

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 MEETING, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR BLALOCK, ASSISTANT MAYOR LAZENBY, COUNCILORS ROBERTS, PEARSON, DWYER, DENTON, PERKINS AND RAYNOLDS

ABSENT: COUNCILOR BECKSTED

1. The City Council held a Non-Public Session - RSA 91-A:3 II (a) regarding Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Howe Employment Agreement.
2. Presentation – Micro-Transit – Planning Director Walker provided an overview of Micro-Transit and spoke to the Request for Qualifications seeking service providers to offer this form of transportation.
3. Acceptance of Minutes – February 4, 2019 – **Voted** to approve and accept the minutes of the February 4, 2019 City Council meeting. Councilor Roberts abstained from the vote due to his absence from the February 4, 2019 meeting.
4. Public Comment Session – There were 6 speakers: Nicole LaPierre, Robin Husslage, Elizabeth Bratter, Dan Umbro, Paul Mannle (Neighborhood Parking Plan); and Roy Helsel (Councilor Voting).
5. Public Hearing – Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) – Held a public hearing. *Action on the CIP will take place at the March 4, 2019 City Council meeting.*
6. Public Hearing – Ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Zoning Ordinance by Deleting Existing Sections 10.814 – Accessory Dwelling Units and 10.815 Garden Cottages and Inserting in their place the new Sections 10.814 and 10.815 presented in the Document titled “Proposed Amendments to the Portsmouth Zoning Ordinance: Sections 10.814 – Accessory dwelling Units and 10.815 – Garden Cottages” Dated January 16, 2019 and Amending related Terms in Article 15 – Definitions, Section 10.1530 – Terms of General Applicability – Held a public hearing. **Voted** to pass second reading and schedule third and final reading for the March 4, 2019 City Council meeting to amend the Zoning Ordinance by deleting existing Section 10.814 – Accessory Dwelling Units and 10.815 – Garden Cottages and inserting in their place the new Sections 10.814 and 10.815 as presented on the document titled “Proposed Amendments to the Portsmouth Zoning Ordinance:

Section 10.814 – Accessory dwelling Units and 10.815 – Garden Cottages” dated January 29, 2019 and amending related terms in Article 15 – Definitions, Section 10.1530 – Terms of General Applicability.

7. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article 4, Section 10.421.10 – DISTRICT LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portsmouth and the City of Portsmouth Zoning Map be amended by rezoning the property located at 290 Gosling Road at Assessors Tax Map 213, Lot 1 from Waterfront Industrial (WI) to Officer Research (OR) District – Voted to pass third and final reading on request of 290 Gosling Road, LLC, the property with the address of 290 Gosling Road (Map 213, Lot 1) be re-zoned from Waterfront Industrial (WI) to Officer Research (OR).
8. Email Correspondence – **Voted** to accept and place on file.
9. Letter from R. Timothy Phoenix, Hoefle, Phoenix, Gormley & Roberts, PA regarding 15 Middle Street, Tax Map 126, Lot 12 (Former Salvation Army Building) request of James McSharry, Owner for Zoning Change from CIVIC District to Character District 4 (CD4) – Voted to refer to the Planning Board for a report back.
10. Islington Creek Neighborhood Parking Program Re: Pilot – Moved to forward the amended Neighborhood Parking Program (NPP) place to the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee for consideration and a vote.

Moved to add amendments/modifications #1 through #4.

1. Change to a 6-month pilot (as opposed to a year) with an assessment at 6 months
2. Allow businesses to receive same number of permits as single households.
3. Allow all residents to be eligible for transferable Guest Pass (even if they don't participate in the program or are 'netted-out' by available off-street parking)
4. Delete the 'Net of Off-Street Parking' stipulation

Clarification to amendment of modifications #2 and #3 to add the word “neighborhood” before businesses in #2 and residents in #3.

Moved to amend the amendment by the addition of modification #5 – Establish that neighborhoods will have 45 days from City Council approval to collect and submit petition to Parking Division. On a voice **vote** 6-2, motion passed. Councilors Roberts, Pearson, Dwyer, Denton, Perkins and Raynolds voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Lazenby and Mayor Blalock voted opposed.

On a roll call 6-2, **voted** to add amendments/modifications #1 through #5 as follows:

1. Change to a 6-month pilot (as opposed to a year) with an assessment at 6 months
2. Allow neighborhood businesses to receive same number of permits as single households.
3. Allow all neighborhood residents to be eligible for transferable Guest Pass (even if they don't participate in the program or are 'netted-out' by available off-street parking)
4. Delete the 'Net of Off-Street Parking' stipulation
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Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Roberts, Pearson, Dwyer, Denton and Perkins voted in favor. Councilor Raynolds and Mayor Blalock voted opposed.

On a roll call 6-2, **voted** to pass main motion, as amended. Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Roberts, Pearson, Dwyer, Denton and Raynolds voted in favor. Councilor Perkins and Mayor Blalock voted opposed.

11. Comcast Franchise Renewal Agreement – **Voted** to authorize the City Manager to execute the Cable Television Franchise Renewal Agreement with Comcast covering the five (5) year term of March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2024, as presented with the Report of the Cable Television and Communications Commission.
12. Renewal of Middle Street Baptist Church Parking Contract – **Voted** to approve the aforementioned Parking Lot Usage/Maintenance Agreement and further authorize the City Manager to execute the usage/Maintenance Agreement for this request.
13. Appointment to be Considered – Jessica Blasko to the Conservation Commission as an Alternate – The City Council considered the appointment of Jessica Blasko as an Alternate to the Conservation Commission with action to take place at the March 4, 2019 City Council meeting.
14. Four Weekends Experiment (July 2019) with Downtown Pedestrian Zone – Councilors Pearson and Councilor Raynolds requested a report back at the first meeting in April on the feasibility of a proposal for a pilot with a downtown pedestrian zone during weekends in July.
15. Service-Connected Total Disability Tax Credit Resolution – **Voted** to hold a public hearing regarding expanding the Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability from \$2,000.00 up to \$4,000.00 under RSA 72:35 pursuant to RSA 72:27-a.

16. Legislative Subcommittee Report – Approval of Legislative Principle on Education Funding – Moved to adopt a Legislative Principle that we support legislation that provides education funding based on equitable and sustainable framework.

Moved to amend the principle that we would oppose a return to the donor town concept. On a roll call 5-3, voted to pass amendment. Councilors Pearson, Dwyer, Perkins, Raynolds and Mayor Blalock voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Roberts and Denton voted opposed.

Voted to pass main motion, as amended.

17. Adjournment – At 9:25 p.m., **voted** to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

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