

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019

PORTSMOUTH, NH
TIME: 6:15PM

At 6:15 p.m. a Public Dialogue Session was held.

Public Dialogue Session – One Group

PRESENT: Mayor Blalock, Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Pearson, Dwyer, Denton (6:35 p.m.), Perkins, Raynolds and Becksted.

The members of the public were asked to introduce themselves and begin discussing their concerns and/or questions related to their individual topics.

Tim MacDonald requested to receive more information regarding the proposal to close some of the downtown streets in July.

Councilor Raynolds said we want to try a pedestrian only zone downtown on select weekends in July in conjunction with the Summer in the Streets program.

Mr. MacDonald asked what problem the City is trying to solve with this proposal.

Councilor Raynolds said the downtown during summer weekends is challenging and all three streets leading into the downtown are backed up with traffic. He stated the proposal would take the cars out of the downtown which will revitalize the area. He also stated foot traffic drives the economic engine of the downtown.

City Manager Bohenko said City staff will be working on this matter and will provide a report back. He said we will obtain information from the Economic Development Commission, Police, Fire and Public Works Departments relative to the cost and possible revenue loss. He indicated the staff would be reviewing traffic patterns and how they will be effected in the summer as well as take into consideration the COAST bus operations.

Maryse McConnell spoke regarding her concerns with the proposal of closing off a portion of the streets downtown in July. She indicated she would like the City to consider all possibilities when reporting back on this matter.

Councilor Pearson said the City will be looking at different ways of entering the downtown and the proposal is temporary. She spoke to not having thru-way traffic much like when a parade is held.

Bernie Mulligan said if you close the street how he would have access to a taxi. He stated it is important that he has access in and out of his home during the proposed closure of streets downtown.

Councilor Pearson said we don't have a final proposal or details for the event yet.

Mr. Mulligan said he would like to make sure he can have a taxi pick him up at his doorstep.

Councilor Raynolds said it would only be during the weekends in July.

Harold Whitehouse spoke regarding the Worth Lot Demonstration Project and working with the Music Hall on the event. He said this will attract a great deal of people and expressed concern in having a plan in place when you block off the lot. He suggested getting a performance bond for insurance. Mr. Whitehouse said he would like to know the cost involved as there will be a need for additional Police, Fire and Public Works Departments to be present at the event.

Councilor Dwyer said that local music groups would be participating and the event would not be as large as events at Prescott Park.

Councilor Perkins said meetings have been held with staff to look at issues and address them beforehand.

Mark Brighton asked the City Council to take a tour of the downtown loop at Noon during one of the weekends in July.

Mayor Blalock said he knows what the downtown looks like during the summer and this is a trial period for four weekends in July. He said many things will be impacted, traffic will be an issue and we need to look at the report back from City staff. He indicated he is doubtful of the idea and if it does not work the first weekend we would look at the issues and make a decision at that time.

Linda Mulligan expressed concern with the proposal for a pedestrian only downtown for the weekends in July. She spoke to parking issues that would need to be addressed prior to the event and expressed her opposition to the proposal.

Tim MacDonald said many people want to come downtown in the summer and asked if any of the businesses were invited to give their opinions relative to the proposal.

Councilor Reynolds said that businesses have not provided input as of yet but they have received an email from Rudi's Restaurant expressing concern regarding access to their parking lot.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby said we are waiting for a report back before the City Council makes comments regarding the proposal. He said he does like the idea of scaling the proposal back because of the many concerns expressed this evening.

Mr. MacDonald said it is a lot to ask the residents to be a subject of the process without knowing the plan, we need to have a voice.

Councilor Pearson said PS21 was contacted and asked if they could assist in the planning process and set up some communication meetings. She said we need to have things happening in the downtown that doesn't normally take place. She said this is a tactical urbanism project and that is why we contacted PS21 on the process.

Councilor Reynolds said we are not going to close all the streets in the downtown. He said we need to look at what streets will be left open and what other streets would be blocked.

Mr. Mulligan said he is concerned with the changes and feels they might need to move out of the City. He said he knows about closing streets and you need to have access for all people to their homes during these closures.

Councilor Pearson said all things are being considered.

Marty McEvoy said it sounds like the City is trying to close things off permanently and he is concerned.

Councilor Raynolds said it is not his goal to have the downtown permanently closed off.

Mayor Blalock said that this is just a trial period only and that you cannot have this permanently. He said we are not trying to close off the downtown. He stated that taxis, delivery trucks and emergency vehicles need to get through. He also indicated during the temporary closures there will be a police presence.

Ms. McConnell said she would like to know how many people are visiting, employees and owners that are in our downtown during weekends. She said the City needs to think of how to provide for people coming into the downtown.

Councilor Dwyer said the majority of people in the downtown are from surrounding communities and are not coming here to stay in a hotel, they are day trippers.

Ms. McConnell asked about the number of parking spaces hotels are required to provide.

Councilor Becksted said hotels are held to the highest standards in terms of parking requirements.

At 6:55 p.m., Mayor Blalock closed the Public Dialogue Session.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Blalock called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Blalock, Assistant Mayor Lazenby, Councilors Roberts (via teleconference), Pearson, Dwyer, Denton, Perkins, Raynolds and Becksted

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Blalock asked everyone to join in a moment of silent prayer.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Blalock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 19, 2019

Councilor Perkins moved to approve and accept the minutes of the February 19, 2019 City Council meeting. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

VI. PUBLIC DIALOGUE SUMMARY

Assistant Mayor Lazenby gave a brief summary of the topics discussed during Public Dialogue which included the Downtown Pedestrian Zone – 4 Weekends in July Experiment and the Worth Lot Demonstration project.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING & VOTES ON ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

A. Public Hearing – Service-Connected Total Disability Tax Credit Resolution

- **PRESENTATION**

City Manager Bohenko reported that there are currently 46 Veterans taking advantage of this credit, for a total of \$92,000.00. He informed the Council an increase to \$3,200.00 for tax year 2019 would amount to a total reduction in revenue of \$147,200.00. He reported with current tax credits and exemptions we have a total of \$858,474.00 in reduced tax revenue.

- **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**

Councilor Denton asked when individuals would need to apply for this credit. Finance Director Belanger stated April 15th is the deadline.

- **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**

Mayor Blalock read the legal notice and declared the public hearing open.

Harold Whitehouse spoke in support and would like the City Council to adopt the Resolution.

With no further speakers, Mayor Blalock declared the public hearing closed.

- **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

Councilor Denton moved to adopt the Service-Connected Total Disability Tax Credit Resolution, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Perkins.

Councilor Denton said it has been 12 years since the original Resolution was adopted. He reported we are approving \$1,200.00 upfront and spoke to the qualifications of the credit.

Councilor Becksted asked if you receive two exemptions do you have to choose one or the other. Finance Director Belanger said no, you can receive both exemptions. Councilor Becksted asked if we had individual numbers identifying those receiving the elderly exemption and this exemption.

Mayor Blalock passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Mayor Blalock said if we have Veterans in the City we need to provide them with a break on their taxes.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby returned the gavel to Mayor Blalock.

Councilor Becksted stated he supports the Resolution.

Councilor Dwyer would like to look at trends over time. She said this doesn't increase a great deal over time. City Manager Bohenko said we would look at the exemptions over the last five years.

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO 72:27-a AND RSA 72:35, THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH HEREBY MODIFIES THE OPTIONAL TAX CREDIT FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED TOTAL DISABILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,200.00 AS OF APRIL 1, 2019; AN OPTIONAL TAX CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,300.00 AS OF APRIL 1, 2020; AN OPTIONAL TAX CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,400.00 AS OF APRIL 1, 2021; AN OPTIONAL TAX CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500.00 AS OF APRIL 1, 2022; AN OPTIONAL TAX CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,600.00 AS OF APRIL 1, 2023; AN OPTIONAL TAX CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,700.00 AS OF APRIL 1, 2024; AN OPTIONAL TAX CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,800.00 AS OF APRIL 1, 2025; AN OPTIONAL TAX CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,900.00 AS OF APRIL 1, 2026; AN OPTIONAL TAX CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00 AS OF APRIL 1, 2027; ON THE TAXES DUE ON THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OF ANY VETERAN WHO HAS BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED OR AN OFFICER HONORABLY SEPARATED FROM THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES AND WHO HAS TOTAL AND PERMANENT SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY, OR WHO IS A DOUBLE AMPUTEE OR PARAPLEGIC BECAUSE OF SERVICE-CONNECTED INJURY, OR THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF SUCH A PERSON WHO HAS NOT REMARRIED

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

- B. Third and Final Reading of 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: Section 10.814 – Accessory Dwelling Units and 10.815 – Garden Cottages” dated February 25, 2019 and amending related terms in Article 15 – Definitions, Section 10.1530 – Terms of General Applicability

Councilor Reynolds moved to suspend the rules to make revisions to the proposed amendments at third reading. Seconded by Councilor Pearson.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to revise the proposed amendments as follows: Delete proposed Section 10.814.34 requiring that “Electric, gas, water and sewer utilities for accessory dwelling units shall be on the same meters as the principal dwelling unit and shall not be billed separately from the principal dwelling unit,”; and Delete proposed Section 10.815.35 requiring that “Electric, gas, water and sewer utilities for the garden cottages shall be on the same meters as the principal dwelling unit and shall not be billed separately from

the principal dwelling unit.” Seconded by Councilor Dwyer.

