

TO: KAREN CONARD, CITY MANAGER

FROM: VALERIE A. FRENCH, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023
(CONTINUATION OF JULY 10, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING)

PRESENT: MAYOR McEACHERN, ASSISTANT MAYOR KELLEY, COUNCILORS TABOR, DENTON, MOREAU, BAGLEY, LOMBARDI, BLALOCK AND COOK

1. Mayor McEachern called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
2. Community Space Easement for Property Located at 3548 Lafayette Road - **Voted** to request that the property owner go back and add public access rights to the public community space and bring back to the City Council at the August 7, 2023 City Council meeting.
3. Water Service Access Easement for Property Located at 212 Woodbury Avenue – **Voted** to authorize the City Manager to accept and record a Water Service Access Easement Deed in substantially similar form to the easement deed from Maple Heights Realty, LLC contained in the agenda packet.
4. Authorization to Release a Portion of the Prescott Park Chain-Link Fence to Seacoast Repertory Theatre – **Motion** to authorize the City Manager be authorized to release a portion of the Prescott Park fence with locks to the Seacoast Repertory Theatre for use on set and/or installation on its property as an artistic element was **rescinded**. **Voted** to send this to the Public Art Review Committee to determine if this is public art and whether the City Manager should release the rights to the Seacoast Repertory Theater.
5. Request to Establish a SAU 52 Site Investigation Committee for Purposes of Exploring a Potential Location for a Multisport Complex – **Voted** that the City Manager work with the School Superintendent to establish an SAU 52 Site Investigation Committee relative to the potential development of an indoor multisport complex.
6. Request to Establish a Public Hearing to Obligate ARPA Funds for Several Projects – **Voted** to Establish a Public Hearing for the August 21, 2023 City Council meeting to obligate ARPA funds for the projects identified. Councilor Moreau requested that the Council be updated on the unassigned funds.
7. Email Correspondence – **Voted** to accept and place on file.
8. **Voted to suspend the rules** to allow Mark McNabb and representatives to address the Council regarding Improvement Plans for High Street, Ladd Street and Haven Court as part of the 1 Congress Street Project.
9. Letter from Mark McNabb, McNabb Properties Ltd., regarding Improvement Plans for High Street, Ladd Street and Haven Court as part of the 1 Congress Street Project – A brief review of the request was given by representatives of McNabb Properties Ltd and Mr. McNabb with back and forth discussion with the City Council. The City Council requested a Site-Walk be scheduled of the area prior to the August 7, 2023 Council meeting.

10. Letter from John Singer and Ruth Kennedy regarding Proposal for Permanent Outdoor Dining – Voted refer the letter to the City Manager to be shared with consultant for Market Square Redesign Plan.
11. Appointment to be Voted– Voted to appoint James Hewitt to the Safe Water Advisory Group (SWAG)
12. Resignation of Jan Fonseka from the Board of Library Trustees - Voted to accept the resignation of Jan Fonseka from the Board of Library Trustees with regret and a letter of thanks and appreciation to be sent.
13. Councilor Moreau Item #2 – Request for First Reading regarding Zoning Ordinance Use Regulations – Voted to accept and place on file.
14. City Manager Information Item #1 –City Manager Conard updated the Council on the First FlashVote Survey Results and encouraged people to sign up.
15. City Manager Information Item #2 – City Manager Conard announced that the City of Portsmouth has received a AAA Bond Rating for the 11th year in a row.
16. City Manager Information Item #3 – City Manager Conard deferred to Council Tabor to give a brief update on Community Power Rates.
17. Adjournment – At 7:55 p.m., **Voted** to adjourn.

Submitted by:

Valerie A. French
Deputy City Clerk