

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, JULY 10, 2017, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

ABSENT: COUNCILORS LOWN AND DENTON

1. Work Session RE: Thomas J. McIntyre Federal Property at 80 Daniel Street – at 6:00 p.m. a Work Session was held regarding the Thomas J. McIntyre Federal Property at 80 Daniels Street.
2. Acceptance of Minutes – There were no minutes on for acceptance.
3. Public Comment Session – There were 9 speakers: Roy Helsel (Walkability of Borthwick Avenue); Sue Polidura (Historic Places); Richard Smith (Peirce Island Walk Follow-up); Mary Lou McElwain (Fireworks); Jerry Zelin (Transferable development credits); Jane Zill (WWTF Litigation); Esther Kennedy (Bikes); Paige Trace (Transparency); Mark Bright (Spending)
4. Public Hearing/Second Reading of Proposed Parking and Traffic Safety Omnibus Ordinance:
 - Amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.326 – Limited Parking – Fifteen Minutes
 - Amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking
 - Amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.336 – One Way Streets
 - Amending Chapter 7, Article VII, Section 7.702 – Truck Traffic Prohibited

Public Hearing was held with 0 speakers - **Voted** to pass second reading and schedule a third and final reading of the proposed ordinance at the August 7, 2017 City Council meeting, as presented.

5. Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of up to Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) for the Costs related to the Installation and Implementation of New High School Athletic Field Lighting – Public Hearing was held with 3 speakers. **Voted** on a 7-0 roll call to adopt the resolution authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of up to Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) for costs related to the Installation and Implementation of new High School Athletic Field Lighting.
6. Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of up to Ten Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$10,950,000.00) for costs related to City Street, Sidewalk and Facility Improvements – Public Hearing was held with 4 speakers. **Voted** on a 7-0 roll call to adopt the resolution authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of up to Ten Million, Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$10,950,000.00) for costs related to City Street, Sidewalk and Facility Improvements.

7. Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of the City under the Municipal Finance and/or Participation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan of up to Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,100,000.00) related to Water Line replacements and Pleasant Street Water Line Improvements – Public Hearing was held with 1 speaker. **Voted** on a 7-0 roll call to adopt resolution authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of the City under the Municipal Finance and/or Participation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan of up to Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,100,000.00) related to Water Line replacements and Pleasant Street Water Line Improvements.
8. Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of the City under the Municipal Finance Act and/or Participation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan of up to Four Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,800,000.00) for costs related to Consent Decree Mitigation, Annual Sewer Line Replacements, Wastewater Pumping Station Improvements and Union Street Sewer Construction. – Public Hearing was held with 5 speakers. **Voted** on a 7-0 roll call vote to adopt resolution authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of the City Under the Municipal Finance Act and/or Participation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan of up to Four Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,800,000.00) for costs related to Consent Decree Mitigation, Annual Sewer Line Replacements, Wastewater Pumping Station Improvements and Union Street Sewer Construction.
9. Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of the City under the Municipal Finance Act and/or Participation in the State Revolving fund (SRF) Loan of up to Six Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,900,000.00) for costs related to the Construction of Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Plant – Public Hearing was held with 3 speakers. **Voted** on a 6-1 roll call to adopt Resolution authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of the City under the Municipal Finance Act and/or Participation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan of up to Six Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,900,000.00) for costs related to the construction of Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Plant. Assistant Mayor Splaine voted opposed.
10. Third and Final Reading of Proposed ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article IX, Section 1.902 – Election Candidate Financial Disclosure Ordinance – **Voted** to pass third and final reading of proposed ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article IX, Section 1.902 – Election Candidate Financial Disclosure Ordinance.

RECESS/RECONVENED 8:50 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

11. Consent Agenda: **Voted** to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented:
 - A. Letter from John Byron requesting the restoration of two involuntarily merged lots to their premerger status at 346 Bartlett Street and the intersection of Thornton Street
(Anticipated action – move to refer to the Planning Department for report back)
 - B. Acceptance of Donations to the Fire Department:
 - Barbara Glidden - \$100.00 *(In memory of Charlie Jones)*
 - Ricci Construction Co., Inc. - \$100.00 *(In memory of Charlie Jones)*
 - 2017 Seacoast Fire Chiefs Fire Fighter II Program Students - \$200.00
(Anticipated action – move to accept and approve the donations to the Portsmouth Fire Department)

C. **2017 Omnibus Sidewalk Obstruction Renewals (*Anticipated action – move to approve and accept the 2017 Omnibus Sidewalk Obstruction Renewals, as listed*)**

12. Letter from Doug Roberts and Emily Corbett, PS21, requesting permission to hold a performance on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. and to utilize 2 A-frame signs in front of stage to identify and advertise the performer and/or activity – **Voted** to refer to the City Manager with power.
13. Request for approval of Tentative Agreement between the City of Portsmouth and AFSCME Local 1386B – **Voted** to accept the proposed contract with the City of Portsmouth and AFSCME 1386B to expire on June 30, 2020.
14. Acceptance of Sewer Easement over Property of Eport Properties I, LLC - **Voted** to accept the sewer easement from Eport Properties I, LLC dated May 20, 2016.
15. Request to Reschedule Work Session Re: Scope of Services and Review of Parking Principles – **Voted** to reschedule Work Session Re: Scope of Services and Review of Parking Principles on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.
16. Easement from Eversource for Emergency Access - **Voted** to accept the Easement Deed from Eversource for future Emergency Access.
17. Request for Approval of Greenland Residential Development Waterline Easement – **Voted** to accept a water line easement from Dorado Investments, LLC to serve Bramber Valley in Greenland.
18. Request for a Public Hearing for a \$3,000,000.00 Bond Authorization Re: Supplemental Appropriation for Foundry Place Garage – **Voted** to schedule a public hearing for a \$3,000,000 Bond Authorization regarding a supplemental appropriation for the Foundry Place Garage at the August 7, 2017 City Council meeting.
19. Acceptance of “No Build” Easement relating to 21 Brewster Street – **Voted** to accept the “No-Build” Easement relating to 21 Brewster Street and place it on permanent file.
20. City Manager Informational Item #4 – Report Back from Inquiry of Councilor Dwyer Re: President’s Commission on Election Integrity – **Voted** on a 7-0 roll call that the City Council agrees that the Secretary of State of New Hampshire and Governor of the State of New Hampshire shall not provide any voter information from the City of Portsmouth to any Federal Commission.
21. Mayor Blalock – Appointments to be Voted:
 - Voted** to:
 - Reappoint Daniel Rawling to Historic District Commission – term to expire June 1, 2020
 - Reappoint John Leith to the Portsmouth Housing Authority – term to expire April 1, 2022

22. Establishment of Blue Ribbon Committee for Renewable Energy Policy Committee and appointments: – At the request of Mayor Blalock the following people were brought forward for appointment by Councilor Denton and will serve on the Blue Ribbon Committee:

- City Councilor Josh Denton
- City Councilor Rebecca Perkins
- School Board Member Patrick Ellis
- Resident Expert Ben D'Antonio
- Resident Expert Joe Harrison
- Resident Expert Stephen Roberson
- A Pease Development Authority Representative
- Deputy City Manager Nancy Colbert Puff (Appointed by City Manager)
- Environmental Planner Peter Britz (Appointed by City Manager)

At the request of Councilor Perkins, the Committee Charge was amended by removing the second sentence in its entirety and will be reviewed by the Committee at a later date.

Committee Charge: (As Recommended by Councilor Denton)

The Mayor's Blue Ribbon Renewable Energy Committee is charged to report back to the City Council for adopting a phased Renewable Energy Policy to be implemented by City Staff when applicable. ~~This vision of the phased Renewable Energy Policy is to become a net zero community first, a community that uses 100% renewable energy for electricity second, and a community that uses 100% renewable energy for heat third.~~ The Renewable Energy Policy will rely on a combination of various generation sources such as solar, wind, geothermal, hydro, biomass, biogas, landfill gas, sewage gas, or solid waste to energy.

23. Resignation of Clayton Emery from the Cable Television and Communications Commission – **Voted** to accept the Resignation of Clayton Emery from the Cable Television and Communications Commission and send letter of thanks and appreciation of service.

24. Assistant Mayor Splaine – Proposed Zoning Amendment (Letter from Attorney Gerald Zelin dated July 5, 2017) – On a roll call vote of 1-6, motion to request the Planning Board to draft an amendment to the zoning ordinance that should add criteria the Planning Board must follow when a developer, seeking a conditional use permit to erect a building larger than the ordinance's default height or footprint limits, relies on a transferable development credit in lieu of providing community space, **FAILED**. Assistant Mayor Splaine in favor.

25. Councilor Dwyer – Panel of Experts to Interpret Scientific Information– City Manager Bohenko and Mayor Blalock will work together to move this forward.

26. Adjournment – **At 10:25 p.m., voted to adjourn.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Valerie A. French
Deputy City Clerk