

TO: NANCY COLBERT PUFF, ACTING CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017 MEETING, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR BLALOCK, ASSISTANT MAYOR SPLAINE, COUNCILORS PERKINS, DWYER, LOWN, PEARSON, CYR, SPEAR AND DENTON

1. Presentation – Update Re: Parrott Avenue Housing – Nick Cracknell, Planner provided an Update on a Housing Concept at Parrott Avenue.
2. Presentation – Coakley Landfill – City Attorney Sullivan, Environmental Planner Britz and Mike Deyling, Senior Project Geologist for CES Inc., provided a detailed review of the Coakley Landfill.
3. Public Comment Session – There were 34 speakers: Laura Pantelakos (Greenland Water); Larry Miller, Robert Landman, Mindi Messmer, Trevor Emory, Maria Emory, Jillian Lane, Sherry Hoffman (Coakley Landfill/Dump); Rebecca O'Brien, Erika Zollett, Shaun Rafferty, Erik Anderson (Single Use Plastic Bag Ordinance); Barbara Bowlus, Pat Bagley, Dick Bagley, Peter Whelan, John McGee, Paige Trace, Robin Comstock, Clare Kittredge, Valerie Rochon, Mary Lou McElwain, Adam Ruedig, Susan Denenberg, Brian Kelly, Kim Rogers, Ania Rogers, Ursual Wright, Zelita Morgan, Lee Roberts (Parrott Avenue); Jane Zill (Long-term planning – new ordinance); Esther Kennedy (Water); Joe Harrison (Parrott Avenue & Plastic Bags); and Arthur Clough (Ethics).
4. **Voted** to suspend the rules in order to continue the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m.
5. Public Hearing – Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation from Unassigned Fund Balance the sum of up to Sixty Four Thousand Eight Hundred (\$64,800.00) Dollars for Necessary Expenditures related to Contractual Obligations – Held a public hearing. Voted to adopt the Resolution, as presented.
6. Public Hearing - Resolution Pursuant to RSA 72:39-b the City hereby amends the elderly exemption from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers, such that the exemptions shall be available only when the qualifying taxpayer(s) have a net income of not more than \$40,504.00 for a single taxpayer or \$55,693.00 for married taxpayers, inclusive of social security payments. The elderly exemption shall remain unchanged except as amended hereby – Held a public hearing. **Voted** to adopt the Resolution for Elderly Exemptions, as submitted. Assistant Mayor Splaine abstained from voting on this matter.

7. Public Hearing - Resolution Pursuant to RSA 72:37-b, City hereby amends the disabled exemption from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers, such that the exemptions shall be available only when the qualifying taxpayer(s) have a net income of not more than \$40,504.00 for a single taxpayer or \$55,693.00 for married taxpayers, inclusive of social security. The disabled exemption shall remain unchanged except as amended hereby – Held a public hearing. **Voted** to adopt the Resolution for Disabled Exemptions, as submitted.
8. Public Hearing - Resolution Pursuant to RSA 72:28-b, the City hereby adopts the All Veterans' Tax Credit from property tax for qualified taxpayers. A person shall qualify for the all veterans' tax credit if the person is a resident of this state who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorable separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that Title 10 training for active duty by a member of a national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this paragraph; provided however that the person is not eligible for and is not receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35 – Held a public hearing. Moved to adopt the All Veteran's Tax Credit in the amount of \$500.00. On a roll call **vote** 5-4, motion passed. Assistant Mayor Splaine, Councilors Perkins, Spear, Cyr and Denton voted in favor. Councilors Dwyer, Lown, Pearson and Mayor Blalock voted opposed.
9. **Voted** to suspend the rules in order to take up Items XII. A.1. – Request for Approval of a Proposed Agreement between the Board of Police Commissioners and Portsmouth Police Civilian Employees Association and XII. A.2. – Request for Approval of a Proposed Agreement between the City of Portsmouth and Portsmouth City Employees Local #1386 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).
10. Request for Approval of a Proposed Agreement between the Board of Police Commissioners and Portsmouth Police Civilian Employees Association – **Voted** to approve the contract between the Board of Police Commissioners and the Portsmouth Police Civilian Employees Association to expire on June 30, 2018.
11. Request for Approval of a Proposed Agreement between the City of Portsmouth and Portsmouth City Employees Local #1386 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) – **Voted** to approve the contract between the City of Portsmouth and Portsmouth City Employees Local #1386 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).
12. Acceptance of Wellness Reward - \$2,000.00 – **Voted** to accept the Wellness Reward in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the HealthTrust Wellness Program.
13. Acceptance of Donation to the Coalition Legal Fund – Town of Moultonborough - \$5,000.00 – **Voted** to approve and accept the donation, as listed, to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund.

