TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER
FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK
RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2003 COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

1. **Acceptance of Minutes** – September 8, 2003 – Voted to accept and approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of September 8, 2003.

2. **Public Comment Session** – There were four speakers – Jane Forde (Music Hall), Charlton Dobson (Taxes), Wayne Ecker (City Business), and Peter Bresciano (Parking Garage).

3. **Public Hearing - Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking – Partridge Street: Both Sides, Entire Length of Street** – Held a public hearing. Voted to pass second reading of amended ordinance, as submitted, and schedule a third and final reading at the October 6th City Council meeting. Councilor Whitehouse requested that Ms. McLaughlin’s letter in opposition to the ordinance be forwarded to the Traffic and Safety Committee for review.

4. **Public Hearing - Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article IX, Section 7.901 – Penalties** – Held a public hearing. Voted to pass second reading of amended ordinance, as submitted, and schedule a third and final reading at the October 6th City Council meeting.

5. **First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article XI, Section 7.1100 – Speed Limits by the addition of Simonds Road, Suzanne Drive and Wallis Road – 20 MPH** – Voted to pass first reading of amended ordinances, as submitted, and schedule a Public Hearing and second reading at the October 6th City Council meeting.

6. **Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10.202 – Location by rezoning subdivided lot from the Single Residence B District to the Municipal District** – Voted to pass third and final reading.

7. **Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10.203 – Interpretation of District Bounds by the addition of the following language** – Any property owned by the City of Portsmouth and not shown on the Zoning Map as amended is deemed to be in the Municipal District – Voted to pass third and final reading.

8. **Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10.202 – Location by the addition of the following language** – Pursuant to Article II, Section 10.203(7) of the 1995 Zoning Ordinance, as amended all City owned land not shown in the Municipal or Natural Resource Protection Districts shall be deemed to be in the Municipal District and when so identified shall be placed in that district – Voted to pass third and final reading.
9. Letter from David Cohen, Portsmouth Halloween Parade Committee, requesting permission to hold the 9th Annual Halloween Parade on Friday, October 31, 2003 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

10. Letter from Christie Clifford-Salema, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, requesting permission to hold the Great Strides 5k Walk on Saturday, May 15, 2004 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

11. Request for Sidewalk Obstruction License – Ayhan’s Treasures – 1 A-frame sign – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

12. Letter from Paul Sorli, Portsmouth Gas Light Co., requesting that the City institute electronic processing of payments – Voted to refer to the City Manager for a report back.

13. Letter from Randal Leach regarding rerouting truck traffic from the Bartlett Street neighborhood – Moved to the Planning Board for review during the master plan process and report back. Voted to amend the motion and to accept and place the letter on file with a copy to the Planning Board. Motion passed as amended.

14. Donations to the Coalition Legal Fund – Voted to accept the $1,000 contribution from the Town of Lincoln and the $5,000 contribution from the Town of Tuftonboro to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund.

15. Work Session Re: Worth Lot – Voted to establish a Work Session regarding the Worth Lot on January 12, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

16. Request to place plaques at the burial sites of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power and consult with the Cemetery Committee to serve as a reference and a resource.

17. Informational Item - Letter from Peter Henderson regarding proposal of a new parking garage – Councilor Whitehouse requested that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Economic Development Commission for their review.

18. Adjournment – At 7:55 p.m. voted to adjourn.