

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: VALERIE A. FRENCH, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2010, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR FERRINI, ASSISTANT MAYOR NOVELLINE CLAYBURGH, COUNCILORS LISTER, HEJTMANEK, SPEAR, DWYER, COVIELLO, KENNEDY AND SMITH.

1. At 6:00 p.m., a Work Session was held with the Portsmouth Housing Authority regarding potential Parking Garage Locations.
2. Presentation – Report Back from Economic Development Commission (EDC) Re: Flags – Josh Cyr, EDC Representative gave a reported on the policy recommendation developed by the EDC subcommittee regarding flags.
3. Presentation – Community Child Care Center Update on Activities – Deb Stokel – Co-Operations Manager – gave a report of the economic impact recent State budget reductions are having on low to moderate income families assistance for child care.
4. Acceptance of Minutes – December 21, 2009 – Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the December 21, 2009 City Council meeting.
5. Public Comment Session – There were four speakers: Michael De La Cruz (Worth Parking Lot); Skye Maher and Bert Cohen (Sustainable Portsmouth); and John McMaster (Parking Impact Fee).
6. Acceptance of Donations to the New Library Building Fund
 - Phyllis Eldridge - \$1,500.00 (*Fulfills contribution*)

Voted to approve and accept the donations to the New Library Building Fund, as listed.

7. Acceptance of Donations to the Coalition Legal Fund
 - Town of Carroll - \$1,000.00
 - Town of Newington - \$1,000.00

Voted to approve and accept the donations to the Coalition Legal Fund, as listed.

8. Acceptance of Donation Re: Bench in Memory of Mark “Smitty” Smith
- Ronald and Carol Smith - \$1,200.00

Voted to approve and accept the donation for a bench in memory of Mark “Smitty” Smith, as listed.

9. 2010 Coastal Program Grant Application - Voted to authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept and expend a \$40,000 grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services’ Coastal Program for the purpose of funding a portion of the acquisition costs of the 107-acre Stokel property on Peverly Hill Road/Route 33 for recreation and conservation purposes.
10. First Reading of Amendments to Chapter 7 – Vehicles, Traffic Parking Omnibus Ordinances. - Voted to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading of the proposed ordinance amendment, as submitted, at the February 1, 2010 City Council meeting.
11. First Reading of Chapter 6, Article XIII, Section 6.1307 – Prohibited Conduct – Vendor from Motor Vehicle - Voted to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading of the proposed ordinance amendment, as submitted, at the February 1, 2010 City Council meeting.
12. Consent Agenda – Voted to adopt the Consent Agenda.

- A. Acceptance of Donations to Portsmouth Fire Department for the Kearsarge restoration project
- Jack & Pamela Blalock - \$200.00
 - Dos Amigos Burritos, LLC - \$250.00
 - JJFC, Inc. dba Jumpin Jay’s Fish Café - \$250.00
 - Northeast Auctions by Ronald Bourgeault, LLC - \$1,000.00
- (Anticipated action – move to approve and accept the donations to the Fire Department, as listed)***
- B. Acceptance of Donations for Art-Speak
- Nicholas & Lea Aeschilman - \$25.00
 - Brown & Company - \$50.00
 - Ellen Fineberg - \$150.00
 - Chris Greiner \$40.00
 - Jane James - \$100.00
 - Dana & Shaula Levenson - \$100.00
 - Patricia Lynch & Kent Stephens - \$50.00

- Marple & James - \$200.00
- NH Charitable Foundation, Josephine Lamprey Fund - \$250.00
- Michael Warhurst - \$25.00

(Anticipated action – move to accept and approve the donations to Art-Speak for operations, as presented)

C. Acceptance of Donation for Art-Speak for Overnight Art

- Martin Hill Inn - \$200.00

(Anticipated action – move to accept and approve the donation to Art-Speak for Overnight Art, as presented)

D. Letters from Anna Moskov, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, requesting permission to hold the Annual Seacoast Safari for CF on Saturday, July 17, 2010 and Sunday, July 18, 2010 and further request the use of Peirce Island as a rest stop for the event ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***

E. Letter from Kelly Sicard, Breathe New Hampshire, requesting permission to hold the 25th annual Seacoast Bike Tour on Saturday, May 15, 2010 and Sunday, May 16, 2010 ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***

F. Letter from Kathie Lynch, Portsmouth Little League, Inc., requesting approval for temporary signage to be located at the Plains and Hislop Park baseball fields during the 2010 baseball season and further permission to maintain signage to the rear of the Plains scoreboard ***(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)***

13. Letter from Attorney Robert Shaines regarding Parking Impact Fee for property located at 121 Congress Street – Voted to refer to the Planning Board for a report back.

14. Elderly and Disabled Exemptions – Voted to authorize the City Manager to bring back for first reading at the February 1, 2010 City Council Meeting the proposed resolutions as presented.

15. Proposed Bonding Re: Citywide and School Facilities

a. Resolution for bond authorization of up to \$1,800,000.00 for FY10 Citywide Improvements:

Voted to authorize the City Manager to bring back for first reading a Bond Resolution for Citywide Improvements in the amount up to \$1,800,000 at the February 1, 2010 City Council.

b. Resolution for bond authorization of up to \$500,000.00 for School Facilities Improvements.

Voted to authorize the City Manager to bring back for first reading a Bond Resolution for School Facilities Improvements in the amount of up to \$500,000.00 at the February 1, 2010 City Council Meeting.

16. Lafayette Road Fire Station Easement and Agreement - Voted to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an easement and maintenance agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation in substantial conformance with those provided.
17. Request to Establish City Council Work Session for January 25, 2010 Re: Continuing Care Retirement Community Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Voted to establish a joint Work Session with the Planning Board on January 25, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) zoning provisions.
18. Request to Establish a City Council Work Session Re: Goal Setting – Voted to establish a City Council Work Session regarding Goal Setting on February 5, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Levinson Room, Portsmouth Public Library.
19. Request to Establish a City Council Work Session for February 1, 2010 Re: Committee on Sustainable Practices – Voted to establish a Work Session on February 1, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the recommendations of the Committee on Sustainable Practices.
20. Motor Vehicle Municipal Agent – Voted to appoint Kristin Regis as the Motor Vehicle Municipal Agent for the City of Portsmouth.
21. Ratification of City Council Policies – Voted to ratify Council Policies 2009-01 through 2009-06 with no further revisions.
22. Charter Commission – In accordance with City Charter provision Section 1.8, Future Charter Commission Questions, Council consensus was to add this as an item of discussion at the February 5, 2010 City Council Goal Setting Session.
23. Proposed City Council Policy Re: Action Plan and Goals for each City Council Committee– Council consensus was to add this proposal as an item of discussion at the February 5, 2010 City Council Goal Setting Session.
24. Adjournment – At 8:30 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Valerie A. French,
Deputy City Clerk I