

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PORTSMOUTH, NH  
DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016 TIME: 6:00PM

## AGENDA

- 6:00PM – WORK SESSION RE: MCINTYRE FEDERAL BUILDING PROPERTY

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation to former Police Commissioners John Golumb and Gerald Howe
2. Presentation Re: Build Dio
3. Presentation Re: Historic District Commission Design Guidelines – Joe Almeida, Chair and Nick Cracknell, Principal Planner

### V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – MAY 18, 2016

### VI. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

### VII. APPROVAL OF GRANTS/DONATIONS

1. \*Acceptance of Community Development Block Grant Funds (***Sample motion – move to accept and expend a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$510,896 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development***)
2. Acceptance of Gift – Edward T. Mahoney’s Red Sox Collection (***Sample motion – move to approve and accept the gift***)

### VIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

- A. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Zoning Ordinance – West End Zoning as follows: (***Tabled from May 16, 2016 City Council Meeting***)
  - (1) Delete the existing Article 5A – Character Districts in its entirety and insert in its place the new Article 5A – Character Districts dated 5/2/2016
  - (2) Amend Articles 4, 5, 11, 12 & 15 of the Zoning Ordinance as set forth in the document titled “Conforming Amendments to Zoning Ordinance” date 5/2/2016
  - (3) Amend the Zoning Map as set forth in the following maps dated May 2, 2016:
    - (A) Map 10.5A21A – Character Districts and Civic Districts;

- (B) Map 10.5A21B – Building Height Standards;
- (C) Map 10.5A21C – Special Requirements for Façade Types, Front Lot Line Buildout & Uses

- (4) Amend the Zoning Map by changing the zoning designation of 52 parcels as set forth in the document titled “Proposed Additional West End Zoning Changes” dated 5/2/2016 and as shown on the map titled “Addition West End Zoning Changes – Second Reading – May 2, 2016

- B. Third and Final reading of proposed Ordinance to amend Chapter 10 – Zoning Ordinance – Article 4 – Zoning Districts and Use Regulations, Section 10.410 – Establishment and Purpose of Districts, Transportation Corridor – To provide for future transportation uses and related facilities as well as recreational trail use (**Sample motion – move to pass third and final reading on the proposed Ordinance**)

## IX. CONSENT AGENDA

### **A MOTION WOULD BE IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Request to Install Projecting Sign:
  - Carolyn Ottney, owner of Ceo’s Gelato Bistro, for property located at 43 Pleasant Street (**Anticipated action – move to approve the aforementioned Projecting Sign License as recommended by the Planning Director, and, further, authorize the City Manager to execute this License Agreement**)
- B. Letter from Peter Oldak, Jewell Towne Vineyards, requesting permission to have wine sampling at the Portsmouth Farmers’ Market starting August 6, 2016. (**Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power**)

## X. PRESENTATION & CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

- A. Letter from Chris Soucy, requesting change to Peirce Island Boat Launch pass policy (**Sample motion – move to refer to the Recreation Board for report back**)
- B. Letter from Businesses and Cultural Institutions of the Bridge District regarding Podium
- C. Letter from Jonathan Blakeslee, White Heron Tea, LLC, regarding Petition for a Permanent Crosswalk at Albany Street and Islington Street

## XI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

### **A. CITY MANAGER**

#### **City Manager’s Items Which Require Action:**

1. Proposed Action on International Association of Fire Fighters, Local #1313 Tentative Agreement
2. Request for Public Hearing Re: Various Bonding Resolutions
3. Consideration of Appointments/Reappointments to Rockingham Planning Commission

4. Acceptance of Waterline Easement
5. Annual Omnibus Ordinance Change, Parking and Traffic

### **Informational items**

1. Events Listing
2. Summary of Legislation
3. News Release Re: June 22, 2016 Public Input Forum on Prescott Park Master Plan
4. Market Square Day
5. Proposed National Register (NR) District Nomination – Informational Meeting
6. News Release Re: Standard & Poors Affirms City of Portsmouth’s AAA Bond Rating

### **B. MAYOR BLALOCK**

1. Appointments to be Considered:
  - Reappointment of Joseph Almeida to the Historic District Commission
  - Appointment of Jim Lee to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a regular member
  - Appointment of John Formella to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as an alternate member
2. Acceptance of Resignation – Jennifer Pyke, Portsmouth Housing Authority – resident representative (***Sample motion – move to accept the resignation with regret and to send a letter of thanks for her years of service***)

### **C. COUNCILOR LOWN**

1. Parking & Traffic Safety Action Sheet and Minutes of the June 2, 2016 meeting (***Sample motion – move to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the June 2, 2016 Parking & Traffic Safety Committee meeting***)

### **D. COUNCILOR DENTON**

1. \*Atlantic Heights Dog Park (***Sample motion – move to have the City Manager report back on what would be required to reopen the Atlantic Heights Dog Park prior to the Peirce Island Dog Off-Leash Area temporarily closing for the Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades***)

## **XII. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**KELLI L. BARNABY, MMC, CMC, CNHMC  
CITY CLERK**

*\*Indicates Verbal Report*

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

*(There are no items under this section of the agenda)*


**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC WHO ARE HEARING IMPAIRED:** Please contact Dianna Fogarty at 603-610-7270 one-week prior to the meeting for assistance.

**CITY OF PORTSMOUTH  
PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801**

*Office of the City Manager*

**Date:** June 16, 2016

**To:** Honorable Mayor Jack Blalock and City Council Members

**From:** John P. Bohenko, City Manager 

**Re:** City Manager's Comments on June 20, 2016 City Council Agenda

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***Work Session:***

**6:00 p.m.**

1. **McIntyre Federal Building Property.** This evening's Work Session will review the City's efforts regarding the future disposition of the Federal McIntyre Property at 62 Daniel Street. Redevelopment of the 2.1 acre site represents one of the largest redevelopment opportunities in the downtown since the renovation of Market Square in the 1970s. Accordingly, we remain prepared to assist the Council in its consideration of the City's involvement in facilitating the relocation of the General Services Administration (GSA) within downtown Portsmouth and the redevelopment of this unique and valuable property.

*Attached are* 1) a chronology of GSA/City interaction; 2) the recent Request for Information released by the GSA in January; and 3) a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) the City may consider releasing, pending Council's direction. Various members of City staff will present the information covered by each attachment to help illustrate our progress on this issue over time, where we stand at present, and how future redevelopment may take shape.

Following this review, the Council is asked to consider a policy decision. Should the City:

- A. pursue a three-party, public-private partnership and be directly involved in the relocation of the GSA as well as the redevelopment of the Federal McIntyre Property?; or

- B. allow the GSA to contract directly with a private developer to determine its future location in the downtown as well as the redevelopment of the existing Federal McIntyre Property?

Option A envisions the City partnering with the GSA and a qualified developer who would acquire the development rights at the Federal McIntyre Property to rehabilitate the existing building and/or to construct new buildings and other improvements on the site. Such improvements would likely include new civic spaces such as squares, plazas, pedestrian alleyways or wide public sidewalks. Proposed land uses complementary to the downtown business district, including office spaces, would be encouraged. On-site shared and structured parking would be encouraged behind and beneath the buildings and/or the civic space areas.

In exchange for public ownership of the land at the Federal McIntyre Property, a City-owned parcel (e.g. Bridge Street Lot) would be redeveloped with a new federal facility under a long-term land lease agreement with the City. The new federal facility would be approximately 40,000 SF and would include a similar variety of new civic spaces (plazas, etc.) to the redeveloped McIntyre property.

### ***Presentations:***

1. **Presentation to former Police Commissioners John Golumb and Gerald Howe.** On Monday evening, former Police Commissioners John Golumb and Gerald Howe will be recognized for their years of service to the City and its residents as members of the Police Commission.
2. **Presentation Re: Build Dio.** A presentation will be made on Monday evening regarding the [attached letter from Brian Kelly](#) regarding Build Dio.
3. **Presentation Re: Historic District Commission Design Guidelines.** Historic District Commission Chair Joseph Almeida and Principal Planner Nicholas Cracknell will present the Design Guidelines recently adopted by the Historic District Commission ([see attached](#)).

### ***Acceptance of Grants and Donations:***

1. **Acceptance of Community Development Block Grant Funds.** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has informed the City that a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$510,896 has been made available to Portsmouth for its Fiscal Year 2017. This amount represents an increase of \$5,734, or 1.1% from last year. These funds are used to carry out a variety of housing rehabilitation and accessibility projects and other CDBG-eligible community development and public improvements as well as assistance to public service agencies.

The Community Development Department, working in conjunction with the City's Citizens Advisory Committee, held a series of public hearings and meetings over the last several months to solicit input and prioritize projects with regard to the expenditure of these funds.

*I recommend the City Council move to accept and expend a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$510,896 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Action on this matter should take place under Section VII of the Agenda.*

2. **Acceptance of Gift – Edward T. Mahoney’s Red Sox Collection.** The City of Portsmouth has received a gift of the Edward T. Mahoney’s Red Sox Collection. The late Ed Mahoney and his beloved wife Mary enjoyed and were proud of their Red Sox collection ([see attached](#)). This gift to the City of Portsmouth has a value of \$1,000; it will be displayed at the Connie Bean Center.

*I recommend the City Council move to approve and accept the gift. Action on this matter should take place under Section VII of the Agenda.*

### ***Items Which Require Action Under Other Sections of the Agenda:***

1. **Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance.**

- 1.1 **Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Zoning Ordinance – West End Zoning Amendment Ordinance (Tabled from May 16, 2016 City Council Meeting.** At the June 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the Council will continue the second reading of a proposed ordinance (dated 5/2/2016) extending character-based zoning to the West End and making various revisions to Article 5A and other sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

As a result of public comment at the May 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, and discussion and comments by City Councilors at the June 6<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and afterwards, the Planning Department has developed [the attached list](#) of 13 potential amendments to the proposed ordinance. These amendments address the following issues:

- A. Setback of West End Incentive Overlay District from abutting parcels fronting on Aldrich Road - *Recommended adoption by City staff.*
- B. Maximum allowed building height on Islington Street opposite Bartlett Street and Elm Court – *Recommended adoption by City staff.*
- C. Minimum required upper floor height – *Recommended adoption by City staff.*

- D. Maximum allowed building footprints in the downtown (CD4 and CD5 districts) – *Not recommended by City staff.*
- E. Increased allowed building footprints for a building containing ground floor parking or underground parking
  - E1 - Not recommended by City staff.*
  - E2 - Recommended adoption by City staff.*
- F. Restrictions on residential uses in the CD4-W district – *City staff is neutral.*
- G. Façade modulation exemption for buildings with traditional masonry detailing, windows, etc. – *Recommended adoption by City staff.*
- H. Dimensions of various types of community spaces – *Recommended adoption by City staff.*
- I. Use of lawn vs. ground cover in squares – *City staff is neutral.*
- J. Planning Board determination of public benefits for developments in Incentive Overlay Districts – *Recommended adoption by City staff.*
- K. Conversion of a civic use to a new civic use – *Recommended adoption by City staff.*
- L. Assurance of long-term applicability of a workforce housing restriction – *Recommended adoption by City staff.*
- M. Clarification of the definition of “building footprint” – *City staff is neutral.*

These 13 potential amendments are presented in a format (see attached) to allow for consideration and action by the City Council on each amendment prior to action on the main motion.

As noted in the attached document, the Planning Department supports most but not all of these potential amendments. At Monday’s meeting, City staff will be prepared to explain the amendments and respond to Councilors’ questions as necessary.

*The City Council may move the following motions:*

- 1) Move to vote on each amendment separately, and,*
- 2) Move to pass second reading as amended and schedule a third and final reading at the July 11, 2016 City Council meeting.*

*Action on this matter should take place under Section IX of the Agenda.*

2. **Third and Final Reading of Proposed Ordinance Amendments:**

2.1 **Third and Final Reading of Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Transportation Corridor District.** As a result of the June 6<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, under Section VIII of the Agenda, I am bringing back for third and final reading the [attached proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment](#) to establish a Transportation Corridor District. See [attached memorandum from Rick Taintor, Planning Director](#), regarding this matter. The Planning Board voted on April 21, 2016 to recommend that the City Council amend the Zoning Ordinance, as proposed.

The Planning Department has proposed that the railroad rights-of-way within the City (excluding areas for sidings and spurs) be rezoned to a new Transportation Corridor District. The purposes of the proposed district are:

- to preserve these corridors for existing and future transportation uses and utility lines and facilities;
- to allow for the development of multi-use (bicycle/pedestrian) recreational trails along abandoned rail corridors; and
- to restrict any land uses that would conflict with these transportation and recreational uses from being established.

*Therefore, I recommend the City Council move to pass third and final reading on the proposed Ordinance, as presented. Action on this matter should take place under Section VIII of the Agenda.*

***Consent Agenda:***

1. **Request for License to Install Projecting Sign.** [Attached under Section IX of the Agenda](#) is a request for a projecting sign license (see [attached memorandum from Rick Taintor, Planning Director](#)):

- Carolyn Ottney, owner of Ceo's Gelato Bistro, for property located at 43 Pleasant Street.

*I recommend the City Council move to approve the aforementioned Projecting Sign License as recommended by the Planning Director and, further, authorize the City Manager to execute this License Agreement for this request. Action on this item should take place under Section IX of the Agenda.*



## ***City Manager's Items Which Require Action:***

1. **Proposed Action on International Association of Fire Fighters, Local #1313 Tentative Agreement.** On Monday evening, the Fire Commission is requesting that the City Council vote on the Firefighters Association Portsmouth, NH Council #1313 contract. I have [attached a copy of City Negotiator Thomas Closson's letter](#) outlining the highlights of the Tentative Agreement [along with the cost analysis](#) to implement this contract.

A copy of the insertions and deletions showing the changes in the contract if approved can be found on <http://www.cityofportsmouth.com/HR/contracts-fire.htm>.

*Please note that City Council action is required this evening regarding this matter.*

2. **Request for Public Hearing Re: Various Bonding Resolutions.** The following comments are summaries for the [attached three \(3\) proposed Bond Authorization Resolutions](#) for projects identified in the FY17-22 Capital Improvement Plan (*respective element sheets are attached*). I am requesting that the City Council establish a public hearing on each of these proposed resolutions for the July 11, 2016 City Council Agenda.

The three (3) resolutions are:

### **GENERAL FUND**

- 1) **Resolution for borrowing authorization of up to \$6,850,000 for FY17 Citywide Street, Sidewalk, and Facility Improvements.**

- **Chestnut Area Improvements - \$200,000:**  
(Page II-36 of Appendix II of the Proposed Annual Budget Book 2016-2017)  
This project is a collaborative effort between the City, The Music Hall, abutting property owners and businesses to beautify and improve Chestnut Street between Porter and Congress Street. The proposed plan includes new sidewalks and drainage improvements, new granite seating walls, flowering trees and shrubs. Changes to the street surface will improve wayfinding from Congress Street, The Music Hall, and the African Burying Ground, and it will meet the City's Master Plan goals of increasing the number of community gathering areas downtown.
- **Multi-Purpose Recreation Field (Former Stump Dump) - \$1,750,000:**  
(Page II-40 of Appendix II of the Proposed Annual Budget Book 2016-2017)  
The 2010 Recreation Needs Study recommended additional multi-use fields be added to the City's inventory. This project will fulfill a long-held vision for converting the former "stump-dump" facility on Greenland Road into a

regulation sized, multi-purpose, outdoor field with artificial turf. Lighting, associated parking and other amenities are included. This project will also provide parking and trail access for the Hampton Branch trail system as well as access to other passive recreational assets such as the Great Bog.

- **Outdoor Pool Upgrades - \$500,000:**  
*(Page II-41 of Appendix II of the Proposed Annual Budget Book 2016-2017)*  
This project includes the replacement of the pool gutter system and pool liner. The original pool was constructed in the 1930's and has been renovated a number of times. The existing liner is past the 15 year design life and the concrete gutter is starting to show signs of failure.
- **Citywide Facilities Capital Improvements - \$1,000,000:**  
*(Page II-44 of Appendix II of the Proposed Annual Budget Book 2016-2017)*  
The Public Works Department has the maintenance responsibilities for all municipal facilities. These facilities are wide ranging and serve multiple uses. Due to age and usage, many facilities are in need of updating in order to continue their availability to the general public and programs conducted within. Prioritization of projects will be based on each facilities evaluation, to be completed in FY17.
- **McDonough St Area Improvements - \$400,000:**  
*(Page II-71 of Appendix II of the Proposed Annual Budget Book 2016-2017)*  
This project is at the request of the Islington Creek Neighborhood Association to have new sidewalks and traffic calming measures installed throughout the McDonough Street Area. The main purpose of this project is to enhance safety for the residents and others who travel through this area on foot, by bicycle and motor vehicle. This area is a mixed use of residential, commercial and industrial uses located between Islington Street and North Mill Pond. The work will include water, sewer, storm drainage, paving, curbing and associated landscaping constructed in a phased approach.
- **Pease International Tradeport Roadway Rehabilitation - \$2,500,000:**  
*(Page II-74 & II-75 of Appendix II of the Proposed Annual Budget Book 2016-2017)*  
Per the Municipal Service Agreement between the City of Portsmouth and Pease Development Authority, the City shall provide Public Works Services in the Non-Airfield Area of the Pease International Tradeport. Public Works Services include maintaining and repairing roads, streets, bridges and sidewalks.
- **Banfield Road Improvements - \$500,000:**  
*(Page II-76 of Appendix II of the Proposed Annual Budget Book 2016-2017)*  
This project addresses a number of traffic safety related issues along the section of Banfield Road from Constitution to Ocean Road. These upgrades include

culvert replacement, guard rail installation, and traffic calming measures. In addition, the effort will evaluate pedestrian and bicycle needs and measures to incorporate “Complete Street” Design into the project.

## **WATER FUND**

### **2) Resolution for borrowing authorization of up to \$2,250,000 related to Water Line Replacements, Water System Pressure and Storage Improvements.**

- **Annual Water Line Replacement - \$1,500,000:**  
*(Page II-78 of Appendix II of the Proposed Annual Budget Book 2016-2017)*  
The water distribution system consists of more than 150 miles of pipe. Many of the older pipes are 50 to 100 years old, undersized and at the end of their design life. Pipes are replaced programmatically as part of water-specific capital projects, roadway reconstruction and prior to annual paving. This item will fund the purchase of pipe, valves and associated materials used to replace those pipes. Bond funds for large full road reconstruction projects.
- **Water System Pressure and Storage Improvements - \$750,000:**  
*(Page II-80 of Appendix II of the Proposed Annual Budget Book 2016-2017)*  
This project consists of improvement to water mains, pumps and storage to improve water flow and pressure in the water system. Work will be performed in portions of the water system as well as sections of the system which have been identified as needing upgrades as part of the water system hydraulic model and master plan update completed in 2013.

## **SEWER FUND**

### **3) Resolution for borrowing authorization of up to \$3,400,000 for Costs related to Sewer Line Replacements, Pumping Station Upgrades and Goose Bay Drive Sewer Line**

- **Annual Sewer Line Replacement - \$2,500,000:**  
*(Page II-85 of Appendix II of the Proposed Annual Budget Book 2016-2017)*  
The wastewater collection system consists of more than one-hundred (100) miles of pipe. Many of the older pipes are fifty (50) to one-hundred (100) years old, undersized and at the end of their design life. Pipes are replaced programmatically as part of sewer specific capital projects, roadway reconstruction and prior to annual paving. This item will fund the purchase of pipes and associated materials used to replace those pipes. Bond funds are for the large full road reconstruction type projects.

