

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON JANUARY 22, 2001, COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE  
JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR SIRRELL, ASSISTANT MAYOR CLEWS, COUNCILORS HANSON,  
GRASSO, HYNES, MARCONI, WHITEHOUSE AND PANTELAKOS

ABSENT: COUNCILOR WAGNER

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1. At 6:15 p.m., an Anticipated "Non-Meeting" with counsel was held regarding the Education Funding Litigation and a Personnel Matter.
2. Presentation – Rick Broussard, Editor, New Hampshire Magazine – Rick presented Mayor Sirrell with a certificate naming Portsmouth one of the state's top five "Cities of the Future".
3. Acceptance of Minutes – January 8, 2001 – Voted to accept the City Council minutes of the January 8, 2001 meeting.
4. Public Comment Session – There were three speakers: Edward Lawrence (Recent History & Subsequent Violence); Paula Rais (Portsmouth Poet Laureate Program); and Peter Bresciano (Statewide Property Tax).
5. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article III, Section 10-301 (A)(4)(d) [Atlantic Heights Zoning Amendment] – Voted to pass third and final reading.
6. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 10, of the City Ordinances (the zoning ordinance). These changes will affect the following areas of zoning regulation; Dwelling Unit Definition, Day Care, Emergency Power Generators, Conditional Use Permits, Text Correction, and Procedures (clarifies and re-adopts provisions relating to Article XII relating to parking fee requirements in the central business districts) – Voted to pass third and final reading of the nine amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.
7. Letter from Ted Arabian, Prescott Park Arts Festival requesting permission to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Piscataqua Faire – A Renaissance on the Waterfront on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
8. Request from Dan Posternak, Muddy River requesting permission to place 1 a-frame sign on the sidewalk – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
9. Letter from Nancy Hill & Paula Rais, Portsmouth Poet Laureate program requesting permission to display poems on City property – Voted to authorize the Poet Laureate Program to display poems on City property, in accordance with Historic District Commission requirements, and further, to subsidize this artwork in an amount not to exceed \$800 to be taken from the FY00 contingency account.
10. Letter from Nancy Normile & Aaron Levy requesting permission to erect a small tent at Peirce Island for their wedding ceremony on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

Councilor Whitehouse requested that a copy of this letter be sent to the Peirce Island Committee.

11. Request for Approval of NH Coastal Program 2001 Grant Application – Voted to approve the NH Coastal Program 2001 Grant Application from the City of Portsmouth.
12. Request to Bring an Ordinance Back for First Reading Re: Amending Chapter 1, Article I, Section 1.1.06 – Specific Duties, Functions and Responsibilities of Departments (Administrative Code) – move to authorize the City Manager to bring back for first reading on February 5<sup>th</sup> an Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article I, Section 1.106.

Voted to amend the motion to delete the words “*based software*” from the last paragraph regarding Information Management Technology.

Voted to pass main motion as amended.

13. Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up item X.A. 1–3 – Acceptance of Donations/Grants.
14. Grant Renewal Award from the US Department of Justice, Office of the US Attorney – Voted to accept the grant.
15. Grant Renewal Award from the State of New Hampshire, Office of the Attorney General – Voted to accept the grant.
16. Donations from a “Total Work Station” – Voted to accept the donations.
17. Donation to the Great Bog Conservation Fund – Voted to accept the \$50.00 contribution from Mr. Michael B. Frandzel and Ms. Judith A. Silver.
18. Appointments – Voted to appoint Charles Vaughn to the Trustees of the Trust Fund until January 1, 2004 filling the expired term of Jay Foley.

Voted to reappoint Arthur Parrott to the Planning Board until December 31, 2004.

19. Establish Work Session for April 9, 2001 (Not on agenda) – Voted to establish a Work Session on April 9, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. with the downtown merchants in a round table discussion regarding the closing of City streets.

Councilor Grasso requested that the Downtown Neighborhood Association be invited to attend the April 9<sup>th</sup> Work Session.

20. Reports – Councilor Hynes announced that the Legislative Sub-Committee on Railways will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
21. Youth Committee Minutes of the December 6, 2000 meeting – No action required.

22. Adjournment – At 8:10 p.m., voted to adjourn.