

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: DIANNE M. KIRBY, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 26, 2009, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR FERRINI, COUNCILORS NOVELLINE CLAYBURGH, DWYER, SMITH, KENNEDY, SPEAR, HEJTMANEK AND PANTELAKOS

ABSENT: ASSISTANT MAYOR BLALOCK

1. At 5:30 p.m., a Work Session regarding Legislative Delegation was held.
2. At 6:15 p.m., a Work Session regarding Blue Ribbon Committee on Housing was held.
3. Mayor's Awards – Portsmouth Police Explorer Cadets Re: Ice Storm – Mayor's Awards were presented by Mayor Ferrini to Kyle Brake, Andrew Jones, Bryan Jowett, Amanda Patterson, Alison Rahn, Micah Beringer, Chris Lalos, and Chris Matheson for their assistance during the recent ice storm.
4. Mayor's Awards – Recognition of Businesses that Supported the Portsmouth Holiday Parade – Mayor's Awards were presented to King Weinstein, Stephen Stapinski, Allegra Printing, Regal Limousine, and Ralph Cresta owner of National Wrecker for their support of the Portsmouth Holiday Parade.
5. Acceptance of Minutes – January 12, 2009 - Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the January 12, 2009 City Council meeting.
6. Public Comment Session – There was one speaker: Bill St Laurent (FY2010 Budget).
7. Public Hearing – Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue of up to Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) for FY09 Citywide Facilities, Streets and Sidewalks – Held a public hearing. Voted to adopt a bonding resolution for up to three million five hundred thousand (\$3,500,000.00) for FY09 citywide facilities, streets and sidewalks.
8. Acceptance of Grant from the State of New Hampshire in the amount of \$8,000.00 to assist with the development of a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) database – Voted to authorize the City Manager to accept and expend an \$8,000.00 grant from the State of New Hampshire to initiate the development of a Medical Reserve Corps database.
9. First Reading of Resolution Increasing the Maximum Income Limit for Individuals Qualifying for the Elderly Real Estate Tax Exemption to \$32,589.00 for single and \$40,201.00 for married and total assets may not exceed \$108,634.00 whether single or married – Voted to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and adoption of the Resolution for Elderly Exemptions, as submitted, at the February 9, 2009 City Council meeting.

10. First Reading of Resolution Increasing the Maximum Income Limit for Individuals Qualifying for the Disabled Real Estate Tax Exemption to \$32,589.00 for single and \$40,201.00 for married and total assets may not exceed \$108,634.00 whether single or married – Voted to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and adoption of the Resolution for Disabled Exemptions, as submitted, at the February 9, 2009 City Council meeting.
11. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Article III, Section 7.344 – Use of Roller Skates, Coasters, and Skate Boards - Voted to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading of the proposed ordinance amendment, as submitted, at the February 9, 2009 City Council meeting.
12. Third and Final reading of Amendments to Chapter 7 – Vehicles, Traffic Parking Omnibus Ordinances - Voted to pass third and final reading for the proposed changes to Chapter 7 of the Vehicles, Traffic Parking Omnibus Ordinances, as recommended by the Parking Committee.
13. Third and Final reading of Amendment to Chapter 7, Article VI, Section 7.604 – Truck Loading/Unloading Zones – Commercial Loading Zone Permits - Voted to pass third and final reading for the proposed changes to Chapter 7 of the Ordinances, as recommended by the Parking Committee.
14. Consent Agenda - Voted to adopt the Consent Agenda
 - A. Acceptance of Donation to the Coalition Legal Fund
 - Town of New Castle - \$500.00

(Anticipated action – move to approve and accept the donation, as listed, to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund)
 - B. Letter from Anna Moskov, Director of Special Events, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation requesting permission to hold the 2009 Seacoast Safari for CF on Saturday, July 18, 2009. ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***
 - C. Letter from Kelly Sicard, Breathe New Hampshire requesting permission to hold the 24th annual Seacoast Bike Tour on May 16 & 17, 2009. ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***
 - D. Request from Danielle H. Philbrook, Siren 49 Hair Studio requesting permission for a Sidewalk Obstruction License to place 1 A-frame sign in front of establishment ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***
15. Letter from Midge Nelson, Rotary Club of Portsmouth Sunrise requesting permission to hold a Road Race on Thanksgiving Day, 2009 – Voted refer to the City Manager with power.

16. Letter from James G. Noucas and John Tabor, Co-Chairmen, Portsmouth Listens Steering Committee requesting permission to hold the 2nd Annual Sustainability Fair on May 16, 2009 - Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.

17. Request for License Agreement Re: 22-26 Market Street – Voted to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a Lease Agreement with LBJ Properties and Stolz & Ehre for purposes of facilitating construction activities at 22-26 Market Street.

18. Appointments to be Considered – The City Council considered the following appointments which will be voted on by the City Council at the February 9, 2009 meeting.

- Donald Coker – Reappointment to Planning Board
- Charles Bradley – Portsmouth Housing Authority

19. Request to Establish a First Reading Re: Revised Ordinance Recreation, Parks and Open Space Board – Moved to bring back Ordinance for First Reading at the February 9, 2009 City Council meeting.

Motion to postpone first reading and hold a work session *failed* to pass. Councilors Novelline Clayburgh and Kennedy voted in favor. Councilors Dwyer, Smith, Spear, Hejtmanek, Pantelakos and Mayor Ferrini voted opposed.

Voted to amend the motion to bring ordinance back for first reading at the February 9, 2009 City Council meeting and schedule a work session for March 16, 2009 with the Public Hearing on April 6, 2009.

Main motion passed as amended.

20. Blue Ribbon Committee on Housing Report (not on the agenda) – Voted to accept the Blue Ribbon Committee on Housing Report Findings and Recommendations.

21. Establishment of Housing Trust Fund (not on the agenda) – Voted to establish a Housing Trust Fund with a report back from the City Staff on March 2, 2009.

22. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the January 8, 2009 meeting – Voted to approve and accept Items 1, 3, and 4 of the action sheet and minutes of the January 8, 2009 Traffic & Safety meeting. Councilor Kennedy abstained from voting.

Voted to approve and accept Item 2 of the action sheet and minutes of the January 8, 2009 Traffic & Safety meeting. Councilor Kennedy abstained from voting.

23. Parking Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the January 8, 2009 meeting - Voted to approve and accept Items 1, 2, and 3 of the action sheet and minutes of the January 8, 2009 Parking Committee meeting.

Voted to approve and accept Item 4 of the action sheet and minutes of the January 8, 2009 Parking Committee meeting. Councilor Kennedy voted opposed.

24. Letter of Support Re: Timberland's move to Portsmouth – Voted to have the Mayor write a letter of welcome to the Timberland Corporation and encourage them to move their Headquarters to Portsmouth.

25. Establishment of a Legislative Committee (not on the agenda) – Mayor Ferrini announced that he; Councilors Dwyer, Smith and Spear will serve on the Legislative Committee.

26. Taxi Parking Space in Market Street (not on the agenda) – Voted to refer to the Parking Committee to re-evaluate the safety issues and report back.

27. Taxi Commission Ordinance Change – Voted to refer to the Fee Committee for a report back.

28. Adjournment – At 8:35 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dianne M. Kirby, Deputy City Clerk