- **Pumping Station Upgrade - \$400,000:**  
(Page II-86 of Appendix II of the Proposed Annual Budget Book 2016-2017)  
The City owns and operates twenty (20) wastewater pumping stations. The projected life span of a pumping station is twenty (20) years. This project plans for the replacement or major rehabilitation of the pumping stations that have not been included as separate projects. The next pumping station to be addressed under this project is the Heritage Avenue pumping station.
- **Goose Bay Drive Sewer - \$500,000:**  
(Page II-87 of Appendix II of the Proposed Annual Budget Book 2016-2017)  
This project addresses replacement of an existing sewer that is in poor condition and at risk of failure. Replacement of this sewer line will prevent potential sewer system overflows due to failure and will provide additional capacity for an industry served by this section of sewer.

*I recommend the City Council move to authorize the City Manager to bring back for public hearing and adoption the various proposed CIP projects to be bonded, as presented, for the July 11, 2016 City Council meeting. (Please note that Bonding Resolutions require a public hearing and adoption.)*

3. **Consideration of Appointments/Reappointments to Rockingham Planning Commission.** Representation on a regional planning commission in New Hampshire is defined in RSA 36:46, Formation of Regional Planning Commissions, as follows:

III. Each municipality which shall become a member of a regional planning commission shall be entitled to 2 representatives on said commission. A municipality with a population of over 10,000 but less than 25,000 shall be entitled to have 3 representatives on said commission and a municipality with a population of over 25,000 shall be entitled to have 4 representatives on said commission. [...] Representatives to a regional planning commission shall be nominated by the planning board of each municipality from the residents thereof and shall be appointed by the municipal officers of each municipality. Representatives may be elected or appointed officials of the municipality or county. [...] The terms of office of members of a regional planning commission shall be for 4 years ....

Based on this statute and on its 1990 population of 25,925, Portsmouth was eligible to have four representatives on the Rockingham Planning Commission. Although the population dropped below 25,000 following the closure of Pease, the City's representation on the Commission has continued to be maintained at four commissioners.

On December 30, 2015, Mayor Blalock designated City Councilors Josh Denton and Rebecca Perkins to serve as representatives on the Commission, effective January 1, 2016. In order to comply with the statute cited above regarding nomination of representatives,

the Planning Board voted at its April meeting to confirm the current roster of representatives on the Commission.

John Ricci and David Moore have been serving as commissioners; however, their terms have expired. Therefore, the Planning Board also voted at its April meeting to recommend the reappointment of these two individuals as representatives on the Commission.

*I recommend the City Council move to reappoint John Ricci and David Moore as representatives of the City on the Rockingham Planning Commission, effective July 1, 2016.*

4. **Acceptance of Waterline Easement.** The [attached memorandum from Suzanne M. Woodland, Deputy City Attorney](#), describes a proposed acceptance of water line easements to serve two properties in a minor subdivision in the Town of Greenland. This request is on the agenda for the Planning Board meeting on June 16, 2016. Rick Taintor, Planning Director, will provide an oral report on the Planning Board's recommendation at the June 20, 2016 City Council meeting.

*Subsequent to the Planning Director's oral report on Monday evening, action on this matter is required by the City Council.*

5. **Annual Omnibus Ordinance Change, Parking and Traffic.** [Attached please find the annual omnibus set of ordinances](#) recommended by the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee to be presented to the City Council at its meeting of June 20, 2016. This year's omnibus changes are detailed on the attached sheets, and address changes to on-street parking spaces and update wording to reflect current conditions.

By way of background, On March 29, 2000, the City Council adopted Ordinance #4-2000 under Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 7.103 of the Vehicles, Traffic and Parking Ordinance. This ordinance was adopted in order to be more responsive to the changing parking needs of the downtown. Before its adoption, it often took three readings of the City Council to simply change a parking space from a two-hour time restriction to a 15-minute one. This process would often take four to six months to complete.

The current ordinance authorizes the Parking Traffic and Safety Committee to recommend temporary parking and traffic regulations to the City Council for its approval in the form of its monthly meeting minutes. Once the Council approves these minutes, the temporary regulations are in effect for a period not to exceed one year. During that year the Council and the public have the benefit of seeing how a temporary regulation works before adopting it as a permanent change to the parking ordinance. These temporary regulations are presented at one time to the Council for its consideration.

The attached amendments to Chapter 7, Vehicles, Traffic and Parking for the Council's consideration summarize the temporary parking regulations implemented by the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee between June 12, 2015 and June 2, 2016, as well as updates to reflect current conditions.

*I recommend the City Council move to authorize the City Manager to bring back for first reading the attached proposed Ordinance, at the July 11, 2016 City Council meeting, as presented.*

## ***Informational Items:***

1. **Events Listing.** For your information, [attached is a copy of the Events Listing](#) updated after the last City Council meeting on June 6, 2016. In addition, this can be found on the City's website.
2. **Summary of Legislation.** Members of the Legislative Subcommittee meet with City staff and our local delegates to monitor bills that address issues of interest during each session of the Legislature. Subcommittee members include Mayor Blalock, Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilor Dwyer and Councilor Spear. The City Manager and Assistant City Attorney Jane Ferrini attend the meetings but are not voting members of the Committee. The Legislative Subcommittee met twelve times in 2016 and our local delegates were invited to attend six of these twelve meetings.

[The Legislation Summary attached lists bills](#) of interest to the City. Those listed by the Chapter number (original bill number in parentheses) have been signed into law. All other bills listed by their original bill number have been passed by the Houses and Senate and have been enrolled awaiting the Governor's signature. If the Governor does not veto the bill, it will become law according to the effective date in the bill.

3. **News Release Re: June 22, 2016 Public Input Forum on Prescott Park Master Plan.** For your information, [attached is a news release](#) regarding the June 22, 2016 Public Input Forum on the Prescott Park Master Plan. This event will be held in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chamber at 6:30 p.m.
4. **Market Square Day.** Several municipal tents were present on Market Square Day to offer the community various information on projects, programs and public input opportunities.

The Planning Department had a booth dedicated to the 2025 Master Plan. Citizens spoke with Planning Staff and Master Plan consultants NBBJ about the future of Portsmouth, were given an informational flier and had access to the Draft Master Plan. Hundreds of residents participated in an interactive exercise where they used stickers to identify their top five goals from the Draft Master Plan. A 3D virtual reality headset drew crowds of all ages by demonstrating how a portion of Lafayette Road could transform over the next decade.

The Public Works department offered demonstrations and information on their Portsmouth Click N' Fix App, as well as materials on their Recycling Center, water services and sustainable practices. A consultant from Weston & Sampson was also present to discuss the upcoming Master Plan for Prescott Park, field commentary, encourage

public participation in public meetings and direct residents to additional public input opportunities and resources available on the City website.

The Library booth offered interactive games for children, in addition to general information on Library programs and events. Several staff members were present to help residents either renew or sign up for Library cards as well.

5. **Proposed National Register (NR) District Nomination – Informational Meeting.** For your information, [attached is a memorandum from Nancy Colbert Puff, Deputy City Manager](#), regarding the proposed National Register (NR) District Nomination – Informational Meeting on June 28, 2016 at the Seacoast Repertory Theatre on Bow Street.
6. **News Release Re: Standard & Poors Affirms City of Portsmouth’s AAA Bond Rating.** For your information, [attached is a news release](#) announcing that Standard & Poors has again affirmed the City's long-term bond rating of “AAA”, the highest obtainable rating. The City issued bonds on June 14, 2016 which were very favorable.

Due to this outstanding rating, the City reissued bonds that resulted in a savings of \$1.3 million over the remaining ten (10) years. In addition, the City issued bonds at an average interest rate of 1.87% which is the lowest rate the City has ever seen for this type of issue. In addition to the excellent rate, the City received a bond premium of \$2.4 million which may be used for other capital projects with an equal or longer useful life of the bond issue.