TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER
FROM: VALERIE A. FRENCH, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I
RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON DECEMBER 6, 2010, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW
HAMPShIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR FERRINI, ASSISTANT MAYOR NOVELLINE CLAYBURGH,
COUNCILORS LISTER, HEJTMANEK, SPEAR, DWYER, COVIELLO,
KENNEDY AND SMITH

1. A presentation on Proposed Study Circles Re: Budget Citizen Deliberation Pilot Project was
given by Jim Noucas and John Tabor.

2. Acceptance of Minutes – August 2, 2010 and November 22, 2010 - Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the August 2, 2010 and November 22, 2010 City Council meetings.

3. Public Comment Session – There were 10 speakers: Robert Hassold, Erik Anderson, Corey MacDonald, Warren Goddard, Norm Olsen and David Kitsch (Police Contract); Charlie Griffin and Mark Brighton (Budget Study Circles); Bill St. Laurent (costly issues); and Rich Duddy (Ambulance Coverage to Greenland).

4. Proposed Study Circles RE: Budget Citizen Deliberation Pilot Project. Voted to suspend the rules to move up agenda item XI.B.2. for Council action. Voted on a 9-0 roll call vote to table item to next meeting to allow the proposing group to come back with answers regarding how they will achieve representative demographics in the Study Circles.

5. Report Back Re: Town of Greenland Paramedic Intercept Services – Voted to suspend the rules to move up agenda item XI.A.2. for Council action. Voted to accept the recommendation of the Fire Commission and to authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents with the Town of Greenland, regarding paramedic intercept services.

6. Approval of Portsmouth Police Ranking Officers Association Tentative Agreement – Voted to suspend the rules to move up agenda item XI.A.1. for Council action. Voted on a 5-4 roll call vote to approve the Portsmouth Police Ranking Officers Association Tentative Agreement. Mayor Ferrini, Assistant Mayor Novelline Clayburgh, Councilors Lister, Dwyer and Smith voted in favor. Councilors Hejtmanek, Spear, Coviello and Kennedy voted opposed.

7. Voted to suspend the rules to allow meeting to go past 10:00 p.m.
8. Greenleaf Recreation Center Lease to Portsmouth Housing Authority – Voted to suspend the rules to move up agenda item XI.A.5. for Council action. Voted to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a three-year lease of the Greenleaf Recreation Center to the Portsmouth Housing Authority for the purpose of operating a community recreation center open to the general public with an emphasis on serving the residents of the nearby Wamesit Place housing development.

9. Discover Portsmouth Center – One-Year Lease Extension - Voted to suspend the rules to move up agenda item XI.A.6. for Council action. Voted to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a one-year lease extension of the former public library property for the Portsmouth Historical Society, such extension to include an adjustment to parking and utilities.

10. Authorization for Portsmouth Regional Hospital to Accept Ventilators for Emergency Preparedness Purposes - Voted to authorize Portsmouth Regional Hospital to accept, maintain and deploy the respiratory equipment on its behalf.

11. Acceptance of the 2010 Justice Assistance Grant to the Police Department from The Bureau of Justice Assistance - $18,208.00 – Voted to approve and accept the grant to the Portsmouth Police Department, as listed.

12. Acceptance of Donation for Historic Markers – Voted to accept and expend $525.00 in donations from the Frank Jones Farm Neighborhood for the design, fabrication and installation of an historic marker about Frank Jones and Maplewood Farm.

13. First reading of Amendments to Chapter 7 – Vehicles, Traffic Parking Omnibus Ordinances – Voted to pass first reading for the proposed changes to Chapter 7 of the Vehicles Traffic Parking Omnibus Ordinances, as recommended by the Parking committee, and schedule a public hearing and second reading at the December 20, 2010 City Council Meeting.

14. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article II, Taxi cabs – of the ordinances of the City of Portsmouth be stricken in its entirety and replaced. – Voted to pass first reading for the Taxi Ordinances, as recommended by the Taxi Commission, and schedule a public hearing and second reading at the December 20, 2010 City Council meeting.

15. Third and Final reading of Ordinance amending chapter 10, Article 5, Section 10.517 – Rooftop Appurtenances and Other Rooftop Features – Voted to pass third and final reading on the proposed Ordinance amendment, as presented.

16. Consent Agenda – Voted to adopt Items A and B of the Consent Agenda.

   A. Acceptance of Donations for Art-Speak for Overnight Art
      - Thomas & Annabelle Cocchiaro - $100.00
      - Leanne Spees - $100.00
      (Sample motion – move to accept and approve the donations to Art-Speak for Overnight Art, as presented)
B. Acceptance of Donations for Art-Speak
   • Paul McEachern - $50.00
   • Olde Port Properties - $100.00
   • Precision Auto Service - $150.00
   • Elisabeth & Jeffrey Robinson - $25.00
   • Joyce Volk - $25.00
   *(Sample motion – move to accept and approve the donations to Art-Speak for operations, as presented)*

17. Letter from Heidi Roy, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, requesting permission to hold the 2011 Walk MS Portsmouth on Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Item removed from Consent Agenda at the request of Councilor Smith. Voted to refer to the City Manager with power and to instruct organization to remove all signs at the end of the event.

18. Report Back Re: Vision Appraisal Online – Voted to authorize the City Manager to bring this matter back at the December 20, 2010 City Council Meeting.

19. Proposal to Remove Deed Restrictions on Connie Bean Center – Voted to authorize the City Manager to commence legal action to relieve the Connie Bean Center from the deed restriction that limits its reuse.

20. Request for a License from Jane Gee, owner of janegee for property located at 10 Ladd Street to install a projecting sign. – Voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning board with the aforementioned stipulations and approve the request of Jane Gee, owner of janegee, to install a projecting sign on a new bracket at 10 Ladd Street and further authorize the City Manager to execute a License Agreement for this request.

21. Proposal to Rename and Segment of Winchester Street – Voted to accept the Planning Board’s recommendation, as presented, that the segment of Winchester Street between Lafayette Road and the first corner to be renamed “Cardinal Lane”.

22. Albacore Way Street – Acceptance of Deed and Acceptance of Public Street – Voted to accept the Planning Board’s recommendation, as presented.

23. FY12 Budget Guidelines – Voted to approve the FY12 Budget Guidelines drafted at the November 20, 2010 Council Retreat.

24. Traffic and Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting – Item 3, Martingale Wharf removed for separate action. Voted on an 8-1 vote to accept the remainder of the Traffic and Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting. Councilor Kennedy voted opposed.

26. Parking Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting. – At the request of Councilors Smith and Spear, the 3 items were taken up separately.

27. 11/18/2010 Parking Committee Item 1, Acceptance of October 14, 2010 Minutes – Voted on an 8-1 vote to accept Action taken by the Parking Committee on Item 1. Councilor Kennedy voted opposed.

28. 11/18/2010 Parking Committee Item 2, Martingale Wharf – Voted on a 7-1 vote to accept action taken by the Parking Committee on Item 2. Councilor Kennedy voted opposed. Councilor Coviello abstained.

29. 11/18/2010 Parking Committee Item 3, Free Holiday Parking – Voted on a 7-2 voted to accept action taken by the Parking Committee on Item 3. Councilors Spear and Kennedy voted opposed.

30. Adjournment – At 10:55 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Valerie A. French
Deputy City Clerk I