14. First reading of proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7.101 – Parking Meters – Definition – **Voted** to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading of the proposed Ordinance at the February 6, 2017 City Council meeting. Assistant Mayor Splaine voted opposed.
15. First reading of proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7.102 Parking Meter Zones – **Voted** to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading of the proposed Ordinance at the February 6, 2017 City Council meeting. Assistant Mayor Splaine voted opposed.
16. First reading of proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7.105 – Parking – Moved to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading of the proposed Ordinance at the February 6, 2017 City Council meeting. On a roll call vote 2-7, motion **failed** to pass. **Voted** to amend the Ordinance to change the hours of enforcement from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and to schedule a public hearing and second reading of the Ordinance at the February 6, 2017 City Council meeting. Assistant Mayor Splaine voted opposed.
17. First reading of proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.324 – Limited Parking One Hour, Section 7.325 – Limited Parking Thirty Minutes, Section 7.326 – Limited Parking Fifteen Minutes, Section 7.327 – Limited Parking Two Hours, Section 7.328 – Limited Parking Three Hours, Section 7.328-1 – Utilization of Multiple Parking Spaces and Section 7.329 – Limited Parking Four Hours – **Voted** to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading of the proposed Ordinance at the February 6, 2017 City Council meeting and further change the hours of enforcement from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Assistant Mayor Splaine and Councilor Dwyer voted opposed.
18. First reading of proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article IV, Section 7.406 – Parking In Meter Spaces – **Voted** to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading of the proposed Ordinance at the February 6, 2017 City Council meeting. Assistant Mayor Splaine voted opposed.
19. Third and final reading of proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article II – Taxis, Section 7.201 – 7.217 – **Voted** to suspend the rules to allow for an amendment to the Ordinance. **Voted** to amend Section 7.214(A) by placing a period after the word “cost” and striking the remainder of the sentence. **Voted** to pass third and final reading, as amended.
20. Consent Agenda – **Voted** to adopt the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Letter from Thomas Bringle, Arthritis Foundation, requesting permission to hold the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis on Sunday, December 10, 2017 (**Anticipated action – move to refer to the Acting City Manager with power**)
 - B. Letter from Kathie Lynch, Portsmouth Little League, requesting permission to install temporary signage to be located at the Plains and Hislop Park baseball fields during the 2017 baseball season (**Anticipated action – move to refer to the Acting City Manager with power**)

- C. Letter from Kelly Bosco, Alzheimer's Association, requesting permission to hold the 2017 Annual Seacoast Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sunday, September 24, 2017 (**Anticipated action – move to refer to the Acting City Manager with power**)
 - D. Letter from Lennie Mullaney, NH Art Association, requesting permission to hold its annual Wet Paint-out Weekend on Friday – Sunday, July 21-23, 2017 (**Anticipated action – move to refer to the Acting City Manager with power**)
21. Letter from William Scott, Boynton, Waldron, Doleac, Woodman & Scott, P.A. regarding Involuntarily Merged Lots at 630 Middle Road and Sylvester Street – **Voted** to refer to the Planning Board for report back.
 22. Letter from Doug Roberts, PS21 Portsmouth Smart Growth, requesting the monthly meetings of the Economic Development Commission be broadcast live and archived online – **Voted** to refer to the Acting City Manager for report back.
 23. Letter from Tom Morgan regarding Proposal for Housing at the Parrott Avenue Parking Lot – **Voted** to accept and place the letter on file.
 24. City Manager's Consent Agenda – Councilor Denton requested to remove the Report Back: Schiller Station Resolution from the City Manager's Consent Agenda.

Voted to adopt the City Manager's Consent Agenda.

- Request to Renew the Seacoast Growers' Association (Farmers' Market) Proposed 2017 License Agreement (**Sample motion – move to authorize the Acting City Manager to enter into a License Agreement with the Seacoast Growers' Association for 2017, as presented**)
- Report Back Re: Public Parking on Private Lots (**Sample motion – move to authorize the Acting City Manager to draft a proposed Ordinance, and further, to bring back for first reading the proposed Ordinance at the February 6, 2017 City Council meeting**)
- Request to Establish Two Public Hearings Re: Proposed Bonding Resolutions:
 - A) One Fire Apparatus in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00) Dollars (**Sample motion – move to authorize the Acting City Manager to bring back for a public hearing and adoption the proposed Bonding Resolution for One Fire Apparatus in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00) Dollars at the February 6, 2017 City Council meeting, as presented**)

- B) Improvements to Fire Station 3 in the amount of Six Hundred Ten Thousand (\$610,000.00) Dollars (***Sample motion – move to authorize the Acting City Manager to bring back for a public hearing and adoption the proposed Bonding Resolution for improvements to Fire Station 3 in the amount of Six Hundred Ten Thousand (\$610,000.00) Dollars at the February 6, 2017 City Council meeting***)

25. Appointment to be Voted – **Voted** to appoint Molly Bolster to the Historic District Commission until June 1, 2019.

26. **Voted** to place the remainder of the Agenda on the February 6, 2017 City Council meeting.

The following Items will appear on the February 6, 2017 City Council Agenda:

- *Report Bank: Schiller Station Resolution – Acting City Manager’s Item*
- *Parking & Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the January 5, 2017 meeting – Councilor Lown’s Item*
- *Plastic Bag Ordinance – Councilor Lown’s and Councilor Denton’s Item*

27. Adjournment – At 11:30 p.m., **voted** to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, MMC, CMC, CNHMC
City Clerk