

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007

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

At 6:30 p.m., an Anticipated "Non-Meeting" with Counsel was held – RSA 91-A:2 I (c)

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

Mayor Marchand called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 in memory of former President Gerald Ford who recently passed away.

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

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

### **PROCLAMATION**

1. The Chase Home for Children – Kathleen McDermott

Councilor Grasso read the Proclamation in recognition of 130 years of service to the Community by The Chase Home for Children. Mayor Marchand presented the Proclamation to Ms. McDermott who accepted it with thanks and appreciation.

### **PRESENTATION**

1. FY06 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Annual Audit)

Scott McIntyre, Melanson Heath Company, provided the City Council with the FY06 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. He reported that the report is presented in three sections: introductory, financial and statistical. Mr. McIntyre advised the City Council that we have had an increase in net assets of \$6,283,850.00. He discussed the statistical information which provides trend information to help the reader understand how the government's financial performance and wellbeing have changed over time. In closing, Mr. McIntyre advised the City Council that this is a comprehensive document for their review.

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

Councilor Pantelakos moved to approve and accept the minutes of the December 18, 2006 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Whitehouse and voted.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**

Eric Anderson, Portsmouth Taxpayers Association, thanked Mayor Marchand and City Manager Bohenko for the response to the letter from the Taxpayers Association regarding contract renewals. He advised the City Council that the public wished to have more public engagement on contract renewals. He also requested that the public be informed on the process and how negotiations are proceeding for future contracts.

Bill St. Laurent, Portsmouth Taxpayers Association, spoke to the letter from the Taxpayers Association regarding contract renewals. He expressed concern with the City Council waiting until fall to start negotiations for the contracts. He also voiced concerns relative to the increase in retirement costs which are maintained by the State.

Mayor Marchand advised Mr. St. Laurent that the City Council has had a meeting with our Legislative Delegation recently and discussed concerns relative to the increase in pensions.

Richard Adams spoke in support of the reappointment of Duncan MacCallum to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He advised the City Council that the diversity of view points are desirable on boards and commissions. He encouraged the City Council to vote in favor of the reappointment of Mr. MacCallum.

Chris Mayeux spoke in support of the reappointment of Duncan MacCallum to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. She requested that the City Council take a roll call vote on the reappointment of Mr. MacCallum so that the public is aware of Councilors votes on this matter.

Lenore Weiss Bronson spoke in support of the reappointment of Duncan MacCallum to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. She discussed the five criteria's for granting variances. She said if Mr. MacCallum is not reappointed the Council would be depriving residents of a bright individual from serving on the Board. She said that Mr. MacCallum has fulfilled his duties to the Board honorably and should be reappointment. She also requested a roll call vote by the City Council on the reappointment.

Liz Bratter spoke opposed to the installation of brick sidewalks in the City. She advised the City Council that the sidewalks create hazards for pedestrians. She said that realistically brick sidewalks should not be installed in New England due to weather conditions. She also reported that brick gets wet like glass and does not dry as quickly as asphalt which creates another set of problems.

Maureen MacCallum spoke in support of the reappointment of Duncan MacCallum to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. She spoke to Mr. MacCallum's ability to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and advised the City Council that he serves on the Board to preserve the City and its historical character. She reported that Mr. MacCallum's decisions are made with great review and consideration and that he respects everyone's opinion but may not always agree with their opinion.

Catherine Keenan & Susanne Delaney spoke in support of the request of the Portsmouth Criterium to hold the annual Portsmouth Criterium Bike Race. Ms. Keenan and Ms. Delaney spoke to the increase in spectators last year and the success of the race.

Councilor Raynolds moved to suspend the rules in order to take up Item XI. 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. Seconded by Councilor Pantelakos and voted.

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Councilor Dwyer moved to refer to the City Manager with power. Seconded by Councilor Pantelakos and voted.

## **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

Mayor Marchand read the legal notice, declared the public hearing open and called for speakers.

City Manager Bohenko said that the height restriction was a result of discussions during a City Council Work Session held in October.

Assistant Mayor Ferrini advised the public that he would make a motion to recess the public hearing and table second reading for a joint work session with the Planning Board. He said that the ordinance specifically deals with height and that the City Council wants to get to the heart of the design and height in the downtown area. He also reported that a new version of the ordinance may come forward following the work session with the Planning Board.

Councilor Smith echoed the comments of Assistant Mayor Ferrini. He said that the residents do not want to wall off the downtown area. He said that this is an important issue and needs to be looked at separately from other rewrites of the ordinance.

Mayor Marchand read a memorandum from Planning Director Holden on behalf of the Planning Board regarding this matter. The letter indicated that on January 4, 2007 the Planning Board recommended holding a joint work session with the City Council on February 1, 2007 and requested that the City Council recess the public hearing regarding this matter.

Attorney Paul McEachern, representing 31 Raynes Avenue LLC, spoke against the adoption of the ordinance. He said he is pleased to know that this is the beginning of the process. He spoke to the ordinance dealing with the Central Business District and being the center of commercial activity. Attorney McEachern explained that the Central Business District is divided into two sections A and B and the only difference is the height limitations. He advised the City Council that it is counter productive to micro-manage height.

Chris Mayeux, Portsmouth resident, said that there are more stringent designations inside of the zoning that is waterfront business district and maybe that should be considered for the areas that are on the water like Raynes Avenue which would address height and mass at the same time. She said since there has been a building permit issued for the Herald Site if the Council pushes the decision out does that leave Raynes Avenue LLC open for a building permit. City Attorney Sullivan said from the time that the notice for a public hearing was issued from then onwards for a 120 day period under State law no building permit would be issued by the City that would call for construction that would not be consistent.

Bill St. Laurent, Portsmouth resident, commended the City Councilors that brought this matter forward. He said that a 50-foot building could be as obstructive as a 60-foot building. He advised the City Council that he would like to see more public comment on this matter. Mr. St. Laurent said it is important for the City Council to control the structures in the downtown.

Tom Nies, Portsmouth resident, said he is concerned with the City Council announcing at the beginning of the public hearing that the hearing would be recessed and second reading tabled before public comment was provided. He requested that the City Council provide a clear message as to what they are looking for in terms of amendments to the ordinance. Mr. Nies said he would like to see a height limit of 50 feet for buildings. He expressed concern that developers would lock in pieces of the ordinance that they are in favor of controlling and in the areas of their interest.

Lisa DeStefano, Portsmouth resident, reported that taxpayers have hired a consultant to analyze the zoning. She said she has read the zoning audit to date and said it has a lot of really wonderful things in it and she is hoping that if it has not been read in its entirety that the City Council takes time to read it and have it fresh in their minds for the joint work session with the Planning Board. She said the zoning ordinance has a great deal of positive things we could be working off of understanding that the ultimate goal maybe the bigger picture of the pedestrian experience.

Anthony DeLorenzo, Portsmouth resident, spoke concerned with the height of buildings in the downtown area. He said that the ordinance would require anyone wishing to make changes to their building to obtain a variance. Mr. DeLorenzo advised the City Council that the Raynes Avenue area needs to be developed and updated. He also said he does not feel that 40 feet to 50 feet makes a big difference.

Liz Bratter, Portsmouth resident, spoke concerned with the alley ways being created by the development of the area. She expressed concern with the closeness of the building and security of the area. Ms. Bratter advised the City Council that the issue of parking needs to be addressed.

Steve McHenry, Portsmouth resident, spoke in opposition to the ordinance. He advised the City Council that it makes for bad precedence with architecture and that developers will expand out rather than up. Mr. McHenry spoke to the importance of creating proportional areas.

Tom Nies, Portsmouth resident, urged the City Council to consider some kind of notice action in the ordinance to mitigate some of these changes.

Steve McHenry, Portsmouth resident, said that sustainable building is not going away, good urban design and good City living is what we value in the City. He advised the City Council that this change could contribute to sprawl.

After three calls there were no remaining speakers.

Assistant Mayor Ferrini moved to continue the public hearing and table second reading and schedule a joint work session with the Planning Board on February 1, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Seconded by Councilor Smith and voted.

At 9:15 p.m., Mayor Marchand declared a brief recess. At 9:30 p.m., Mayor Marchand called the meeting back to order.

Assistant Mayor Ferrini moved to suspend the rules in order to take up Item XI. C. - Letter from James Petersen, Tidewater School, expressing Tidewater's interest in the sustainable reuse of the Lafayette School as an elementary school. Seconded by Councilor Pantelakos and voted.

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Councilor Dwyer moved to refer to the City Manager to forward the letter onto the Building Re-use Committee for review and report back. Seconded by Councilor Smith.

Councilor Dwyer said that the Building Re-use Committee could schedule a listening session much like what is being done for the old Library.

Motion passed.

## VIII. APPROVAL OF GRANTS AND DONATIONS

### A. Acceptance of 2007 Source Water Protection Grant

Councilor Whitehouse moved 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. Seconded by Councilor Grasso and voted.

### 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

Councilor Hynes moved to 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. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer and voted.

### 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*)

Councilor Grasso moved to approve and accept a donation to the New Library Building Fund for the naming of the Periodicals Room, as listed. Seconded by Councilor Smith and voted.

### 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*)

Councilor Hynes moved to approve and accept a donation to the New Library Building Fund for the naming of the Library Reference Area and Reference Desk, as listed. Seconded by Councilor Grasso and voted.

### E. Acceptance of Donation to the New Library Building Fund from the Morse Hill Trust in the amount of \$1,000.00

Councilor Grasso moved to approve and accept the donation to the New Library Building Fund, as listed. Seconded by Councilor Smith and voted.

- 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

Councilor Smith moved to 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. Seconded by Councilor Grasso and voted.

- 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

Councilor Grasso moved to approve and accept the donation to the Fire Department for the Station One Firefighters' monument project, as listed. Seconded by Councilor Smith and voted.

Fire Chief LeClaire acknowledged and expressed his sincere thanks to those individuals that have generously donated to the Fire Department for the Station One Firefighters' Monument project.

- H. Acceptance of Donation to the Peirce Island Committee in the amount of \$1,400.00

Councilor Grasso moved to approve and accept the donation to the Peirce Island Committee, as listed. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer and voted.

City Manager Bohenko reported that 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.

## **IX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

- 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

Councilor Grasso moved to pass third and final reading of the proposed Residential Density Incentive Planned Unit Development (RDI-PUD) Ordinance. Seconded by Councilor Pantelakos.

Councilor Smith thanked City Attorney Sullivan and City Manager Bohenko for the information provided in the packet relative to the ordinance.

Motion passed.

**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. (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)

Assistant Mayor Ferrini moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilor Smith and voted.

Councilor Grasso said on behalf of the City Council she would like to recognize the generosity of people of the City. She said it is amazing how people have put their heart and soul into the community.

Mayor Marchand said that the depth of generosity represents the commitment to community.

## **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

City Manager Bohenko advised the City Council that he would be recusing himself from this matter.

Councilor Pantelakos moved to refer this matter to City staff for a report back and recommendation at the January 22, 2007 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Whitehouse.

Councilor Dwyer suggested the creation of a policy to deal with these types of requests. City Manager Bohenko advised the City Council that he would have Deputy City Manager Hayden work on this report.

Motion passed.

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

### **A. CITY MANAGER**

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

City Manager Bohenko reviewed the report back from the Planning Board on this request. He reported 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:

- A. That the Portsmouth Housing Authority endorses the joint use concept as proposed by this proposal for use in a workforce housing project;
- B. 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.
- C. That as the driveway would not be built to municipal standards that it is not to be accepted as a municipal street;
- D. 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,
- E. That all necessary easements and related materials shall be recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

City Manager Bohenko recommended bringing the easement back to the City Council at the January 22, 2007 meeting for review and action.

Councilor Pantelakos moved to 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. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer.

Councilor Grasso asked who would be responsible for maintaining the street. City Attorney Sullivan advised the City Council that this issue would be resolved through the agreement. He also reported that unless The Housing Partnership project moves forward the easement would not be issued.

Councilor Dwyer said that at the last City Council meeting the Portsmouth Housing Authority indicated that they had no concerns with the easement.

Motion passed.

### City Manager's Informational Items

#### 2. Report Back Re: Bicycle Friendly Communities

City Manager said that this is a comprehensive report back as requested by Councilor Raynolds relative to bicycle friendly communities.

Councilor Smith said he heard that there was a movement by Mr. Green at the Pease Development Authority to put a casino at the Port or the Tradeport and requested that City Manager Bohenko look into this matter.

Councilor Pantelakos said that these are rumors. She advised Councilor Smith that the State of New Hampshire would need to pass a gambling law to allow for a casino.

City Manager Bohenko advised Councilor Smith that he would ask Mr. Green.

Councilor Raynolds thanked City Manager Bohenko and Traffic Engineer Finnigan for the thorough report on the bicycle friendly communities. Councilor Raynolds said he looks forward to moving this matter along to future meetings.

**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 Committee

The City Council considered the appointment of John R. Howe to the Traffic & Safety Committee, the appointment of Richard G. Adams as an alternate to the Conservation Commission and the appointment of Richard Smith to the Peirce Island Committee. The City Council will vote on these appointments at the January 22, 2007 City Council meeting.

Councilor Whitehouse moved to suspend the rules in order to take action on the appointment of Richard Smith to the Peirce Island Committee. This motion received no second.

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*)

Councilor Whitehouse moved to appoint Jody Record to the Board of Library Trustees until October 1, 2009. Ms. Record is filling the expired term of Suzanne Foley. Seconded by Councilor Hynes and voted.

Councilor Whitehouse moved to appoint Megan Tehan to the Board of Library Trustees until October 1, 2009. Ms. Tehan is filling the expired term of Dana Levenson. Seconded by Councilor Hynes and voted.

Councilor Hynes moved to appoint Paige Roberts as a regular member to the Planning Board until December 31, 2009. Ms. Roberts is filling the expired term of George Savramis. Seconded by Councilor Dwyer and voted.

Councilor Grasso moved to appoint Christine Lukacz to the Portsmouth Housing Endowment Fund Advisory Board until June 1, 2009. Ms. Lukacz is filling the expired term of Linda Browning. Seconded by Councilor Pantelakos and voted.

Councilor Pantelakos moved to appoint Charles LeMay as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment until December 1, 2008. Mr. LeMay is filling the unexpired term of Henry Sanders who was appointed as a regular member. Seconded by Councilor Smith and voted.

Councilor Hynes moved to appoint Henry Sanders as a regular member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment until December 1, 2011. Mr. Sanders is filling the expired term of Steven Berg. Seconded by Councilor Pantelakos and voted.

Councilor Pantelakos moved to appoint Carol Eaton as a regular member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment until December 1, 2011. Ms. Eaton is filling the expired term of Robert Marchewka. Seconded by Councilor Hynes and voted.

Councilor Smith moved to remove from the table Duncan MacCallum's application to the Zoning Board of Adjustment which was tabled at the December 18, 2006 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Whitehouse and voted.

Councilor Smith moved to table the appointment of Duncan MacCallum until the February 12, 2007 City Council meeting for further information. Seconded by Councilor Pantelakos and voted. Assistant Mayor Ferrini and Mayor Marchand voted opposed.

### **C. COUNCILOR SMITH**

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

Councilor Smith moved to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the December 14, 2006 Traffic & Safety Committee meeting. Seconded by Councilor Whitehouse and voted.

2. Parking Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the December 21, 2006 meeting

Councilor Smith moved to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the December 21, 2006 Parking Committee meeting. Seconded by Councilor Hynes.

Councilor Smith advised the City Council that the Committee is looking at establishing a \$3.00 flat rate for Music Hall events when deemed necessary to facilitate smooth exit from the parking garage at the conclusion of the event.

City Manager Bohenko reported that we have established such flat rates for events such as Market Square Day and First Night.

Motion passed.

### **XIII. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Councilor Dwyer expressed concern with taking individual pieces out of the zoning code and slowing down the process further. She advised the City Council that she would like to see the Planning Board holding work sessions prior to the drafting of a proposed ordinance as to not take away time from the Planning Consultant. She reported that we only have ten months remaining to complete the code.

Councilor Smith said he agrees with Councilor Dwyer but not completely. He said that there are issues that are of concern. He spoke to the Northern Tier and that it may be the next area to be developed.

Councilor Pantelakos announced that a Public Listening Session is 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 Peirce Island by dogs and proposed signage on the island.

Councilor Smith announced that the first Listening Session for the old library would be held tomorrow evening at the Library.

Councilor Whitehouse expressed concern with the large amount of paper work contained in the packet, specifically the report back regarding bicycle friendly communities.

Councilor Grasso announced that the Joint School Advisory Committee would be meeting on January 10, 2007 and receiving public comment on the Portsmouth Middle School. She advised the City Council that the meeting will be held at the Portsmouth Middle School.

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

At 10:20 p.m., Councilor Whitehouse moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Pantelakos and voted.



Kelli L. Barnaby, CMC  
City Clerk