

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2003 COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR SIRRELL, COUNCILORS GRASSO, LOWN, HYNES, PANTELAKOS, WHITEHOUSE, MARCONI AND ST. LAURENT

ABSENT: ASSISTANT MAYOR HANSON

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1. At 6:30 p.m., an Anticipated "Non-Meeting" with counsel was held.
2. Presentation – Swearing In Ceremony for new Police Chief Michael J. Magnant - City Clerk Barnaby administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Police Chief Michael J. Magnant.
3. Presentation – Portsmouth Visitors to Nichinan, Japan – Portsmouth High School students Zachary Rahn and Alexandra Dunberger discussed their recent visit to Nichinan, Japan with the City Council. Assistant Superintendent of Schools Bob Lister and Portsmouth High School Principal Rick Gremlitz and chaperon Suzanne Foley also spoke of the visit to Nichinan, Japan. Suzanne Foley presented Mayor Sirrell with gifts from Japan.
4. Presentation – 10 Afghans Donated by a 71 Year Old Senior Citizen - Mayor Sirrell said that she received 10 afghans from a 71 year old lady who would like to remain anonymous. She said if someone is needy and would like one of these afghans to call the Mayor's Office and she would hand deliver it.
5. Mayor's Awards – Kathy Bartlett, International House of Pancakes - Mayor Sirrell presented the Mayor's Award to Kathy Bartlett who hosted a free Christmas Day dinner for those in need.
6. Mayor's Award – Emily Marden, Laidlaw Transit, Inc. - Mayor Sirrell presented the Mayor's Award to Emily Marden who provided rides for those individuals that attended the Christmas Day dinner at the International House of Pancakes.
7. Acceptance of Minutes – December 16, 2002 – Voted to accept and approve the City Council minutes of the December 16, 2002 meeting.
8. Public Comment Session – There was one speaker: Ed Lawrence (Revaluation).
9. Approval of Grants/Donations – Acceptance of Grant for Goodwin Park Monument Work – Voted to accept the grant from Heritage Preservation's Save Outdoor Sculpture program and authorize the City Manager to execute a Treatment Award Agreement.

10. Approval of Grants/Donations – Request for Approval to Apply for Coastal Grant Funds – Voted to approve the application, acceptance and expenditure of federal funds distributed by the New Hampshire Coastal Program for the New Castle Avenue reconstruction project.
11. Approval of Grants/Donations – Acceptance of Donation for the Portsmouth Honor Guard Special Flag – Voted to approve and accept the donation to the Portsmouth Police Department as listed.
12. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.336 – One Way Street by the addition of Sheafe Street: in a westerly direction from Chapel Street to Penhallow Street – Voted to pass third reading.
13. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article XI, Section 7.1100 – Speed Limits by the addition of Section C: 15 MPH – Market Street (between Deer and Daniel Street); Section D: 20 MPH – Madison Street; Section E: 25 MPH – Market Street (between the intersection at Nobles Island and Deer Street; and Section G: 35 MPH Market Street (except that portion between the Nobles Island intersection and Deer Street which shall be 25 mph, see Section E and between Deer Street and Daniel which shall be 15 mph, see Section C) – Voted to pass third reading.
14. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking by the addition of Aldrich Road: both sides from Sewall Road a distance of 150 feet easterly; Friend Street: easterly side of Friend Street; Marcy Street: easterly side of Marcy Street from New Castle Avenue to Holmes Court – Voted to pass third reading.
15. Letter from Joseph Webster, National Multiple Sclerosis requesting permission to hold the MS Walk on Saturday, April 5, 2003 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
16. Request to Establish Work Session Re: 2003 Holiday Parade – Voted to establish a work session on June 9, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. regarding the 2003 Holiday Parade.
17. Request from Newington Board of Selectmen Chairman for Waiver of Municipal Services Fee – Voted to approve the request of the Newington Board of Selectmen for a waiver of the municipal services fee, pursuant to Section 2.1 of the Municipal Services Agreement between the City of Portsmouth and the Pease Development Authority.
18. Request for Approval of Pole License Agreement – Voted to approve the pole license agreement as recommended by the Public Works Department.
19. Appointments – The City Council considered the appointments of Irwin Bierhans to the Blue Ribbon Committee on Cemeteries and Linda Browning to the Portsmouth Housing Endowment Fund Advisory Board. These appointments will be voted on by the City Council at the January 27, 2003 meeting.

Voted to reappoint Jameson French to the Trustees of the Trust Fund until January 1, 2006.

20. Councilor Grasso requested that Mayor Sirrell send a letter of appreciation to the anonymous lady that donated the afghans.

21. Adjournment – At 8:15 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk