

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 1, 2004 COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR SIRRELL, ASSISTANT MAYOR HANSON, COUNCILORS GRASSO, FERRINI, MARCHAND, PANTELAKOS, HYNES, RAYNOLDS, AND WHITEHOUSE

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1. At 6:00 p.m., a non-meeting with Counsel was held regarding negotiations.
2. Proclamation – Music In Our Schools Month – Mayor Sirrell presented a proclamation to Wendell Purrington and Diane McGee in declaring March as Music In Our Schools Month.
3. Proclamation - Youth Art Month – Mayor Sirrell presented a proclamation to Wendell Purrington and Diane McGee in recognition of Youth Art Month.
4. Proclamation - Great Bay Services 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Mayor Sirrell presented a proclamation to Great Bay Services for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
5. Presentation - Children's Book (Child Out Of Place) – Patricia Wall presented a book she wrote to Mayor Sirrell entitled Child Out Of Place.
6. Presentation - Report back on Status of Recycling and Solid Waste Program – Silke Psula presented the City Council with a report on the recycling and solid waste program.
7. Acceptance of Minutes – February 9, 2004 – Voted to accept and approve the minutes of the February 9, 2004 City Council meeting.
8. Public Comment Session – Henry Brandt spoke regarding drainage issues at Wholey Way.
9. Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up items:
  - Request for Approval of the Five-Year Agreement with the Portsmouth Professional Fire Officers Association – Voted to approve the five-year agreement commencing July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2008 with the Portsmouth Professional Fire Officers Association.
  - Request for Approval of the Five-Year Agreement with the International Association of Firefighters (Local #1313) – Voted to approve the five-year agreement commencing July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2008 with the Portsmouth Firefighters.

10. Public Hearing - Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-102 (A) – Definitions and Article IX, Section 10-903 (B) Illumination and Motion of Signs – Held a public hearing. Voted to pass second reading of amended ordinance, as submitted, and hold third and final reading at the March 15, 2004 City Council meeting.
11. Renewal Requests for Sidewalk Obstruction Licenses from the following businesses with no changes from last year:
- Geno's Coffee Shop – 1 A-frame sign
  - Attrezzi LLC – 1 A-frame sign
  - Ceres Bakery – 4 Benches
  - Portsmouth Athenaeum – 1 A-frame sign
  - RiverRun Bookstore – 1 Table and 1 A-frame sign
  - Ayhan's Treasures – 1 A-frame sign
  - Muddy River Smokehouse – 1 A-frame sign
  - Rosa's Restaurant – 2 A-frame sign
  - Portsmouth Gas Light – 2 A-frame signs
  - Bagel Works – 4 Tables and 12 Chairs and 1 A-frame sign
  - Izzy's Frozen Yogurt – 1 Bench
- Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
12. Letter from Christine Groleau, The Children's Museum of Portsmouth, requesting permission to hold the Annual 5k Road Race on Saturday, May 1, 2004 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
13. Memorandum from Betty Sanford, Taxi Commission Chairperson, regarding proposed fare increase – Voted to recommend that this matter be brought back to the City Council for first reading on the March 15, 2004 City Council agenda.
14. Letter from Linda Harvey, Echo Hill Condominium Association, regarding drainage issues from Wholey Way Subdivision – Voted to refer to the City Manager for a report back.
15. Letter from Drika Overton, Portsmouth Percussive Dance Festival, requesting permission to close off Pleasant Street between Market Square and Porter Street for street performances on Friday, June 25, 2004 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
16. Letter from Paul Sorli, Portsmouth Gas Light Co, requesting the partial use of the High Hanover Parking Lot adjacent to the Gas Light Co deck – Voted to refer to the City Manager to create a license agreement.
17. Report Back Re: Parking Impact Fee Ordinance – Voted to refer to the Economic Development Commission for their input and report back on a potential increase in the parking fee.

18. Request for Approval of Pole License Agreement – Voted to approve the request from PSNH for pole license agreement, #63-402, as recommended by the Public Works Department. Assistant Mayor Hanson abstained from voting.
19. Resignation from Board of Adjustment – Voted to accept with regret the resignation of Christopher Rogers from the Board of Adjustment.
20. Appointments – The City Council considered the following appointments which will be voted on by the City Council at the March 15, 2004 City Council meeting: Appointment of Jonathan Bailey to the Traffic & Safety Committee, reappointment of Anita Freedman to the Portsmouth Housing Authority, and the appointment of Duncan MacCallum as an alternate to the Board of Adjustment.
21. Establishment of Sister City – Ghana, Africa – Voted to approve the establishment of Ghana, Africa as a Sister City.
22. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the January 15, 2004 meeting – Voted to accept and approve the Traffic & Safety Committee action sheet and minutes of the January 15, 2004 meeting.
23. Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business – Councilor Whitehouse requested that the City Manager and Mayor Sirrell report back to the City Council at the March 15, 2004 City Council meeting with a mechanism to support the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to remain off the base closure list.  
  
Assistant Mayor Hanson advised the City Council that he will be requesting an appropriation of \$10,000.00 during the budget process to support the efforts to keep the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard off the base closure list.
24. Adjournment – At 8:15 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk