

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 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

ABSENT: NONE

1. Presentation - Frank E. Booma Post 6 American Legion Color Guard – Councilor Grasso read the proclamation in recognition of the American Legion Color Guard winning the 2004 Military Open Class National Championship competition. Mayor Sirrell presented Commander Brooks with the proclamation who accepted it with honor.
2. Proclamation - Recognition of Geoffrey Howe for Achieving First Place at the National Wastewater Operator's competition held on October 7, 2004 – Assistant Mayor Hanson read the proclamation in recognition of Geoffrey achieving first place at the National Wastewater Operator's competition. Mayor Sirrell presented Geoffrey with the proclamation who accepted it thanks and appreciation.
3. Public Comment Session – There were 15 speakers: Jeffrey Cooper, Scott Hogan, Carvel Tefft, Raimond Bowles, Bill St. Laurent, Theresa Garabedian, Paul McEachern, John O'Leary, Ed DelValle, Phyllis Eldridge, Leah Caswell and Amy Brnger (Library/Demolish); Harold Ecker (City Business); Kim Bridge (Recreation); and Peter Bresciano (Global Warming).
4. Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up Item X. A.1, - Reaffirmation of Authority to Demolish JFK/Armory Building Located on Parrott Avenue. On a roll call 8-1, voted to reaffirm its authorization to the City manager to proceed with the deconstruction and demolition of the JFK/Armory building and to allow for construction of a new library in accordance with the memorandum dated November 3, 2004 from the City's Legal Department. Assistant Mayor Hanson, Councilors Grasso, Ferrini, Marchand, Pantelakos, Hynes, Raynolds and Mayor Sirrell voted in favor. Councilor Whitehouse voted opposed.
5. Public Hearing - Ordinance amending Chapter 8, Article II, Section 8.202 – Dog Park Rules and Regulations – Held a public hearing. Voted to pass second reading of the amended ordinance, as submitted, and hold a third and final reading at the November 22, 2004 City Council meeting.
6. Acceptance of Donation for the Firefighter Memorial Sculpture Fund – Voted to approve and accept the donation to the Firefighter Memorial Sculpture Fund as listed.
7. Acceptance of GPCF Grant for Educational Workshop on Sustainability – Voted to accept a \$2,500 grant from Greater Piscataqua Community Foundation for the purpose of funding a one-time educational workshop to train and build capacity within senior City staff and other community leaders regarding the concept of sustainability.

8. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking – Islington Street – Route 1 By-Pass Overpass – Voted to pass first reading of the amended ordinance, as submitted, and hold a public hearing and second reading at the November 22, 2004 City Council meeting.
9. Third and final reading of Amendment to Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking – Lincoln Avenue – northerly side from Richards Avenue, 25 feet westerly, from Miller Avenue, 135 feet easterly, and between Miller Avenue and Broad Street – Voted to pass third and final reading.
10. Letter from Reverend Margaret Custer, Christ Episcopal Church, requesting permission to put up permanent signs at three locations & Letter from Lawrence Floyd, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, requesting permission to install a sign to recognize the location of the church – Voted to refer to the Planning Board for a report back. Councilor Raynolds requested that the Planning Board report back with a recommendation and plan on how to deal with the issue of sign clutter in the City.
11. Letter from Devin West regarding a trolley stop at the Feaster Apartments – Voted to accept and place the letter on file and send a copy to Coast and John Burke.
12. Appointment – The City Council considered the appointment of Robin McIntosh to the Economic Development Commission. This appointment will be voted on at the November 22, 2004 City Council meeting.
13. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the October 21, 2004 meeting – Voted to approve and accept the Traffic & Safety Committee action sheet and minutes of the October 21, 2004 meeting.
14. Parking Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the October 21, 2004 meeting – Voted to approve and accept the Parking Committee action sheet and minutes of the October 21, 2004 meeting.
15. News Articles regarding Global Warming – No action required.
16. Adjournment – At 8:40 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk