TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER
FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK
RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2003 COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR SIRRELL, COUNCILORS GRASSO, LOWN, HYNES, PANTELAKOS, WHITEHOUSE, MARCONI AND ST. LAURENT

ABSENT: ASSISTANT MAYOR HANSON

1. At 6:00 p.m., an Anticipated “Non-Meeting” with counsel was held regarding Land Acquisition.

2. Presentation – George Hosker – Holiday Parade - Mayor Sirrell presented George with a Proclamation in appreciation of his time and efforts dedicated to our annual Holiday Parade.

3. Mayor’s Award – Alan Brady, City’s Webmaster - Mayor Sirrell and City Manager Bohenko presented Alan with a Mayor’s Award in appreciation of his hard work and talents with the City of Portsmouth web site that resulted in its selection as one of twelve “Top Picks” of county and local government web sites in the country.


5. Public Comment Session – There were three speakers: Carvel Tefft (Public Integrity); Peter Bresciano (Budget); and Ed Lawrence (Brain Trust of Government).

6. Letter from Zach Rahn, Student Council President, and Mary Carey Foley, Student Council Advisor, requesting permission to hold Student Government Day on Thursday, March 27, 2003 – Zach Rahn and Spencer Phillip spoke of the importance of participating in Student Government Day. Voted to accept the request to hold Student Government Day on Thursday, March 27, 2003.

7. Letter from Drika Overton, Portsmouth Percussive Dance Festival, and Jeff Gabel, The Music Hall Executive Director, requesting permission to close off Pleasant Street between Market Square and Porter Street for street performances and to conduct a parade on Friday, June 27, 2003 or Saturday, June 28, 2003 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

8. Letter from Nancy Normile, Sexual Assault Support Services, requesting permission to hold the 11th Anniversary Walk-a-thon on Sunday, April 27, 2003 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
9. Letter from Connie Stumm, Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, requesting permission to hold the 8th Annual Portsmouth Harbour Trail 5K Road Race on Saturday, July 12, 2003 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

10. Letter from Donald Allison, Eastern States 20 Mile, requesting permission to hold the Eastern States 20 Mile Road Race on Sunday, March 30, 2003 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

11. Letter from Susan Graham, Robert Foley, and Tom Wellman requesting money to fund a statewide anti-casino referendum campaign – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.

12. Letter from Steve Mayo, RPL Properties, LLC, requesting to rename Ledgewood Drive to Winway Place – Voted to refer the request to rename Ledgewood Drive to Winway Place to the Planning Board for a report back.

13. Request for Approval of Proposed Resolution for Continued State Funding of Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) – Voted to approve the proposed resolution in support of continued state funding for the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program.

14. Tree Protection Easement – 755 Banfield Road – Voted to accept the “Tree Protection Easement” at 755 Banfield Road and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

15. Reminder: Public Hearing regarding Downtown Business Association’s Proposal for a Pedestrian Pilot Program on Market Street – Voted to authorize Mayor Sirrell and City Manager Bohenko to establish a Public Hearing on the Pedestrian Pilot Program sometime in April or May.

16. Consideration of Appointments – The City Council considered the reappointments of J. Lyn Walters to the Conservation Commission and Everett Eaton to the PEDLP Review Committee. These appointments will be voted on by the City Council at the March 3, 2003 City Council meeting.


Voted to appoint Steven Berg as an alternate to the Board of Adjustment until December 1, 2008.

18. Donation for the Old State House – Voted to accept the donation of $500 for the Old State House Fund from David Engel.
19. **Proposed Blue Ribbon Committee on Trees and Public Greenery** – Voted to authorize a Blue Ribbon Committee on Trees and Public Greenery.

20. **Adjournment** – At 7:50 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk