

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: VALERIE A. FRENCH, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL AT THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

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1. Presentation – Energize 360 Seacoast NH Campaign Kick-off – Steve Workman of Seacoast Area Renewable Energy Initiative (SEAREI) gave a brief presentation regarding the Energize 360 Seacoast NH Campaign Kick-off.
2. Acceptance of Minutes – March 6, 2017– **Voted** to accept and place on file, with amendment to page 10, the Minutes of March 6, 2017 City Council meetings.
3. Public Comment Session – There were 8 speakers: Roy Helsel (various issues), Rebecca O'Brien, Jim Lee, Adrienne Harrison, Mark Brighton and Jim Nevins (Plastic Bag Ordinance); David Calkins (Release of Paper Streets); Larry Lariviere (Islington Street Redesign)
4. Acceptance of Fire Department Donations of disbursement checks in the amount of \$105,687.00 and \$81,813.00 from the Estate of Geraldine W. Webber - **Voted** to accept and approve the donations to the Fire Department, as presented.
5. Acceptance of donation of disbursement check in the amount of \$81,813.00 from the Estate of Geraldine W. Webber – **Voted** to accept and approve the donation to the Police Department, as presented.
6. First reading of Proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Article II, Section 3.208 – Regulation of Single Use Carryout Plastic Bags (tabled from March 6, 2017 City Council meeting) – **Voted** on an 8-1 roll call vote to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading of the proposed Ordinance at the April 3, 2017 City Council meeting. Mayor Blalock voted opposed.
7. First Reading of proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article VII, Section 7.704 and 7.705 to clarify the Prohibition of Truck Traffic on Banfield Road - **Voted** to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading of the proposed Ordinance at the April 3, 2017 City Council meeting.
8. Consent Agenda: **Voted** to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented:
  - A. Letter from Robert P. Valarese, Department of the Army, requesting permission to conduct Best Warrior Competition using Route 1A and 1B on April 9, 2017. **(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)**

- B. Letter from Jay Diener, Co-race Director, requesting permission to conduct the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Seacoast Half Marathon on Sunday, November 12, 2017. (**Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power**)
  - C. Letter from Richard Wagner, AIDS Response Seacoast requesting permission to conduct the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Seacoast AIDS Walk and Dog Walk on Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (**Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power**)
9. Letter from Raymond and Maryrose Richer Re: Potential Release of City Interest in a portion of Woodworth Avenue – **Voted** to refer to the Planning Board to conduct a public hearing and for report back to City Council at a time convenient.
  10. Proposed Amendment to exempt signs and other elements related to public parking in private parking lots from specific zoning standards when authorized under a permit from the Department of Public Works– **Voted** to refer to this matter to the Planning Board for report back to City Council.
  11. Appointments to Rockingham Metropolitan Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee **Voted** to approve the appointments of Juliet Walker, Assistant Planning Director and Eric Eby, Transportation and Parking Engineer as alternate representative, to the Rockingham Metropolitan Organization Technical Advisory Committee.
  12. Request for a Work Session March 27, 2017 Re:
    - A. An Update and Review of the Master Plan
    - B. Review the Process for Identifying Reuses and/or Improvements for the Bridge Street, Vaughan Mall, and Worth Lot

**Voted** to establish a Work Session for Monday, March 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers, as requested.

*City Manager Bohenko was requested to invite the Chairs of the Planning Board, Historic District Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment to attend the Work Session.*
  13. Request to Establish a Public Hearing Re: Proposed Bonding of up to Five Million (\$5,000,000.00) Dollars for Phase I Dondero School Improvements - **Voted** to establish a Public Hearing on Monday, April 3, 2017 for bonding of up to Five Million (\$5,000,000) Dollars for Phase I of the Dondero School Improvements.
  14. Report Back Re: Islington Street Project Burying Underground Utilities – **No Action taken pending further review.**
  15. City Manager Information Item #2- Electronic Communication by City Councilors during City Council meetings – Assistant Mayor Splaine requested that this be added to the next City Council Retreat agenda.

16. Mayor Blalock – Appointments to be Voted:

**Voted to:**

- Reappoint Dana Levenson to Trustee of the Trust Funds – term to expire January 1, 2020
- Appoint Jeffery Kisiel as regular member to the Planning Board – term to expire 12/31/2017 (filling unexpired term of John Ricci)
- Appoint Corey Clark as an Alternate member to the Planning Board – term to expire 12/31/2018 (filling unexpired term of Jeffery Kisiel)
- Appoint Marie Cowgill to the Citizens Advisory Committee

17. **Voted** to suspend the rules to move Item XI.E.1. of the Agenda for consideration.

18. Councilor Denton – Resolution RE: Energize 360 Seacoast NH Campaign Kick-off – Resolution will be brought back at the April 3, 2017 meeting.

19. Assistant Mayor Splaine - Question: How Can we Best Preserve Borthwick Forest Off Islington Street? - City Manager Bohenko will compile a development history summary of the area for the past 15 years.

20. Councilor Pearson – Public Art Update – Councilor Pearson gave a brief update of the Project Planning Committee proposed time-line regarding the Percent for Art at Deer St. Garage.

21. Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business – Principles for Legislative Positions – **Voted** to adopt the proposed amendments/additions, as amended, (add “local” before “zoning” to #13, and delete #16) to the existing Principles for Legislative Positions.

22. Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business – City Council Liaisons – Councilor Spear requested that the City Council Liaison initiative be revisited and reviewed at the next City Council Retreat. Assistant Mayor Splaine requested input from Citywide Neighborhood Committee Chair Lazenby.

23. Adjournment – **At 9:50 p.m., voted to adjourn.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Valerie A. French  
Deputy City Clerk