for his service to the City.
11. Appointments to be Voted – **Voted** to appoint Henry Mellynchuck to the Conservation Commission until April 1, 2024. Councilor Kennedy abstained from voting on this appointment.

Voted to appoint Beth Margeson to the Zoning Board of Adjustment until December 1, 2024 filling the unexpired term of John Formella.
12. Request Presentation on Creating a Community Housing Trust – Councilor McEachern requested a Presentation on Creating a Community Housing Trust at a future City Council meeting. No action required.
13. Final Report regarding MBRC to Reopen Portsmouth – **Voted** for a Final Report Back from the Blue Ribbon Committee Chair James Petersen.
14. Renewal of Boarding House Permits – **Voted** to renew the Boarding House Permits for 278 Cabot Street and 350-352 Hanover Street as presented.

15. Request to Schedule Work Session Regarding Community Power – **Voted** to schedule a work session on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. regarding this topic.
16. Consent Agenda – **Voted** to adopt the Consent Agenda.
- A. Letter from Richard Mason, Veterans Count, requesting permission to hold the 8th Salute-Our-Soldiers on Friday, September 10, 2021 (**Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act**)
- B. Letter from Ken LaValley, Out of the Darkness, requesting permission to hold Out of the Darkness Community Walk on Saturday, October 2, 2021 (**Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act**)
- C. Letter from Josh Denton, Commander of V.F.W. Post 168, requesting permission to hold an End of the Afghanistan War Parade on Saturday, September 25, 2021 (**Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act**)
17. Email Correspondence – **Voted** to accept and place on file.
18. Letter from Michael Griffin, Portsmouth Lodge of Elks, requesting the City Council approval to place a referendum question on the Municipal Election ballot to allow KENO to be offered in Portsmouth and Letter from George Remick requesting a referendum question to be place on the Municipal Election ballot to allow KENO to be offered in Portsmouth – **Voted** to refer to the City Attorney with a report back at the July City Council meeting.
19. Letter from Derek Nadeau regarding providing enhanced Public Safety and continual commerce of high traffic city area and provide law enforcement with video footage (no audio), for monitoring and follow up investigation purposes for a period of 2 weeks (not traffic enforcement) – **Voted** to refer to the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee for report back to the City Council.
20. Letter from Attorney Timothy Phoenix on behalf of Bluestone Properties of Rye, LLC, requesting the City Council to authorize City Manager Conard to execute the Parking Agreement confirming the 20 year term for 5 parking spaces in the Worth Lot behind 135 Congress Street – **Voted** to suspend the rules to allow representatives of Bluestone Properties of Rye, LLC., to address the City Council.

Moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the Parking Agreement with Bluestone Properties of Rye, LLC., as stated in their prospectus as described by Attorney Phoenix.

Moved to amend the motion to include: *for the first 5 years, 3 out of the 5 spots will be guaranteed to be used for valet or electronic vehicles to move people.*

On a roll call vote 2-7, motion to amend failed to pass. Councilors Kennedy and Huda voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilors McEachern, Whelan, Lazenby, Tabor, Trace and Mayor Becksted voted opposed.

On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to adopt the main motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the Parking Agreement with Bluestone Properties of Rye, LLC., as stated in their prospectus as described by Attorney Phoenix.

21. Miscellaneous Business Including Business Remaining Unfinished at Previous Meeting – **Voted** to refer information received from Mr. David Ecker to the City Manager and the Conservation Commission for report back.

22. Adjournment – **At 9:30 p.m., voted** to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

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City Clerk