

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007

PORTSMOUTH, NH  
TIME: 7:00PM

- 6:30PM – ANTICIPATED “NON-MEETING” WITH COUNSEL – RSA 91-A:2 I (c)

## AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER [7:00PM or thereafter]
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### PROCLAMATION

1. The Chase Home for Children – Kathleen McDermott

### PRESENTATION

1. FY06 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Annual Audit)

### V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 18, 2006

### VI. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

### VII. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE III, SECTION 10-304(A) – ZONING – TABLE 10 DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, WHICH REDUCES THE PERMISSIBLE HEIGHT OF BUILDING IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS A DISTRICT FROM 50-FOOT MAXIMUM TO 40-FOOT MAXIMUM

### VIII. APPROVAL OF GRANTS AND DONATIONS

- A. Acceptance of 2007 Source Water Protection Grant
- B. Acceptance of Grant from the Geoffrey E. Clark and Martha Fuller Clark Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation – Piscataqua Region to the New Library Building Fund for the naming of the Special Collection Room
- C. Acceptance of Donation to the New Library Building Fund from Jerry J. Hejtmanek in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Naming of the Periodicals Room (*This is the second installment of the donation*)

- D. Acceptance of Donation to the New Library Building Fund from M. Christine Dwyer and Michael Huxtable in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Naming of the Library Reference Area and Reference Desk (*This is the remainder of the donation*)
- E. Acceptance of Donation to the New Library Building Fund from the Morse Hill Trust in the amount of \$1,000.00
- F. Acceptance of Donation to the Fire Department from the NorthEast Auctions by Ronald Bourgeault LLC in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Station One Firefighters' Monument project
- G. Acceptance of Donation to the Fire Department from M. Christine Dwyer in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Station One Firefighters' Monument project
- H. Acceptance of Donation to the Peirce Island Committee in the amount of \$1,400.00

**IX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

- A. Second reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article III, Section 10-304(A) – Zoning – Table 10 Dimensional Requirements of the Ordinance of the City of Portsmouth, which reduces the permissible height of building in the Central Business A District from 50-foot maximum to 40-foot maximum
- B. Third and final reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article XV of the Ordinances by the Adoption of a New Section 10-1508 entitled Residential Density Incentive Planned Unit Development (RDI-PUD) Ordinance; Addition of Definitions to Article 1, Section 10-102A of the Zoning Ordinance

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

***A MOTION WOULD BE IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA***

- A. Acceptance of Fire Department Donations for the Firefighter Monument
  - Susan R. Wallack, Property Management Account in Memory of Ian Esperian - \$300.00
  - Dennis M. Ryan - \$500.00

***(Anticipated action – move to accept and approve the aforementioned donation to the Fire Department for the Station One Firefighters' monument project as listed)***

- B. Acceptance of Donations to the New Library Building Fund
  - L. Jonathan & Kathleen M. Ross - \$25.00
  - R.B. Cole - \$25.00
  - Roy W. & Ivan E. Helsel - \$25.00
  - Colonial Management - \$25.00
  - Steven A. & Gail Goldberg - \$50.00
  - Jeannette E. Hopkins - \$50.00

- Elinor Frank - \$50.00
- Jennifer Ellis Merriam and Jeffrey L. Merriam - \$75.00
- Catherine Stella Jane Lyon - \$100.00
- Anonymous - \$150.00
- D. Boutilier - \$150.00
- James & Michele Swisher - \$150.00
- John S. Warburg, TTEE & Jane C. Wyman, TTEE
- Mark A. & Deborah M. Chag - \$250.00
- Karen L. Bouffard - \$300.00

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

- C. Letter from Sarah Curtin, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, requesting permission to hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Out of the Darkness Community Walk on Saturday, September 29, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***
- D. Letter from Charles Lassen, Friends of the South End, requesting permission to hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fairy House Tour on September 22 – September 23, 2007 in the South End ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***
- E. Letter from Anne Rugg, AIDS Response Seacoast, requesting permission to hold the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Seacoast AIDS Walk and Dog Walk on Sunday, May 6, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## **XI. PRESENTATION & CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS**

- A. Letter from Mitch Manin, Temple Israel Board of Directors, requesting that the City consider waiving a percentage of the building permit fees associated with the renovation of the property
- B. Letter from Susanne Delaney and Catherine Keenan, Race Directors, Portsmouth Criterium, requesting permission to hold the Portsmouth Criterium Bike Race on Sunday, September 16, 2007
- C. Letter from James Petersen, Tidewater School, expressing Tidewater's interest in the sustainable reuse of the Lafayette School as an elementary school

## **XII. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

### **A. CITY MANAGER**

#### **Items which require Action under other sections of the Agenda**

1. Public Hearing/Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance Amendments:

- 1.1 Public Hearing/Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article III, Section 10-304(A) – Zoning – Table 10 Dimensional Requirements of the Ordinance of the City of Portsmouth, which reduces the permissible height of building in the Central Business A District from 50-foot maximum to 40-foot maximum (**Action on this matter should take place under Section IX of the Agenda**)
2. Third and Final Reading of Proposed Resolution and Ordinance Amendments:
  - 2.1 Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Article XV of the Ordinances by the Adoption of a New Section 10-1508 entitled Residential Density Incentive Planned Unit Development (RDI-PUD) Ordinance; Addition of Definitions to Article 1, Section 10-102A of the Zoning Ordinance (**Action on this matter should take place under Section IX of the Agenda**)

### **City Manager's Items Which Require Action**

1. Planning Board Report Back on the Request of The Housing Partnership for an Access Easement on Bedford Way

### **Informational Items**

1. Reminder of Library Dedication
2. Report Back Re: Bicycle Friendly Communities
3. Rebate from PSNH for New Library Project
4. Public Hearing Re: Community Development Block Grant
5. Notice of Public Listening Session Re: Dogs and Signage on Peirce Island
6. Response from Sharon Cuddy Somers, Esquire, Re: RDI/PUD Ordinance
7. Community Development Block Grant Public Service Agency Grant Program

### **B. MAYOR MARCHAND**

1. Appointments to be Considered:
  - Appointment of John R. Howe – Traffic & Safety Committee
  - Appointment of Richard G. Adams – Alternate to Conservation Commission
  - Appointment of Richard Smith – Peirce Island Study Committee
2. Appointments to be Voted:
  - Appointment of Jody Record – Board of Library Trustees
  - Appointment of Megan Tehan – Board of Library Trustees
  - Appointment of Paige Roberts – Planning Board from Alternate to Regular Member
  - Appointment of Christine Lukacz – Portsmouth Housing Endowment Fund Advisory Board
  - Appointment of Charles LeMay – Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate Member
  - Appointment of Henry Sanders – Zoning Board of Adjustment from Alternate to Regular Member

- Appointment of Carol Eaton – Zoning Board of Adjustment from Alternate to Regular Member
  - Reappointment of Duncan MacCallum – Zoning Board of Adjustment (*Tabled at the December 18, 2006 City Council meeting*)
3. \*Reports

**C. COUNCILOR SMITH**

1. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the December 14, 2006 meeting
2. Parking Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the December 21, 2006 meeting

**XIII. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT [AT 10:00PM OR EARLIER]**

**KELLI L. BARNABY, CMC  
CITY CLERK**

(\*Indicates verbal report)

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Historic District Commission minutes of the November 8, 2006 meeting
2. Planning Board minutes of the November 16, 2006 meeting
3. Zoning Board of Adjustment minutes of the November 21, 2006 meeting
4. Letter to Erik Anderson Re: City of Portsmouth Contract Renewals

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC WHO ARE HEARING IMPAIRED:** Please contact Dianna Fogarty at 603-610-7270 one-week prior to the meeting for assistance.

**CITY OF PORTSMOUTH  
PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801**

**Office of the City Manager**

**Date:** January 5, 2007  
**To:** Honorable Mayor Steve Marchand and City Council Members  
**From:** John P. Bohenko, City Manager  
**Re:** City Manager's Comments on January 8, 2007 City Council Agenda

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***6:30 p.m. – Non-meeting with counsel.***

For details on this matter, please refer to the confidential envelope inserted in the inside pocket of your binder.

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***Presentation:***

- 1) **FY06 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) (Annual Audit).** On Monday evening, Scott McIntire from Melanson Heath and Company, PC, will review the City's FY06 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) (Annual Audit) and management letter to the City Council (see copies of the documents on the inside cover of the packet).

The CAFR is presented in three sections which are as follows:

- 1) The introductory section which includes the City's profile, economic condition and outlook, major initiatives and long-term planning.
- 2) The financial section contains management's discussion and analysis, financial statements and supplementary statements and schedules.
- 3) The statistical section consists of selected financial and demographic information.

The CAFR provides more detailed information which provides the reader with a better understanding of the financial status of the City. This document takes a considerable amount of time to prepare from both the Finance Department and the City's auditing

firm, Melanson Heath & Company, PC, however, this report is only posted on the City's web page and not distributed.

For your information, the City has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial reporting for its CAFR from GFOA for fiscal year ending June 30, 1988, 1989 and eleven consecutive years from 1995 to 2005.

### ***Acceptance of Grants/Donations:***

1. **Acceptance of 2007 Source Water Protection Grant.** Through a successful grant application to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, the City proposes to install fencing at the Madbury Treatment Plant and a new gate at the Pease Water Treatment Plant/Harrison Well location. This project will provide better protection to the water system by limiting unauthorized access.

The Department of Environmental Services has approved an award of \$15,000.00 to the above mentioned source water protection upgrades, subject to approval by the Portsmouth City Council and the Governor and Executive Council.

*I would recommend the City Council move to enter into and approve a grant agreement with New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the City of Portsmouth and to authorize the City Manager to execute this grant agreement and any documents, which may be necessary for this grant agreement, on behalf of the City. Action on this matter will take place under Section VIII of the agenda.*

2. **Acceptance of Grant from the Geoffrey E. Clark and Martha Fuller Clark Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation – Piscataqua Region to the New Library Building Fund.** Attached is a copy of a check in the amount of \$50,000.00 and a letter from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation awarding a grant from the Geoffrey E. Clark and Martha Fuller Clark Fund to the New Library Building Fund for the naming of the Special Collection Room.

*I would recommend the City Council approve and accept the grant from the Geoffrey E. Clark and Martha Fuller Clark Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation – Piscataqua Region as listed. Action on this matter will take place under Section VIII of the agenda.*

3. **Acceptance of Donation to the New Library Building Fund for the Naming of the Periodicals Room.** The New Library Capital Campaign Committee is pleased to submit to the City Council a donation from Jerry J. Hejtmanek in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the naming of the Periodicals Room. Mr. Hejtmanek has pledged \$15,000.00 and has provided the City with the second installment. (See attached letter from Mary Ann List, Library Director.)

*I would recommend the City Council approve and accept a donation to the New Library Building Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the naming of the Periodicals Room. Action on this matter should take place under Section VIII of the Agenda.*

4. **Acceptance of Donation to the New Library Building Fund for the Naming of the Library Reference Area and Reference Desk.** The New Library Capital Campaign Committee is pleased to submit to the City Council a donation from M. Christine Dwyer and Michael Huxtable in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the naming of the Library Reference Area and Reference Desk. This is the remainder of their gift. (See attached letter).

*I would recommend the City Council approve and accept a donation to the New Library Building Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the naming of the Library Reference Area and Reference Desk. Action on this matter should take place under Section VIII of the Agenda.*

5. **Acceptance of Donation from Morse Hill Trust to the New Library Building Fund.** Attached is a copy of a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Morse Hill Trust donating funds to the New Library Building Fund.

*I would recommend that the City Council approve and accept the donation to the New Library Building Fund as listed. Action on this matter should take place under Section VIII of the Agenda.*

6. **Acceptance of Donation from NorthEast Auctions by Ronald Bourgeault LLC to the Fire Department.** Attached is a copy of a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 from NorthEast Auctions by Ronald Bourgeault LLC donating funds to the Fire Department for the Station One Firefighters' Monument project. As I discussed with City Council members last week, Mr. Bourgeault's gift is conditioned on a match of \$10,000.00 from the City.

*I would recommend the City Council approve and accept the donation to the Fire Department for the Station One Firefighters' monument project as listed, and further, authorize the City Manager to expend \$10,000.00 from contingency to match this donation. Action on this matter will take place under Section VIII of the agenda.*

7. **Acceptance of Donation from M. Christine Dwyer to the Fire Department.** Attached is a copy of a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 and a letter from M. Christine Dwyer donating funds to the Fire Department for the Station One Firefighters' Monument project.

*I would recommend the City Council approve and accept the aforementioned donation to the Fire Department for the Station One Firefighters' monument project as listed. Action on this matter will take place under Section VIII of the agenda.*

8. **Acceptance of Donation to the Peirce Island Committee.** For your information, the Friends of the South End (FOSE) Steering Committee unanimously approved the



proposal to transfer \$1,400.00 to the Peirce Island Committee, part of the proceeds generated from this year's Fairy House Tour. The funds will be used to design and print a trail map and facilities flyer including regulations such as where and when dogs can be off leash, etc. This flyer will be available to visitors to Peirce Island and FOSE will be acknowledged as the contributors. The FOSE Steering Committee extends their sincere thanks to the City and the Trustees of the Trust for the use of the Island for the Fairy House Tour.

*I would recommend that the City Council approve and accept the donation to the Peirce Island Committee as listed. Action on this matter should take place under Section VIII of the Agenda.*

## ***Items Which Require Action Under Other Sections of the Agenda:***

### **1. Public Hearing/Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance Amendments:**

- 1.1 **Public Hearing/Second Reading of Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 – Zoning, Article III, Section 10-304(A) – Table 10 Dimensional Requirements of the Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth.** As a result of the November 13, 2006 City Council meeting, under Section VII of the agenda, I am bringing back for public hearing and second reading the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 10 – Zoning, Article III, Section 10-304(A) – table Dimensional Requirements of the Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth.

As you recall on October 23, 2006, the City Council met in a work session with the Planning Board to discuss various land use issues as it relates to the implementation of the City's new Master Plan. As a result of that discussion both Assistant Mayor Thomas Ferrini and Councilor Kenneth Smith requested that the City staff provide a zoning ordinance amendment that would have the effect of reducing the maximum height buildings in Central Business A from 50' to 40' (see attached ordinance and map under Section IX of the agenda).

*The City Council may want to consider the following options:*

- 1) *Vote to approve Second Reading on the ordinance as presented.*
- 2) *Table Second Reading and schedule a joint work session with the Planning Board to discuss any changes.*

### **2. Third and Final Reading of Proposed Ordinance Amendments:**

- 2.1 **Third and Final Reading of Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Article XV of the Ordinances by the Adoption of a New Section 10-1508 entitled Residential Density Incentive Planned Unit Development (RDI-PUD) Ordinance; Addition of Definitions to Article 1, Section 10-102A of the Zoning Ordinance.** As a result of the December 18<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, under Section IX of the agenda, I am bringing back for third and final reading

the attached proposed ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Article XV of the Ordinances by the Adoption of a New Section 10-1508 entitled Residential Density Incentive Planned Unit Development (RDI-PUD) Ordinance; and addition of Definitions to Article 1, Section 10-102A of the Zoning Ordinance.

As you will recall, at the November 13<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the Planning Board provided a report back regarding a rezoning request from The Housing Partnership. Specifically, the Planning Board recommended a Residential Density Incentive Planned Unit Development (RDI-PUD) Ordinance, which was drafted by the Planning Board and staff, working in conjunction with The Housing Partnership. The Council voted on November 13<sup>th</sup> to accept the Planning Board's report back on The Housing Partnership's rezoning request and moved to authorize the City Manager to bring the Residential Density Incentive Planned Unit Development (RDI-PUD) Ordinance back for first reading on December 4<sup>th</sup> (see attached ordinance under Section IX of the agenda).

The public hearing and seconding reading was conducted at the December 18<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and subsequently adopted.

*I would recommend the City Council move to pass third and final reading on the attached proposed Residential Density Incentive Planned Unit Development (RDI-PUD) Ordinance. Action on this item should take place under Section IX of the Agenda.*

3. **Letter from Temple Israel.** Attached, under Section XI of the agenda, is a letter from Mitch Manin, President of the Temple Israel Board of Directors, requesting a waiver of a portion of the building permit fee associated with their \$3 million dollar renovation.

*I would recommend the City Council move to refer this matter to City staff for a report back and recommendation.*

### ***Consent Agenda:***

1. **Acceptance of Donations to the Fire Department.** Attached are copies of checks donating funds to the Fire Department for the Station One Firefighters' Monument project:

- Susan R. Wallack, Property Management Account for \$300.00 in Memory of Ian Esperian
- Dennis M. Ryan for \$500.00

*I would recommend the City Council accept and approve the aforementioned donation to the Fire Department for the Station One Firefighters' monument project as listed. Action on this matter will take place under Section X of the agenda.*

2. **Acceptance of Donations to the New Library Building Fund.** Attached are copies of checks donating funds to the New Library Building Fund:

- RB Cole for \$25.00
- Colonial Management for \$25.00
- Roy W. & Ivan E. Helsel for \$25.00
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- Karen Bouffard for \$300.00

*I would recommend that the City Council approve and accept the donations to the New Library Building Fund as listed. Action on this matter should take place under Section X of the Agenda.*

### ***City Manager's Items Which Require Action:***

1. **Planning Board Report Back on the Request of The Housing Partnership for an Access Easement on Bedford Way.** At the Council meeting on March 6, 2006, the Council voted to refer a February 7, 2006 letter from Attorney Michael Donahue regarding a request for an access easement for property located on Bedford Way (see attached) to the Planning Board for a report back. The Planning Board subsequently considered the easement issue, along with a related zoning request, and reported back to the Council on both of these items. Additional background information on the easement request and the Planning Board's report back on same are provided below.

At the time Bethel Assembly of God leased the old Atlantic Heights school building, which is now occupied by the Portsmouth Housing Authority's Bedford Way senior housing project, the City granted an easement for a driveway to the building across City-owned land. The Portsmouth Housing Authority's Bedford Way senior housing project in Atlantic Heights now benefits from that easement. The PHA, which maintains the driveway to their senior housing complex, is the entity with the most interest in the status and use of the driveway. If The Housing Partnership's easement request is granted, the PHA and The Housing Partnership would have a shared easement across a 155.91-foot by 41.89-foot area of City-owned land on what is now known as Bedford Way, which is a private way. In addition, if the easement request were granted, The Housing Partnership would have an exclusive easement across a 68-foot by 60-foot area of City-owned land. Please see attached *Easement Plan* prepared by Ambit Engineering dated January 6, 2006, Revision 2 dated 8/17/06. Letters from the PHA regarding this matter are attached.

At their meeting of October 19, 2006, the Planning Board voted to favorably recommend The Housing Partnership's easement request with the following recommended stipulations:

1. That the Portsmouth Housing Authority endorses the joint use concept as proposed by this proposal for use in a workforce housing project;
2. If the PHA endorses this concept, that a Memorandum of Understanding should be prepared that formalizes their partnership in this matter in terms of future use/liability/ maintenance/etc.
3. That as the driveway would not be built to municipal standards that it is not to be accepted as a municipal street;
4. That the easement should be amended so as to include these matters and shall be approved as to content and form by the Legal Department; and,
5. That all necessary easements and related materials shall be recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

The Council voted at the November 13, 2006 meeting to postpone action and discussion on the Planning Board's report back until taking final action on The Housing Partnership's rezoning request.

*I would recommend the City Council authorize the City Attorney's Office to draft the appropriate legal documents for this easement and bring back at the January 22, 2007 City Council meeting for review and action.*

### ***Informational Items:***

1. **Reminder of Library Dedication.** Just a reminder, the Portsmouth Public Library dedication ceremonies for the New Library are on Sunday, January 7, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 175 Parrott Avenue.
2. **Report Back Re: Bicycle Friendly Communities.** As you recall, Councilor Ned Reynolds requested a report back regarding his memorandum of May 8, 2006 concerning the 2006 National Bike Summit and his recommendation to make Portsmouth a bicycle friendly community. Attached is a memorandum to the City Manager from Deb Finnigan, the City's Traffic Engineer, which will serve as the report back to City Council on this matter.
3. **Rebate from PSNH for New Library Project.** The City has received an energy rebate check in the amount of \$25,269.00 from Public Service of New Hampshire for the Energy Efficient fixtures that were installed at the new Library. The rebate was given as part of the PSNH Energy Efficiency Program.

As part of the design process a detailed energy model of the building was created. The design team worked with the electrical and the mechanical design contractors and then with PSNH to incorporate energy efficient upgrades to the various elements of the electrical and mechanical systems. The upgrades included: a high efficiency Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system; incorporating Variable Frequency

Drives (VFD's) to control a number of motors associated with the HVAC system; premium efficiency motors where applicable and high efficiency lighting fixtures and bulbs.

The energy model indicated that the overall energy consumption of the new library, as designed and constructed, will be 32% less than what would have been achieved using standard fixtures in the electrical, mechanical and building systems.

4. **Public Hearing Re: Community Development Block Grant.** For your information, attached is a copy of an agenda for a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., in Conference Room A, regarding the Community Development Block Grant.
  
5. **Notice of Public Listening Session Re: Dogs and Signage on Peirce Island.** For your information, attached is a copy of a Notice of a Public Listening Session scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., in the Levenson Room at the Portsmouth Public Library, to obtain public input regarding the use of Pierce Island by dogs and proposed signage on the island.