

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 12, 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

1. Proclamation – Community Development Block Grant Week - Assistant Mayor Hanson read the proclamation declaring April 12, 2004 – April 16, 2004 as Community Development Week. Mayor Sirrell presented the proclamation to Bob Layton, Chair of Citizens Advisory Committee.
2. Presentation – Proposed Continuation of Chamber of Commerce Partnership – John Tabor, Chair of the Chamber Board of Directors and Peter Hamelin, President of the Chamber of Commerce – A presentation was made regarding the importance of this partnership and the need for its continuation.
3. Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up Item X D.1. – Proposed Continuation of Chamber of Commerce Partnership. Voted to accept the recommendation of the EDC for continuation of the partnership between the City and the Chamber of Commerce, the use of \$40,000 in UDAG funds, and approve this matter as presented.
4. Acceptance of Minutes – March 29, 2004 – Voted to accept and approve the City Council minutes of the March 29, 2004 meeting.
5. Public Comment Session – There were eight speakers: Harold Ecker (City Business); Nate Holloway, Jim Splaine, Algene Bailey, Sr. (Martin Luther King Report); Rich DiPentima (Schiller Station); Peter Bresciano (Hampton Tolls); Tom Carroll (Port Authority Business Option); John Grossman (City Infill & Portsmouth Advocates Forum).
6. Acceptance of City Cultural Commission d/b/a Art-Speak Grant – Voted to authorize the City Manager to accept the funds of \$5,000 for the City Cultural Commission d/b/a Art-Speak.
7. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking – Hancock Street: northerly side of Hancock Street from Marcy Street a distance of 115 feet – Voted to pass first reading of amended ordinance, as submitted and hold a public hearing and second reading at the May 3, 2004 City Council meeting.

8. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article II, Section 7.219 – Rates for Taxi Fares – Voted to pass third and final reading of amended ordinance, as submitted.
9. Letter from John Froehling, The American Legion, requesting permission to install a POW-MIA memorial stone in the Veterans Park on the corner of South Street and Junkins Avenue (Not on agenda) – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
10. Letter from Peter and Lou Ellen Beard regarding Peirce Island restoration – Voted to refer to the City Manager and the Peirce Island Committee for a report back.
11. Renewal Request for Sidewalk Obstruction Licenses from the following businesses with no changes from last year:
 - Cobble Hill – 1 A-frame sign
 - Stonewall Kitchen – 1 A-frame sign
 - Dolphin Striker – 1 A-frame sign
 - The Genip Tree – 1 A-frame signVoted to refer to the City Manager with power.
12. Request for Sidewalk Obstruction License from Matt Govoni, Breaking New Grounds, Inc. to place 15 tables and 42 chairs in front of establishment – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
13. Letter from Michael and Jacqui Bryan, requesting permission to hold the 2nd Annual Seacoast Run Pedal Paddle on Sunday, September 26, 2004 – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
14. Letter from John Russo, Association of Portsmouth Taxpayers, Inc., questions relative to the building of a new library – Voted to refer to Mayor Sirrell for a response back to the Association of Portsmouth Taxpayers, Inc.
15. Letter from Susan Dewhirst and Mark Nichols, United Way of the Greater Seacoast, requesting permission to install signs at the entrances to the City – Voted to refer to the Planning Board for a report back.
16. Letter from Barbara Daly requesting that sidewalks be installed along Middle Road between Sheffield Road and Plains Avenue – Voted to refer to the City Manager for a report back.
17. Letter from Gregory Whalen, Seaboard Whalen Real Estate Management, Inc., requesting permission for license for the placement of construction dumpsters – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

18. Request to Adopt the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) FY 2005-2010 – Voted to adopt the FY2005-2010 Capital Improvement Plan as presented at the public hearing on March 29, 2004.
19. Report Back Re: Resident Parking Concerns for the Bow Street Fair (tabled from the January 26, 2004 City Council meeting) – Voted to remove the item from the table. Voted to approve the request for the Bow Street Fair on July 17th and July 18th.
20. Proposed Acceptance of Easements/License at 72 Mirona Road from Madison Commercial Group – voted to authorize the City Manager to accept a drainage easement at 72 Mirona Road to benefit the City from Madison Commercial Group LLC; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with Madison Commercial Group to permit an existing limited intrusion into the Mirona Road right-of-way for parking and related purposes at 72 Mirona Road.
21. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the March 18, 2004 meeting – Voted to accept and approve the Traffic & Safety Committee action sheet and minutes of the March 18, 2004 meeting.
22. Report Back from Martin Luther King Recognition Blue Ribbon Committee – Voted to refer to the Planning Board for a report back.
23. Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business – Letter from Richard DiPentima regarding PSNH-Schiller Station (letter read during the public comment session) – Councilor Grasso requested that City Manager Bohenko look into the issues raised in Mr. DiPentima letter.
24. Adjournment – At 9:00 p.m. voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk