

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006

PORTSMOUTH, NH  
TIME: 7:00PM [or thereafter]

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Marchand called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Marchand, Assistant Mayor Ferrini, Councilors Grasso, Dwyer, Raynolds, Pantelakos, Whitehouse, Smith and Hynes

### **III. INVOCATION**

Mayor Marchand asked everyone to join in a moment of silent prayer.

### **IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor Smith led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – JUNE 5, 2006 & JUNE 7, 2006**

Councilor Smith moved to accept and approve the minutes of the June 5, 2006 and June 7, 2006 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Whitehouse and voted.

### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**

Paul Young discussed the proposal for the conference center at the Sheraton. He said that there are many public benefits to the project and urged the City Council to move the ordinances forward.

Patrick Hynes spoke in favor of the conference center at the Sheraton. He said that this project would allow for large conferences to come to the City of Portsmouth and spoke to the benefits.

Harold Ecker said that the City Council has always given departments what they have requested for budgets and it needs to stop. He spoke opposed to increasing the taxes and there needs to be accountability of employees. He urged the City Council to pass a zero percent increase for the budget.

Martin Cameron said that each side needs to give a little in terms of the budget and the requests. He advised the City Council that he is satisfied with the out come of the last budget work sessions.

Tom Nies asked the City Council to keep an open mind on the ordinances regarding the HarborCorp proposal. He said that there has been little substantive discussions and asked the City Council to review all of the information. He asked the City Council to consider making all of the materials in front of them this evening available to the public and suggested placing it on the website. He asked the City Council to ask themselves why the area was changed to CBA. He also advised the City Council that there has not been a clear explanation on the provisions why it is necessary to revise the entire area. He said that there is opposition to the conference center.

City Manager Bohenko advised Mr. Nies that the documents will be made available on the website next week. He also informed Mr. Nies that the documents are on file at the Library and the City Clerk's Office for review by the public.

Assistant Mayor Ferrini moved to suspend the rules in order to take up Items XII. A.1. & A.2. - Request for Approval of the Proposed Contract Extension for Police Ranking Officers Association and Request for Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Extension for Portsmouth Police Patrolman's Union, NEPBA Local #11. Seconded by Councilor Hynes and voted.

XII. A.1. - Request for Approval of the Proposed Contract Extension for Police Ranking Officers Association

Assistant Mayor Ferrini moved to approve this two (2) year contract extension for a term to expire on June 30, 2008 with the Portsmouth Police Ranking Officers Association. Seconded by Councilor Hynes.

Assistant Mayor Ferrini said the reason the City Council would vote to approve this contract is to make sure that the Council is doing right by the collective bargaining units in voting contracts that we negotiated over a long period of time. He said given the most recent round of budget talks and hearings we are all concern with the impact collective bargaining agreements have upon our bottom line. In the future the City Council will be interested in how and to what extent collective bargaining agreements are going to impact the City financially.

Mayor Marchand passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Ferrini.

Mayor Marchand said he would not vote in favor of either contract. He advised the City Council that the timing of when to make these decisions is a critical component. He said that these and all 15 bargaining units will require some changes and discussion. He also said that the cost in personnel is the primary driver of budgets and contracts are the primary driver in determining the costs of personnel. He advised the City Council that there is an opportunity to begin the discussion now. He said that there has been a lot of leadership shown in the last several months by the Police Department discussing issues that are not easy to discuss, including the number of personnel and overtime.

Assistant Mayor Ferrini returned the gavel to Mayor Marchand.

Councilor Hynes said that the City Council has exercised a lot of patience for the benefit of every taxpayer in the City. He said that the City Council has at this point maintained control of the costs as well as guaranteeing safety in the City. He said the move the City Council is making this evening will be long term and beneficial to the final tax rate. He advised the City Council that he would be supporting the motion this evening to approve the contract.

Councilor Pantelakos spoke to the audit conducted recently relative to overtime costs in the City. She said that the City Council needs to start looking at the contracts and advised that she would be voting opposed to the contract.

Councilor Smith said it is important to get all units on the same cycle. He discussed the benefits in the contracts. He urged the City Council to begin negotiations right away and to establish guidelines.

Councilor Dwyer advised the City Council that she would vote in favor of the contract. She said it is important to get all units on the same time schedule. She also said that the City Council is not ready at this time to identify or bargain as a Council with the kind of readiness that we need to do.

Councilor Reynolds said that this is a difficult vote and decision. He said the cost of personnel is the driver of the budget. He also said that it is important to get all of the contracts on the same time schedule. He advised the City Council that he would support the contract extension with reservations.

Councilor Grasso said that she would support the contracts and the City Council needs to get them on the same time schedule. She said that the City Council is not ready to move forward on negotiations with contracts. She also advised the City Council that if this contract was not approved the existing contract would remain in effect.

Councilor Whitehouse said he would support the contracts. He said he is pleased with the dialogue among the City Council. He said that the City Council needs to take a hard long look at contracts in the future.

On a roll call vote 7-2, motion passed. Assistant Mayor Ferrini, Councilors Grasso, Dwyer, Reynolds, Whitehouse, Smith and Hynes voted in favor. Councilor Pantelakos and Mayor Marchand voted opposed.

#### XII. A.2. - Request for Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Extension for Portsmouth Police Patrolman's Union, NEPBA Local #11

Assistant Mayor Ferrini moved to approve this two (2) year collective bargaining agreement extension for a term to expire on June 30, 2008 with the Portsmouth Police Patrolman's Union, NEPBA Local #11. Seconded by Councilor Grasso.

On a roll call vote 7-2, motion passed. Assistant Mayor Ferrini, Councilors Grasso, Dwyer, Reynolds, Whitehouse, Smith and Hynes voted in favor. Councilor Pantelakos and Mayor Marchand voted opposed.

## VII. PUBLIC HEARING

### A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BORROWING IN ANTICIPATION OF REVENUES AND TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16, 000,000.00

City Manager Bohenko said because the City bills for property taxes twice a year in arrears it causes a large temporary cash flow problem for the City in both the beginning and the middle of the fiscal year. He advised the City Council each year this requires the City to borrow money on a short-term bases until the property taxes come in. He also reported that tax anticipation notes are typical for communities that bill in arrears.

Mayor Marchand read the legal notice, declared the public hearing open and called for speakers. After three calls and no speakers, Mayor Marchand declared the public hearing closed.

## VIII. APPROVAL OF GRANTS AND DONATIONS

### A. Acceptance of Donations to the Coalition Legal Fund from the Town of New Castle in the amount of \$500.00; Town of Waterville Valley in the amount of \$1,000.00 and the Town of Lincoln in the amount of \$1,000.00

Councilor Grasso moved to accept the \$500.00 contribution from the Town of New Castle; \$1,000.00 from the Town of Waterville Valley; and \$1,000.00 from the Town of Lincoln to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Ferrini and voted.

## IX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

### A. Adoption of Budget Resolutions for Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 (FY2007)

#### 1. Resolution #1 – General Fund Expenditures

Municipal	\$14,596,083.00
Police	\$ 7,830,154.00
Fire	\$ 6,126,861.00
School	\$32,472,916.00
<u>Non-Operating</u>	<u>\$15,242,372.00</u>
Total	\$76,268,386.00

City Manager Bohenko spoke to the number of meetings relative to the budget that have been held by the City Council. He advised the City Council that they have 6 budget resolutions before them this evening for adoption. He said based on the June 13, 2006 final budget review work session the City Council agreed upon a tax rate increase of 3.98% over last year.

Assistant Mayor Ferrini asked City Attorney Sullivan the process the City Council should use if they wanted to vote separately on the departments contained in Resolution #1. City Attorney Sullivan suggested that the City Council make a motion to pass the Resolution as it appears in front of them and then a motion may be made to amend a part or department of the Resolution. He also advised the City Council if an amendment is made and passes the calculations would be done to reflect the change requested by the City Council.

Councilor Whitehouse moved to adopt Resolution #1 – General Fund Expenditures. Seconded by Councilor Pantelakos.

Assistant Mayor Ferrini moved to amend Resolution #1 – General Fund Expenditures to add \$310,000.00 into the School Department budget. Seconded by Councilor Raynolds.

Assistant Mayor Ferrini reported that this amendment would add an additional \$.10 to the tax rate and \$30.00 per year to the tax bill on a \$300,000.00 home. He advised the City Council that the amended total for the School Department budget would be \$32,782,916.00.

Councilor Raynolds said that he is tempted to support Assistant Mayor Ferrini motion but in the end he would not support the amendment. He said that he feels the quality of education can remain the same.

Councilor Dwyer said that it is important to remember that the City Council is considering providing the School Department with a \$1,700,000.00 increase over last year's budget. She said that she does not believe that staff will be cut. She also spoke opposed to the amendment.

Councilor Smith also spoke opposed to the amendment. He said the School Department needs an Athletic Director however, he strongly urges the School Board to go back into discussions with the Recreation Director to take the position. He said that the School Department will receive a \$1,700,000.00 increase over last year. He also said that there is misinformation out there about the City Council cutting the School Department budget.

Councilor Hynes said that the City Council spent a great deal of time discussing the budget. He also said he would support the 3.98% increase for the budget.

Councilor Grasso said she would not support the amendment. She said the \$1,200,000.00 cut will not take away programs, staff or effect the quality of education in the School Department. She said that the funding is in their budget to hire 15 people to replace the individuals retiring.

Councilor Pantelakos said that she would not support the amendment. She said that an additional \$.10 on the tax rate is too much. She advised the City Council that she would have liked to see a zero percent increase in the budget.

Mayor Marchand passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Ferrini.

Mayor Marchand said he is comfortable with the numbers as they stand now.

Assistant Mayor Ferrini returned the gavel to Mayor Marchand.

On a roll call 1-8, motion to amend Resolution #1 – General Fund Expenditure to add \$310,000.00 into the School Department budget failed to pass. Assistant Mayor Ferrini voted in favor. Councilors Grasso, Dwyer, Raynolds, Pantelakos, Whitehouse, Smith, Hynes and Mayor Marchand voted opposed.

Councilor Whitehouse said that this is the first time he has seen so many residents take an interest in the budget. He advised the City Council that they are elected to make hard choices and the taxpayers requested that the City Council hold the line on the budget.

Councilor Smith said that the School Department will not be hurt by this and the City Council needs to hold the line and stop raising taxes. He also said we will need to cut services and personnel to get a zero percent increase in the budget. He spoke to the overtime audit and that there are instances that require departments to have overtime. He said that overtime is a fact of life. He advised the City Council that he would vote opposed to the entire budget because it is wrong to cut the overtime.

Assistant Mayor Ferrini said he would like to thank the City Council and it has been a pleasure to work together on this budget. He also thanked Mayor Marchand for his leadership on the budget. He advised the City Council that he would vote in favor of the budget but has reservations on the School Department budget. Assistant Mayor Ferrini reported that the City Council reduced taxes from 2004 to 2005 and increased the taxes in 2006 however; even with the increase in 2006 it has not reached what the tax rate was in 2004.

Mayor Marchand passed the gavel to Assistant Mayor Ferrini.

Mayor Marchand thanked the City Council for their work and the public for providing input on this budget. He said that this was an improvement from last year and we will try to do better next year. He also thanked the departments for their time as well.

Assistant Mayor Ferrini returned the gavel to Mayor Marchand.

On a roll call 8-1, voted to pass the main motion to adopt Resolution #1 – General Fund Expenditures. Assistant Mayor Ferrini, Councilors Grasso, Dwyer, Raynolds, Pantelakos, Whitehouse, Hynes and Mayor Marchand voted in favor. Councilor Smith voted opposed.

## 2. Resolution #2 – Municipal Fees

City Manager Bohenko advised the City Council that this resolution deals with fees for the City. He reported that the increase in the fees is \$52,000.00.

Councilor Pantelakos moved to adopt Resolution #2 – Municipal Fees. Seconded by Councilor Grasso.

Councilor Whitehouse requested that the City Council consider increasing the boat launching fee at Peirce Island by 50% for non-residents.

Councilor Pantelakos asked why we can charge non-residents a fee and not residents. City Attorney Sullivan advised Councilor Pantelakos that the Fee Committee has determined this fee and unless there is a clear law prohibiting this, we are able to charge the fee.

City Manager Bohenko thanked Councilor Whitehouse for working with the City staff on the Peirce Island project over the last several years. He said that we have a right to charge a fee but it must stay within a certain range. He suggested reviewing this fee next year.

Councilor Whitehouse said he would like the Fee Committee to consider raising this fee next year. He advised the City Council that he would like to keep the fee at no cost to residents.

Councilor Hynes said that a fee is the cost to provide a service however, if you go beyond the cost of providing the service that would be considered a tax.

Councilor Dwyer said that she appreciates the work by this committee. She requested that the City Council be advised as to how to become involved in the discussions of fees next year. City Manager Bohenko said that Councilor Hynes is the Chair of the committee and notices were provided to the City Council on the dates and times of the meetings. He said that the City Council is welcomed to attend any of the meetings. Councilor Dwyer suggested holding a work session on the fees in the future for the public. City Manager Bohenko said if Councilor Hynes would like to hold a work session on the fees we could televise it for the public.

Councilor Raynolds said that the fees would not largely affect the tax rate.

Motion passed.

3. Resolution #3 – Sewer Fund Expenditures

Total Budget Sum \$12,919,040.00

Sewer user charge effective July 1, 2006 is \$4.80

City Manager Bohenko advised the City Council that there is a \$.10 increase in the sewer rate from last year which translates to an annual increase of \$12.00 to the average residential user or about \$1.00 per month.

Councilor Pantelakos moved to adopt Resolution #3 – Sewer Fund Expenditures. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Ferrini and voted.

4. Resolution #4 – Water Fund Expenditures

Total Budget Sum \$9,826,813.00

Water user charge effective July 1, 2006 is \$1.85

City Manager Bohenko reported to the City Council that there is a \$.18 increase in the water rate from last year which translates to an annual increase of \$15.00 to the average residential user or about \$1.25 per month.

Councilor Pantelakos moved to adopt Resolution #4 – Water Fund Expenditures. Seconded by Councilor Whitehouse and voted.

5. Resolution #5 – Special Revenues for Necessary Expenditures

City Manager Bohenko advised the City Council this resolution allows for the expenditures of Special Revenues and Designated Fund Balances. He also reported that the City can expend funds from donations and Federal and State Grants as they are accepted and received.

Councilor Grasso moved to adopt Resolution #5 – Special Revenues for Necessary Expenditures. Seconded by Councilor Smith and voted.

6. Resolution #6 – Investment Policy

City Manager Bohenko advised the City Council that this resolution deals with the adoption of an annual investment policy. State law requires the annual adoption of such a policy by every city and town.

Councilor Pantelakos moved to adopt Resolution #6 – Investment Policy. Seconded by Councilor Smith and voted.

City Manager Bohenko thanked the staff for their efforts and work on this budget, especially the Finance Department. He said that we are working towards a Government Finance Officers Association excellence in budgeting designation as requested by the City Council and the Finance Department has worked diligently on this budget.

- B. First Reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10.202 – Location of the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map be amended by rezoning the properties located off Hanover Street and Maplewood Avenue at Assessors Map 124, Lot 12, Map 118, Lot 28, Map 125, Lot 21 from Central Business A (CBA) to Central Business B (CBB)
- C. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article XII, Section 10-1201 – Off-Street Parking – to allow Off-Street Parking Facilities to be Located on Lots other than the Same Lot as the Principle Use where the applicant and the City agree on the terms and conditions under which a municipally owned covered parking facility shall be constructed as part of the overall development project
- D. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article XII, Section 10-1202 – Off-Street Parking Innovation: Inter Modal Transportation Credit for Central Business A and Central Business B District – to allow the Inter Modal Parking Credit to be applicable when the applicant and the City agree on the terms and conditions under which a new, municipally owned covered parking facility shall be constructed as part of the overall development project

- E. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10.208 – Table 4, Paragraph 16, Uses in Business District, Central Business B Zone, to allow said uses as Permitted Uses rather than as a Special Exception

Councilor Pantelakos moved to pass first reading of all the aforementioned ordinance amendments and establish a public hearing and second reading at a Special Meeting of the City Council on July 17, 2006 to consider all of the amendments separately at that time. Seconded by Councilor Smith.

Councilor Whitehouse said between 1982 and 1995 there were tremendous changes from CBA to CBB. He said that he has been trying to locate what took place in 1995 before the Planning Board and Planning Department in reference to minutes, dialogue and discussions. He said that he is unable to locate any minutes relative to this matter. Planning Director Holden advised Councilor Whitehouse that the information he is looking at are the documents that were developed in 1995 for the master plan. Councilor Whitehouse asked if it would include the minutes of the public hearing held in 1995. City Manager Bohenko advised Councilor Whitehouse that staff would review the records and what ever is located would be provided to Councilor Whitehouse and the rest of the City Council.

City Attorney Sullivan reviewed the motion as indicated in the City Manager's memorandum dated June 15, 2006 which states to pass first reading of all the aforementioned ordinance amendments and establish a public hearing and second reading at a Special Meeting of the City Council on July 17, 2006 to consider all of the amendments separately at that time. Councilor Pantelakos concurred with City Attorney Sullivan.

Mayor Marchand said that he read only the first of the four ordinances but the motion was for all four ordinances as indicated in the City Manager's comments and as pointed out by City Attorney Sullivan. He said that at the July 17, 2006 meeting each ordinance amendment would be addressed separately.

Motion passed.

- F. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.330 – No Parking – Tanner Court
- northerly side from Parker Street to a point 78' westerly of Tanner Street
  - southerly side from Parker Street to a point 78' westerly of Tanner Street

Assistant Mayor Ferrini moved to pass first reading of the amended ordinance, as submitted, and hold a public hearing and second reading at the July 10, 2006 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Whitehouse and voted.

- G. Second reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 9 by the addition of a new Article VIII entitled Outdoor Display of Balloons (***Tabled from the June 5, 2006 City Council meeting***)

Councilor Smith moved to remove this item from the table. Seconded by Councilor Whitehouse and voted.

Councilor Pantelakos moved to pass second reading, as submitted, and hold a third and final reading at the July 10, 2006 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Smith.

Councilor Pantelakos advised the City Council that she brought this ordinance forward because she feels that balloons are an environmental issue and a hazard. She asked that the City Council support the ordinance.

Councilor Smith asked Councilor Pantelakos if this ordinance is for the auto dealerships only. Councilor Pantelakos said that her intent is for commercial use only.

Councilor Smith moved to amend the ordinance to allow businesses to use balloons for grand openings or one time events. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Ferrini for discussion purposes.

Assistant Mayor Ferrini said he is thinking in terms of time, place and manner of speech and where this ordinance fits. City Attorney Sullivan said is placement of balloons an expressive comment and if so then it comes under all those regulations, but he believes in general no. He also said what Councilor Pantelakos is trying to accomplish is in the jurisdiction of the City Council. He said the proposed amendment is not written and he does not like making up these amendments on the fly because you just can't think them through. City Attorney Sullivan said that under some circumstances there would clearly be some first amendment issues here but not the general one, not balloons without signs on them.

Councilor Whitehouse said he does not like the ordinance and it would put a hardship on dealerships. He also said that he does not feel that there are any environmental issues with balloons.

Councilor Reynolds said that we should not target a particular type of business with this ordinance. He said that we may not be able to see the environmental effects with our eyes. He said that we need to take responsibility and asked the City Council to pass the ordinance.

Councilor Dwyer said that there are particular balloons that have issues which are associated with marine life issues. She advised the City Council that most issues are related to the launching of a group of balloons. She said that there is a reason to adopt this ordinance.

Mayor Marchand said that there are good points on both sides. He said that there are environmental issues and the City Council needs to make a decision on this ordinance.

Councilor Smith said he would like to direct the City Attorney to write an amendment to the ordinance to add the language for balloons to be used for grand openings and one time events.

Councilor Pantelakos said we had a public hearing on this matter and we need to move the ordinance forward either up or down.

Councilor Grasso said she would vote for the amendment but vote against the ordinance. She spoke to the difficulty in enforcing this ordinance.

Councilor Smith withdrew his amendment to the ordinance and Assistant Mayor Ferrini his second to the motion.

On a roll call 3-6, motion to pass second reading, as submitted, and hold a third and final reading at the July 10, 2006 City Council meeting *failed* to pass. Councilors Dwyer, Raynolds and Pantelakos voted in favor. Assistant Mayor Ferrini, Councilors Grasso, Whitehouse, Smith, Hynes and Mayor Marchand voted opposed.

- H. Adoption of Proposed Resolution Authorizing Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenues and Taxes in the amount of \$16,000,000.00

Councilor Grasso moved to adopt the Resolution for FY07 authorizing borrowing in anticipation of revenues and taxes in the amount of \$16,000,000.00. Seconded by Councilor Hynes. On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

## X. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Acceptance of Donations to the New Library Building Fund
- David R. & Angela K. Hiley - \$50.00
  - Mitchell D. Shuldman & Diane L. Schaefer - \$100.00
  - James A. & Kristen B. Mullen - \$250.00
  - Martha L. & W. Jeffrey Bolster - \$500.00
  - David L. & Constance J. Greer - \$500.00
  - Vernis M. & Emerald C. Jackson - \$500.00

***(Anticipated action – move to approve and accept the donations to the New Library Building Fund as listed)***

- B. Request from Michelle Ziebarth, Six Degrees A Unique Salon, requesting permission to place 1 A-frame sign in front of establishment located at 47 Bow Street ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***
- C. Letter from Sister Mary Agnes, Saint Charles Children's Home, requesting permission to hold the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Charles Children's Home 5k Road Race at Pease Tradeport on Monday, September 4, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***

Councilor Whitehouse moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilor Smith and voted.

## XI. PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

*There are no written communications or petitions for this meeting.*

## XII. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

### A. CITY MANAGER

3. Proposed Renewal of License Agreement Re: Greenleaf Recreation Center

City Manager Bohenko said that the Portsmouth Housing Authority currently leases space at the Greenleaf Recreation Center to house some of its equipment such as lawnmowers. He advised the City Council that the lease is set to expire at the end of the month and the Housing Authority would like to renew the one-year lease under the same terms and conditions as the prior lease.

Councilor Whitehouse moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with the Portsmouth Housing Authority for the Greenleaf Recreation Center. Seconded by Councilor Grasso and voted.

4. Report Back from Economic Development Commission Re: WiFi Referral

City Manager Bohenko advised the City Council that the Economic Development Commission established a subcommittee to investigate the potential benefits and costs of expanding WiFi in the city. He reported that the subcommittee limited its analysis to WiFi expansion for the purposes of adding value to the economic vitality of the city. He informed the City Council that the subcommittee is recommending that the City Council enlarge the current WiFi zone in the central business district.

Assistant Mayor Ferrini moved to authorize the City Manager to work with the staff and the Chamber of Commerce to implement the plan and to provide a progress report back to the City Council and Economic Development Commission. Seconded by Councilor Whitehouse and voted.

City Manager's Informational Items

1. *Change of City Hall Hours*

City Manager Bohenko reported that City Hall has changed its hours of operation for the summer. In keeping with past practice, starting Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, City Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. City Hall's hours will revert back to 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

2. *Peirce Island Boat Ramp Now Operational*

City Manager Bohenko advised the City Council that the Peirce Island boat ramp and floating dock for loading and unloading are now operational and free to Portsmouth residents.

**B. MAYOR MARCHAND**

## 1. Appointments

The City Council considered the appointment of June Rogers to the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Trees and Public Greenery. The City Council will vote on this appointment at the July 10, 2006 City Council meeting.

Councilor Smith moved to reappoint Sandra Dika as an Alternate to the Historic District Commission until June 1, 2009. Seconded by Councilor Reynolds and voted

Councilor Smith moved to reappoint John Golumb to the Historic District Commission until June 1, 2009. Seconded by Councilor Grasso and voted.

Councilor Smith moved to appoint Henry Sanders as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment filling the unexpired term of Steven Berg until December 1, 2008. Seconded by Councilor Hynes and voted.

Councilor Whitehouse moved to appoint Susan Turner to the Taxi Commission filling the expired term of Betty Sanford until December 31, 2007. Seconded by Councilor Smith and voted.

Councilor Smith moved to reappoint Jeff Mountjoy to the Portsmouth Housing Endowment Advisory Board until June 5, 2009. Seconded by Councilor Hynes and voted.

Mayor Marchand requested that the City Council hold onto the HarborCorp LLC, Report for the July 17, 2006 City Council meeting.

**XIII. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Councilor Reynolds said that the newspaper erroneously reported that he did not want any tossing or throwing of any items from the floats or vehicles at the Christmas parade. He said that he has received information from Burlington, Vermont on their guidelines regarding such practices and said he would share this information with City Manager Bohenko.

Councilor Smith said his comments regarding the Halloween parade have been blown out of proportion. He said that he never said that he wanted to censor the Halloween parade. He also said that he does not wish the parade to be changed however, if it is for children or adults it should be stated. He reported that the Halloween Parade Committee agrees if the parade is meant more for adults they see nothing wrong with providing that information to the public.

Mayor Marchand advised the City Council that the July 17, 2006 Public Hearing and Special Meeting are to discuss the components of the zoning ordinances. Councilor Dwyer said because the Planning Board exhaustively listened to many presentations on this issue and reviewed it and that meeting is on the City's website she suggested that the City Council and residents review that meeting. City Manager Bohenko announced that the Planning Board meeting will be replayed prior to the July 17, 2006 Special City Council meeting regarding the HarborCorp Rezoning Request.

#### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:30 p.m., Councilor Whitehouse moved to adjourn. Seconded and voted.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelli L. Barnaby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelli L. Barnaby, CMC  
City Clerk