Councilor Pearson said that this was not a State Statute but could look at the issue on a case by case basis. She asked if this makes the process longer and more cumbersome. Planning Director Walker said the Planning Department reviews each application and it is a process whereby the Public Works and Inspection Departments also reviews the application.

Councilor Raynolds said he appreciates the report back on the recommendations. He said he is concerned because there is a feeling when things are not codified they become at the will of the inspectors. He said we might end up with a requirement that was not codified.

Councilor Becksted said he pointed this out two meetings ago. He said some of the comments made by Councilor Raynolds are accurate. He said you need the separation and this will make it look complicated and cost more for residents.

Planning Director Walker said that Section 10.815.35 should be part of the motion as well.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby agreed to include Section 10.815.35 and Councilor Dwyer as the second to the motion that it is part of the motion.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to pass third and final reading to amend the Zoning Ordinance by deleting existing 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 February 25, 2019 and amending related terms in Article 15 – Definitions, Section 10.1530 – Terms of General Applicability. Seconded by Councilor Pearson.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

VIII. APPROVAL OF GRANTS/DONATIONS

- A. Acceptance of Donations to the Coalition Fund
- Town of Sunapee - \$1,000.00
 - Town of Waterville Valley - \$1,500.00

Councilor Pearson moved to approve and accept the donations, as listed to be placed in the Coalition Fund. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Mayor Blalock passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Mayor Blalock reported to the Council that he owns property in Waterville Valley and that is a donor community.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby returned the gavel to Mayor Blalock.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

- B. Acceptance of Donation to the Portsmouth Fire Department
- The Curington Family - \$300.00

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to approve and accept the donation, as presented to the Portsmouth Fire Department. Seconded by Councilor Perkins.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

Councilor Becksted moved to suspend the rules in order to take up Item XI. A.1. – Approval of Proposed Employment Agreement for Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Howe. Seconded by Councilor Pearson.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

XI. A.1. Approval of Proposed Employment Agreement for Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Howe

City Manager Bohenko reported that this is a straight forward contract that is being requested for approval this evening.

Councilor Becksted said that this is a three year term. City Manager Bohenko said he reviewed twenty contracts similar to this one and fifteen of those contracts were for five year terms and five were for three year terms.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to approve the Deputy Fire Chief Employment Agreement between the City and Patrick Howe. Seconded by Councilor Becksted.

Mayor Blalock passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Mayor Blalock spoke in support of the contract.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby returned the gavel to Mayor Blalock.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

Mayor Blalock passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Mayor Blalock moved to suspend the rules in order to take up Item XI. A.5. – Proposal from Friends of Prescott Park to donate sculpture in honor of Michael Warhurst. Seconded by Councilor Denton.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

City Manager Bohenko said the Friends of Michael Warhurst established a 501C3 entity called Friends of Prescott Park and raised \$100,000.00 from the community for the sculpture. He reported renown sculptor, Richard Erdman, created a piece to honor Mr. Warhurst. City Manager Bohenko stated the piece selected by Mr. Warhurst is called "Odyssey", and the group would now like to start the Public Art donation process whereby the City Council takes action according to City Council policy No. 2014.02, which states: "Whenever from any source, an issue related to Public Art should be brought to the attention of the City Council, that matter will be referred to Art-Speak for an advisory report."

Councilor Becksted moved to refer the public art donation proposal to Art-Speak for a report back and recommendation. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer.

Councilor Becksted said he has known Michael for many years and he is a wonderful person and it now takes two people to do the job Michael use to do.

Councilor Dwyer asked if the sculpture would be installed and then reinstalled after the work is completed at Prescott Park.

Charles Lassen of Friends of Michael Warhurst said the sculpture could be placed anywhere in the park and it is made to rotate on a pin that is flexible to move around.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Request for License to Install Projecting Sign for Joe Kelley owner of FUKI Fusion Kitchen for property located at 2 Bow Street ***(Anticipated action - move to approve the aforementioned Projecting Sign License as recommended by the Planning Director, and further, authorize the City Manager to execute the License Agreement for this request)***

Planning Director's Stipulations

- ***The license shall be approved by the Legal Department as to content and form;***
 - ***Any removal or relocation of projecting sign, for any reason, shall be done at no cost to the City; and***
 - ***Any disturbance of a sidewalk, street or other public infrastructure resulting from the installation, relocation or removal of the projecting sign, for any reason shall be restored at no cost to the City and shall be subject to review and acceptance by the Department of Public Works***
- B. Letter from Thomas W. Haslam, St. John's Lodge requesting permission to hold the Annual 5k Road Race on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***

- C. Letter from Attorney Christopher Mulligan, Bosen & Associates, P.L.L.C. request for Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots Pursuant to RSA 674:39-aa (27 Thaxter Road / Tax Map 166, Lot 39) (***Anticipated action – moved to refer to the Planning Board for report back***)
- D. Letter from Bruce MacIntyre, Portsmouth Maritime Folk Festival requesting permission to hold the 20th Annual Portsmouth Maritime Folk Festival on Saturday and Sunday, September 28th and 29th, 2019 (***Anticipated action – move to the City Manager with power***)
- E. Letter from Thomas W. Haslam, St. John's Lodge requesting to march to St. John's Church from the William Pitt Tavern on Sunday, June 23, 2019 (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)

Councilor Pearson moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilor Perkins.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

X. PRESENTATION & CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Email Correspondence

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to accept and place on file. Seconded by Councilor Perkins.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

XI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

A. CITY MANAGER

- 2. Request to Renew Seacoast Growers' Association (Farmers' Market) Proposed 2019 License Agreement

City Manager Bohenko said that Seacoast Growers' Association has requested renewal of their License Agreement for 2019. He stated he has attached copies of Seacoast Growers' Bylaws and the parking map for the Municipal Complex. He recommended that the City Council approve the License request, as submitted.

Councilor Denton moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a License Agreement with the Seacoast Growers' Association for 2019, as presented. Seconded by Councilor Perkins.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

3. Cate Street Land Swap

City Manager Bohenko reported that Cate Street Development, LLC is requesting discussion to determine if the City remains interested in a land swap that would facilitate the construction of the Cate Street connector road. He informed the Council that 136,919 square feet of land would be conveyed to the City in exchange for 47,470 square feet of land to be conveyed from the City to Cate Street Development, LLC.

Councilor Perkins moved to refer request to Planning Board and City Staff for a report back. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

4. Adoption of Proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) FY2020-2025

City Manager Bohenko reported that the CIP must be approved before the submittal of the budget. He said this is a plan and the expenditures for the projects are approved in the budget process. He informed the Council revenue projections and the tax rate will all be provided during the budget process and they will look at Fund Balance as well. City Manager Bohenko outlined the expenditure process for projects which will require a public hearing and adoption of bonding resolutions.

Councilor Dwyer suggested moving the \$11,000,000.00 bonding for the Police New Facility to FY2022 or FY2023. She stated there has been no design work or property located for a new facility. City Manager Bohenko said he would not move that further out than FY2022.

Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to adopt the proposed Capital Improvement Plan for FY2020 through FY2025. Seconded by Councilor Perkins.

Councilor Dwyer moved to have the \$11,000,000.00 bonding for the Police New Facility moved out to FY2022. Seconded by Councilor Perkins.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

Councilor Denton moved to add \$25,000.00 to Hodgson Brook in FY2025 to conduct a study. Seconded by Councilor Perkins.

Councilor Denton said that this would be to see how much it would cost to remove the building on the property and daylight the area.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

Councilor Perkins moved the funding for the three Islington Street Phase 1B & 2 projects from FY2025 to FY2022. Seconded by Councilor Reynolds.

Councilor Dwyer said she supports the motion but we should not repair the second part without the first part of the project being completed.

City Manager Bohenko said we need to make sure the bond rating won't exceed the 10%.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

Councilor Perkins asked about the paving for the Pease roadways. City Manager Bohenko spoke to the process used for reviewing the roadways. He stated there were other issues facing us out at Pease. He spoke to the ground water and drainage issues as well as storm water. He said we are working in conjunction with the Pease Development Authority and looking at what their responsibilities are and where we are in the process.

Councilor Raynolds asked about the Sagamore Avenue sidewalks and identified a point at the top of the hill that is dangerous for bicyclists and asked if something could be done to address the issue. Public Works Director Rice spoke to the issue and how we line up the road. He stated in order to make the sidewalks wider we would need to get property from property owners and they are not interested in that process. He explained the process and said it may not be perfect but the area could not be made wider. Councilor Raynolds asked if spaces could be used on the side by Luster King and remove the curbing. Director Rice said they could revisit that issue.

Councilor Dwyer spoke regarding the records storage room and said that this is appropriate for long term expense given the documents we are restoring. She said she would like when it comes time, to use Fund Balance for the project and move it up much sooner. She stated it is the kind of thing to do now before we risk any more damage we should get done sooner than later. City Manager Bohenko said we can look at it prior to the budget process and see if it is feasible. He said we could talk and do that amendment at budget time.

Councilor Denton asked about the Elementary School Upgrades and the dishwasher for New Franklin School that will be used for washing food trays. He stated the dishwasher will cost \$60,000.00 - \$80,000.00 and asked if those funds will come from the CIP. City Manager Bohenko said as part of the purchase you could have that come under bond use.

Councilor Denton thanked City staff for the vehicle charging station for being part of the CIP.

Councilor Dwyer asked if we could get Department of Transportation to put up their share of funding for the sound barriers in neighborhoods along Route I-95. She stated it would exhilarate the funding and project. City Manager Bohenko said that we could bond it all coming from Fund Balance.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, main motion passed, as amended.

City Manager's Informational Items

1. Work Session Re: Parking Principles Review and Discussion

City Manager Bohenko reminded the Council that a work session will be held on Monday, March 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the Levenson Room of the Library.

2. McIntyre Project

City Manager Bohenko informed the Council that a public meeting with the Redgate/Kane team will be held Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Chambers.

3. Zagster Bike Share 2018 Review and 2019 Update

City Manager Bohenko said an update on Zagster is in your packet for review by the Council.

Councilor Becksted asked what the expenditures and returns have been over the last three years. Planning Director Walker stated we never expected revenues would meet the costs of the program. She reported the agreement costs are \$54,000.00 per year and we have added two stations at no costs to the City this year.

Councilor Denton asked if it is too late for another sponsor to come forward. Director Walker said anyone interested should contact her directly.

B. MAYOR BLALOCK

1. Appointment to be Voted:
 - Jessica Blasko to the Conservation Commission as an Alternate

Councilor Denton moved to appoint Jessica Blasko to the Conservation Commission as an Alternate until April 1, 2022. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Lazenby.

Ms. Blasko is filling the expiring term of Ted Jankowski which expires on April 1, 2019.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

2. Acceptance of Resignation from Lana Bluege from the Sustainability Committee

The City Council agreed to accept the resignation of Lana Bluege from the Sustainability Committee with regret.

3. Reactivation of the Peirce Island Committee

Mayor Blalock announced he is reactivating the Peirce Island Committee. Councilor Pearson asked where she was the Council Representative to the Committee prior to the deactivation would she remain as such. Mayor Blalock said Councilor Pearson will remain the City Council Representative to the Peirce Island Committee.

Councilor Becksted said he attended a joint meeting with Peirce Island Committee and the Recreation Board and they are ready and eager to get back to work.

C. COUNCILOR ROBERTS

1. Parking and Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the February 7, 2019 meeting

Councilor Perkins moved to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the February 7, 2019 Parking and Traffic Safety Committee meeting. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer.

Councilor Perkins said she would like to see the downtown traffic model and receive an update on the Foundry Garage.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

City Manager Bohenko reported to the City Council that 400 cars used the Foundry Garage during the last snow storm which helps with traffic congestion in other areas. He stated that the fee for parking during a duration of a storm is \$3.00.

Mayor Blalock said having those cars off the street is a public benefit and the snow plowing is much easier for the Public Works Department.

D. COUNCILOR PEARSON

1. TEDx Portsmouth 2019

Councilor Pearson announced the 7th Annual TEDx Portsmouth will be held on Friday, September 13, 2019. She said they are looking for speakers and community auditions will be held on April 8, 2019 and April 14, 2019. She spoke to the expense of holding this event and said more sponsors are needed to lower the cost of the tickets.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilor Becksted advised the city Council that on Thursday, March 7th the Portsmouth High School Girls basketball team will be playing for a spot in the semi-finals. He said if they win on Thursday they would play again on Saturday in the semi-finals.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m., Assistant Mayor Lazenby moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Becksted.

On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.



KELLI L. BARNABY, MMC, CMC, CNHMC
CITY CLERK