

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 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. Mayor's Award – Mayor Sirrell presented a Mayor's Award and gift to George Hosker for his leadership and coordination of the Christmas parade over the last seven years. George accepted the award and gift with thanks and appreciation.
2. Mayor's Award – Mayor Sirrell presented a Mayor's Award and gift to Audrey Bierhans for her service to the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Cemetery Committee. Audrey accepted the award and gift with thanks and appreciation.
3. Mayor's Award – Mayor Sirrell presented a Mayor's Award and gift to John Sullivan for his 35 years of service to the City of Portsmouth, 20 as a School Board member and 15 as a member of the Planning Board. John accepted the award and gift with thanks and appreciation.
4. Mayor's Award – Mayor Sirrell announced that Rosemary York was unable to be here for the meeting but she has a Mayor's Award and gift for Rosemary for her years of service as a RSVP volunteer in her office.
5. Mayor's Award – Mayor Sirrell presented a Mayor's Award and gift to Joan Castro for her years of service as a RSVP volunteer in her office. Joan accepted the award and gift with thanks and appreciation.
6. Mayor's Award – Mayor Sirrell presented a Mayor's Award and gift to Robin McIntosh for her dedication and service to the Citywide Neighborhood Committee. Robin accepted the award and gift with thanks and appreciation.
7. Mayor's Award – Mayor Sirrell presented a Mayor's Award and gift to Barbara Massar for her dedication and service as the Executive Director of Pro Portsmouth. Barbara accepted the award and gift with thanks and appreciation.
8. Proclamation – First Night Portsmouth 2006 (Not on agenda) – Assistant Mayor Grasso read the Proclamation in recognition of First Night Portsmouth 2006. Mayor Sirrell presented the proclamation to Barbara Massar who thanked Mayor Sirrell and the City Council for this recognition.
9. Presentations – Poet Laureate – Nancy Hill and Mimi White invited the City Council and City Council elect members to participate and explore the theme in poetry "What is Home" project.
10. Presentation – Melanson, Heath & Company, P.C. Auditors' Financial Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2005 – Scott McIntyre reviewed the financial report for the year ending June 30, 2005 with the City Council.

11. Public Comment Session – There were no speakers.
12. Public Hearing – Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue of up to Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000) for the Construction of a Public Parking Facility – Held a public hearing. On a roll call 8-1, voted to adopt the Resolution to authorize bonding of up to fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) for the public parking facility. Assistant Mayor Grasso, Councilors Ferrini, Marchand, Pantelakos, Hynes, Raynolds, Whitehouse and Mayor Sirrell voted in favor. Councilor St. Laurent voted opposed.
13. Acceptance of donation to the Cemetery Committee
 - The Judd Gregg Committee - \$100.00

Voted to approve and accept the donation to the Cemetery Committee as listed.
14. Acceptance of donation to the New Library Building Fund (Not on Agenda)
 - The Donald H. Sargent Trust - \$1,000.00

Voted to approve and accept the donation to the New Library Building Fund as listed.
15. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article II, by the addition of Section 1.2 – Political Contributions to City Council Candidates – Voted to pass first reading, as submitted, and hold a public hearing and second reading at the January 23, 2006 City Council meeting.
16. Letter from Wendy L. Noyes, AIDS Response Seacoast, requesting permission to hold the 10th Annual Seacoast AIDS Walk and Dog Walk on Sunday, May 7, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
17. Letter from Dick Ingram, President Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, requesting permission to hold the 11th Annual Harbor Trail Road Race on Saturday, July 8, 2006 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
18. Letter from Attorney Kenneth D. Murphy, President Prescott Park Arts Festival Board of Directors, requesting to be considered as a tenant/user of the Children’s Museum space – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.
19. Voted to suspend the rules in order to continue the meeting beyond 10:30 p.m.
20. Letter from Shaun Rafferty in support of the passage of a City Ordinance requiring candidates to disclose their campaign finances – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.
21. Letter from William and Kristina Campbell requesting that a gate be installed in the Dunlin Way neighborhood to stop unnecessary traffic – Voted to refer to the Traffic & Safety Committee.

22. Request to Renew Lease of 251 Bartlett Street by the Creek Athletic Club – Voted to authorize the City Manager to extend the Lease with the Creek Athletic Club for the property at 251 Bartlett Street for a period of April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007.
23. Three Month Extension Poco Diablo, Inc. – Voted to extend the Poco Diablo Deck Lease for three months under the same terms of the existing lease.
24. Proposed Rent Abatement Community Council of Senior Citizens – Voted to authorize the City Manager to forgive rent for the Community Council of Senior Citizens for the month of December 2005 and January 2006.
25. Reappointment of David Holden to the Greater Portsmouth Transportation Management Committee (GPTMA) – Voted to appoint David Holden as the City's representative to the Greater Portsmouth Transportation Management Committee.
26. Consideration of Appointment – The City Council considered the reappointment of Jameson French to the Trustees of Trust Fund. The City Council will vote on this appointment at the January 23, 2006 City Council meeting.
27. Appointments – Voted to appoint Michael Murray to the Economic Development Commission until October 1, 2009.

Voted to reappoint Charles LeBlanc to the Zoning Board of Adjustment until December 1, 2010.

Assistant Mayor Grasso requested that references for Boards and Commissions not include city staff members. Mayor-Elect Marchand requested that City Clerk Barnaby add a statement prohibiting the use of city staff members as references on Boards and Commission applications.

28. Resignation from Planning Board (Not on Agenda) – Voted to accept with regret the resignation of Kenneth Smith from the Planning Board and as the representative of the Planning Board to the Historic District Commission.
29. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the December 8, 2005 meeting – Voted to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the December 8, 2005 Traffic & Safety Committee meeting.
30. Parking Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the December 8, 2005 meeting – Voted to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the December 8, 2005 Parking Committee meeting.
31. Adjournment – At 10:55 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, CMC
City Clerk