

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK LAUREN ELLIOTT ASSESSING

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 21, 2005 COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR SIRRELL, ASSISTANT MAYOR GRASSO, COUNCILORS FERRINI, MARCHAND, PANTELAKOS, HYNES, RAYNOLDS, WHITEHOUSE, AND ST. LAURENT

1. Introduction of Students Participating in Student Government Day, March 30, 2005 - The City Council, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk introduced their counterparts that will be participating in Student Government Day on March 30, 2005.
2. Presentations – Wendell Purrington – National Anthem – Wendell Purrington sang the National Anthem.
3. Woodwind Quartet, Director Eric Gagnon – Wendell Purrington introduced the Woodwind Quartet and its Director Eric Gagnon who performed a classical selection for the City Council.
4. Captain Mark Davis – USS Montpelier – Mayor Sirrell presented Captain Mark Davis with a photo album of pictures taken during the Holiday Party held in December for the crew and its families.
5. Special Letter to James Horrigan for his years of service on the Board of Adjustment – Mayor Sirrell presented Mr. Horrigan with a letter and gift in recognition of his 8 years of service to the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Horrigan accepted the letter and gift with thanks and appreciation.
6. Proclamation – Retired Police Detective Kevin Semprini in recognition of his years of service – Councilor Ferrini read the Proclamation in recognition of Kevin's 25 years of service to the Portsmouth Police Department. Mayor Sirrell presented Kevin with the Proclamation and a gift and he accepted it with thanks and appreciation.
7. Proclamation – Fire Captain Bernard Marvin, III in recognition of his courageous act and years of service – Councilor Marchand read the Proclamation in recognition of Bernard's 20 years of service to the Portsmouth Fire Department and his courageous act during a fire in December. Mayor Sirrell presented Bernard with the Proclamation and a gift and he accepted it with thanks and appreciation.
8. Proclamation – Community Development Week – March 28th – April 1st – Councilor Pantelakos read the Proclamation declaring March 28th – April 1st as Community Development Week. Mayor Sirrell presented Deputy City Manager Hayden with the Proclamation who accepted with thanks and appreciation.
9. City of Portsmouth Wall Hanging (Not on agenda) - Mayor Sirrell announced that Commander Kevin Brenton and Chief Dan Adley of the USS Portsmouth presented her recently with the City of Portsmouth Wall Hanging of the City Seal that she had mounted in the Council Chambers. She advised the City Council that the wall hanging was used 20 years ago during the Commissioning of the USS Portsmouth.
10. Acceptance of Minutes – February 14, 2005 & March 7, 2005 – Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the February 14, 2005 and March 7, 2005 City Council meetings.

11. Public Comment Session – There were three speakers: Bob Shouse (Old Library); Barbara Daly (Sidewalks); and Ralph DiBernardo (Islington Woods Development).
12. Public Hearing – Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) FY2006-2011 – Held a public hearing. Action on this matter will take place at the April 4, 2005 City Council meeting.
13. Public Hearing – Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article VII – Flood Plain Development – Proposed Amendment to the City’s 1995 Zoning Ordinance regarding the Adoption of Flood Insurance Study and Rate Maps – Held a public hearing. Voted to pass second reading of the amended ordinance, as submitted, and hold third and final reading at the April 4, 2005 City Council meeting.
14. Public Hearing – Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking – sub-section A – Crescent Way: south side from Kearsarge Way to 40’ west of Saratoga Way, south side from Propoise Way to end of street, north side from Kearsarge Way to 80’ west of Porpoise Way; and Preble Way: south side from Ranger Way to Kearsarge Way, north side 20 feet east of Ranger Way to Kearsarge Way – Held a public hearing. Voted to pass second reading of the amended ordinance, as submitted, and hold third and final reading at the April 4, 2005 City Council meeting.
15. Acceptance of Donations to the New Library Building Fund:
 - Helen Reid - \$25.00
 - Nancy Grossman - \$25.00
 - Rex Richards - \$25.00, \$25.00 and \$15.00
 - Cynthia B. Bufithis - \$25.00
 - Bess Mosley - \$50.00
 - Virginia Smist Beers & Martha Smist Rice - \$500.00
 - Joann Wyckoff - \$100.00 (Not on agenda)

Voted to approve and accept the donations to the New Library Building Fund as listed.

16. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking sub-section A – Islington Street: southerly side from Essex Avenue to a point 180 feet westerly – Voted to pass first reading of the amended ordinance, as submitted, and hold a public hearing and second reading at the April 4, 2005 City Council meeting.
17. Letter from Sara Curtin, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, requesting permission to hold a walk on Saturday, September 24, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
18. Letter from Ralph and Linda DiBernardo regarding the proposed development of Islington Woods – Voted to refer to the Planning Board.

19. Renewal Requests for Sidewalk Obstruction Licenses from the following businesses with no changes from last year

- Attrezzi LLC – 1 A-frame sign
- Bagel Works – 4 Tables, 12 chairs and 1 A-frame sign
- Belle Peppers – 2 Tables and 4 chairs
- Breaking New Grounds, Inc. – 15 Tables and 42 chairs
- Café Kilim – 1 Bench
- Ceres Bakery – 4 Benches
- Chamber of Commerce – 1 A-frame sign
- Colby's Breakfast & Lunch – 1 A-frame sign
- Corks & Curds, LLC – 1 A-frame sign
- Dos Amigos Burritos – 1 Bench
- Geno's Coffee Shop – 1 A-frame sign
- Helen Marks – 1 A-frame sign
- Izzy's Frozen Yogurt – 1 Bench
- Lucky 7 Gallery – 1 A-frame sign
- Madd Matt's Ice Cream – 1 A-frame sign
- Market Street Tub Shop – 1 A-frame sign
- Molly Malones – 1 A-frame sign
- Muddy River Smokehouse – 1 A-frame sign
- Portsmouth Athenaeum – 1 A-frame sign
- Portsmouth Brewery – 1 A-frame sign
- Portsmouth Gas Light – 2 A-frame signs
- Portsmouth Provisions – 1 A-frame sign
- Prudential Rush Realty – 1 A-frame sign
- RiverRun Bookstore – 1 Table and 1 A-frame sign
- Rosa's Restaurant – 2 A-frame signs
- Seacoast Hearing Center – 1 A-frame sign
- Serendipity – 2 A-frame signs
- Stonewall Kitchen – 1 A-frame sign
- The Press Room – 1 A-frame sign
- Water Monkey – 2 A-frame signs

Voted to refer to the City Manager with power. Councilor Whitehouse requested that City Manager Bohenko send a letter to establishments with tables and chairs advising them to pick up debris left behind by their customers.

20. Request for Sidewalk Obstruction License from Leo Auger, Leo Auger Real Estate to place 1 A-frame sign in front of establishment – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

21. Request for Sidewalk Obstruction License from Betty LaBranche Agency to place 1 A-frame sign in front of establishment – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

22. Request for Sidewalk Obstruction License from Robert Hassold, Tugboat Alley to place 1 bench in front of establishment – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

23. Letter from Kenneth La Valley, University of New Hampshire, requesting a \$500.00 sponsorship from the City of Portsmouth for Safety Training and Survival Workshop for the Portsmouth fishing community – Voted to accept and place the letter on file. Councilor Whitehouse requested that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Pease Development Authority for their consideration.
24. Letter from Susan Benedict, Friends of the South End, requesting permission to hold a Fairy House garden tour on September 24, 2005 and September 25, 2005 and the sale of Fairy House Book Series and DVD by Tracy Kane, local author – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
25. Letter from Pam Kelley, Strawberry Banke, requesting permission to hold a Living History Event on May 21, 2005 and May 22, 2005 with firing of muskets and cannons, and a small camp and cooking fires on the Puddle Dock – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power. Councilor Whitehouse requested that City Manager Bohenko advise the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard of the date when the cannons will be fired.
26. Letter from Jude Anthony Augusta, Lighthouse Kids, requesting permission to assemble and raise awareness to save the White Island Lighthouse on Friday, April 8, 2005 in front of the North Church – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
27. Guaranteed Maximum Price for New Library – On a roll call 8-1, voted to establish a public hearing for Monday, April 4, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to authorize the appropriation of \$1 million from undesignated fund balance to implement the Guaranteed Maximum Price for construction of the new library. Assistant Mayor Grasso, Councilors Ferrini, Marchand, Pantelakos, Hynes, Reynolds, St. Laurent and Mayor Sirrell voted in favor. Councilor Whitehouse voted opposed.
28. Appointment – Voted to reappoint Dana Levenson to the Economic Development Commission until October 1, 2009.
29. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the March 10, 2005 meeting – Voted to approve and accept the Traffic & Safety Committee action sheet and minutes of the March 10, 2005 meeting.
30. Adjournment – At 10:15 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kelli L. Barnaby