

TO: NANCY COLBERT PUFF, ACTING CITY MANAGER

FROM: VALERIE A. FRENCH, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL AT THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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

1. Work Session RE: Review of Parking Principles and Initiatives– at 5:30 p.m. a Work Session was held regarding a review of Parking Principles and Initiatives.
2. Acceptance of Minutes – August 21, 2017 – **Voted** to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2017 City Council meeting.
3. Public Comment Session – There were 6 speakers: David Hudlin and Paige Trace (2017 Assessments); Ted Jankowski and Wes Tater (Toxic-Free Weed Program); Esther Kennedy (Art Speak); Rick Becksted (Bridge Jumping)
4. Public Hearing/Second Reading of Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 4 pertaining to the City's Food Licensing Regulations By Striking Article I-V in its entirety and replace with new Language:

A Presentation was given by City Staff followed by City Council Questions.

Public Hearing was held with 6 speakers – **Voted on a 7-2 roll call** to postpone to October 16, 2017 City Council meeting or to a date determined by Mayor and Acting City Manager and to schedule a work session. Councilors Spear and Cyr voted opposed.

5. Public Hearing/Vote on Whether to Allow Keno on the Ballot – Senate Bill 191

There was no Presentation or City Council Questions prior to the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing was held with 1 speaker. **Motion** to place the following question on the November 7, 2017 Municipal Election Ballot “Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the city” **FAILED on a 2-7 roll call vote**. Councilor Lown and Mayor Blalock voted in favor.

6. Letter from Diana Nyad requesting permission to pass through Portsmouth for the EverWalk on Wednesday, September 14, 2017 and set up a few tables at Prescott Park to hand out snack food and water for the walkers–**Voted** to refer to the Acting City Manager with power.
7. Flyer for the Electric Vehicle Show on Saturday, September 16, 2017, 2pm-5pm at Red Hook Brewery Parking Lot – **Voted** to accept and place on file.
8. Letter from Amber Day, New Hampshire Film Festival, requesting permission to close Vaughn Mall on Saturday, October 14, 2017 for the NH Film Festival Hospitality Day Party from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. –**Voted** to refer to the Acting City Manager with power.

9. Request to Schedule a Public Hearing Re: Elderly Exemptions – **Voted** to authorize the Acting City Manager to bring back a Resolution for public hearing and adoption at the September 18, 2017 City Council meeting.
10. City Cemeteries and RSA 289:3 – **Voted** to determine that the reconstruction of the North Cemetery wall in its current location constitutes construction of an essential service pursuant to RSA 289.3 and appropriate markers/recognition of the unmarked burials be developed and installed. Secondly, **Voted** to determine that the emergency repairs or replacement of existing infrastructure, pursuant to RSA 289.3, be considered as “construction of an essential service”.
11. 2018 Schedule of City Council Meetings and Work Sessions - **Voted** to approve the 2018 Schedule of City Council Meetings and Work Sessions as presented.
12. Acting City Manager Informational Item #5 – Acting City Manager Puff suggested that a presentation be scheduled for a Coakley Landfill update.
13. Acting City Manager Informational Item #6 – Councilor Perkins requested more information regarding the FY2017 Inspections Department Annual Report.
14. Mayor Blalock – Appointments to be Considered: The following applications were considered and will be voted at the September 18, 2017 City Council meeting.
 - Appointment of Richard Katz to the Library Board of Trustees
 - Reappointment of Stephanie Hausman to the Library Board of Trustees
 - Reappointment of Donald Margeson to the Library Board of Trustees
 - Reappointment of Sarah Lachance to the Economic Development Commission
15. Mayor Blalock – Appointments to be Voted:

Voted to:

 - Appoint Alan Gold to the Economic Development Commission – Term to expire October 1, 2020
 - Appoint Lindsay Gallant to the Sustainable Practices Blue Ribbon committee
 - Appoint Maria Stowell as the PDA Representative to the Renewal Energy Committee
16. Resignation of Amy Burns from the Cable Television and Communications Commission – **Voted** to accept the Resignation of Amy Burns from the Cable Television and Communications Commission and send letter of thanks and appreciation of service.
17. Assistant Mayor Splaine – Toxic-Free Weed Program – **Voted on a 7-2 roll call** to postpone to the September 18, 2017 meeting to clarify terminology and receive information from the Public Works Director. Assistant Mayor Splaine and Mayor Blalock voted opposed.
18. Councilor Pearson – The Arts Reinvestment Agreement– **Voted** to accept the Arts Reinvestment agreement with Artspeak with the expectation that prior to expenditure of funds, additional information will be reported back to the City Council about specific objectives and intended benchmarks for each of these goals.

19. **Voted** 8-1 to suspend the rules to continue the meeting past 10:30 p.m. Assistant Mayor Splaine voted opposed.

20. Councilor Denton – Maple Haven Crosswalk – **Voted** to request a report back from staff to City Council or Parking and Traffic Safety Committee on the requirements to move forward with placing a crosswalk across Ocean Road connecting the Maple Haven neighborhood.

21. Miscellaneous –Assistant Mayor Splaine requested a report back from the Acting City Manager regarding Sagamore Bridge jumping restrictions.

22. Adjournment – **At 10:40 p.m., voted to adjourn.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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Deputy City Clerk