

CITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEET – AUGUST 2, 2004

TO: John P. Bohenko, City Manager

FR: B. Christopher Maxwell, Deputy City Clerk

DA: August 4, 2004

RE: Actions of the City Council at the August 2, 2004 meeting

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Sirrell, Assistant Mayor Hanson, Councilors Grasso, Ferrini, Marchand, Pantelakos, Hynes, Raynolds, and Whitehouse.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – July 12, 2004: Voted to accept and approve the minutes of the July 12, 2004 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: Harold Ecker – City Council Rules and Orders #43; Jeffrey Cooper – Pierce Island Trust; Rachel Hamilton, Diane Kelley Tefft, Karen Dutcher, Seth Hill, Christine Duffy, and Robert Warner – Fence at the JFK site.

PUBLIC HEARING - Fire Department Monument: Held a public hearing to receive input on the relocation of the Fire Department Monument from Station 2, Lafayette Road to Station 1, Court Street (no action taken).

POLICE DEPARTMENT DONATIONS: Voted to approve and accept a \$500.00 donation from Coast Pontiac-Cadillac-GMC to the Honor Guard and a \$12.00 donation from Dorothy Farrar to the Explorers Post #609.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE amending Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10-202 – Amendment to rezone Portsmouth Circle Business Center as General Business (GB): Voted to pass first reading of the amended ordinance, as submitted, and schedule a Public Hearing and second reading at the August 16th City Council meeting.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE amending Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-102 – Definitions and Section 10-208, Table 4 regarding regulation issues on the ground floor of property in the Central Business A and B Districts and related Ordinance provisions: Voted to remove the item from the table. Voted to table the ordinance in order for the Planning Board and City staff to submit an overlay map at the September 20th City Council meeting.

LETTER FROM VALERIE CUNNINGHAM requesting the closure of a small portion of Chestnut Street and the erection of a memorial for the African Burial Ground: Voted to authorize the Mayor to establish a Blue Ribbon Committee on this matter.

SIDEWALK OBSTRUCTION LICENSE, DOS AMIGOS BURRITOS, 1 bench: Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

WORK SESSION – BUDGET PROCESS / FORMAT FOR FY06: Voted to establish a work session on Monday, September 27th at 6:30 p.m.

PROPOSED BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE CHANGE: Voted to instruct the City Manager to bring back an ordinance for first reading at the August 16th City Council meeting.

REPORT BACK RE: PUBLIC/PRIVATE INITIATIVES AND GRAFFITI REMOVAL: Voted to refer to the Economic Development Commission for a recommendation and report back to the City Council.

POLE LICENSE APPROVAL – AGREEMENT #63-409: Voted to approve the request from PSNH for pole license agreement 63-409 as recommended by the Public Works Department.

INSTALLATION OF NH PUBLIC RADIO REPEATER: Voted to refer to the Planning Board and the Historic District Commission for a recommendation and report back to the City Council.

JFK SITE FENCE: Voted to erect a construction fence around the whole JFK property with the fence installed no more than 30 days before the deconstruction at the site (Councilor Whitehouse opposed). Voted to refer to the Traffic and Safety Committee for a report back (Councilor Whitehouse opposed).

APPOINTMENT CONSIDERATION: John Ricci, Planning Board.

APPOINTMENTS: Lenore Bronson, Blue Ribbon Committee on Trees and Public Greenery, no term expiration; Jeffrey Landry, Cable Commission, term expires April 1, 2006.

RESIGNATION: Voted to accept the resignation of Paige Roberts from the Planning Board and Historic District Commission with regret and deep appreciation effective August 12th.

COALITION LEGAL FUND DONATIONS: Voted to accept the \$300 contribution from the Town of Easton, \$500 from the Town of Hebron, and \$2,500 from the Town of Hampton Falls to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund.

STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS: Voted to reappoint John Burke, Director of Public and Transportation as the City's representative; Steve Parkinson, Public Works Director, David Allen, Deputy Public Works Director, and David Holden, Planning Director, as the City's alternates to the Commission.

CITY MANAGER'S EVALUATION: Assistant Mayor Hanson read a statement regarding the results of City Manager Bohenko's evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT: Voted to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.