

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 OCTOBER 18, 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

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1. Proclamation – Councilor Lister read and presented a proclamation to USS Virginia Commander, Captain Tim Salter and Master Chief Machinist Mate Chad Schultz who will be in the community during the 14 month work period at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. They accepted the proclamation and gifts from Mayor Ferrini with thanks and appreciation and presented Mayor Ferrini with a USS Virginia ball cap.
 2. Acceptance of Minutes – October 4, 2010 - Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the October 4, 2010 City Council meeting.
 3. Public Comment Session – There were 9 speakers: Bill St. Laurent, Erik Anderson, Gloria Guyette, Sharon Churchill, Kirsten Cunningham, Hollis Brodrick, Buzzy Dodge, Paige Trace and Jim Kelly (Assessments).
 4. Acceptance of Primex Grant for Safety Equipment in the amount of \$10,000.00 - Voted to approve and accept the Primex Grant for safety equipment, as presented.
 5. First Reading on Proposed Bonding Resolution of up to Six Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,400,000) for Capital Improvement Projects identified in FY 2011 Budget. – Voted to pass first reading and bring back for a public hearing and adoption of the proposed Resolution, as presented, at the November 8th City Council Meeting.
 6. First Reading on Proposed Bonding Resolution for the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for Lease Purchase to Replace Fire Engine Number 6. – Voted to pass the first reading and bring back for a public hearing and adoption of the proposed Resolution, as presented, at the November 8th City Council Meeting.
 7. First Reading on Proposed Ordinance amending the City Ordinances, Chapter 1, Article IV, Section 1.404(A)(1) – Commissions and Authorities, Historic District Commission Membership. – Voted to pass first reading and schedule second reading and a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance, as presented, at the November 8th City Council Meeting.

8. Third and Final Reading of Proposed Ordinance amending the City Ordinances, Chapter 10 – Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Section 10.420 – District Location and Boundaries and the Zoning Map (Rezoning of Former Fire Station 2). - Voted to pass third and final reading of the proposed Ordinance and Map, as presented.
9. Third and Final Reading of Proposed Ordinance amending the City Ordinances, Chapter 10 – Zoning Ordinance, Article 4 and 5.– Voted to pass third and final reading of the proposed Ordinance as presented.
10. Consent Agenda – Voted to adopt the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Letter from Kelly Sicard, Breathe New Hampshire, requesting to hold 26th annual Seacoast Bike Tour on May 14 and 15, 2011. ***(Anticipated Action – move to refer to the City Manager with power.)***
 - B. Acceptance of Donation in the amount of \$25.00 for Peirce Island Committee from Joanne Angier Revocable Trust. ***(Anticipated Action – move to approve and accept the donation to the Peirce Island Committee as presented.)***
 - C. Acceptance of Donation for Art-Speak for Overnight Arts Sponsorship from Nahcotta Gallery in the amount of \$100.00. ***(Anticipated Action – move to accept and approve the donation to Art-speak for Overnight Art Sponsorship, as presented.)***
 - D. Letter from Patti Hanley McCabe, Arthritis Foundation, requesting to hold the Portsmouth Jingle Bell Run and Walk on November 20, 2010. ***(Anticipated Action – move to refer to the City Manager with power.)***
11. Letter from Jeffrey H. Marple, USS Virginia Blue Ribbon Host Committee, requesting permission to place banner between 254 State Street and the Rusty Hammer Building at 49 Pleasant Street – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
12. Letter from Will Abbott, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests regarding loop trail linking Creek Farm with the Wentworth-Coolidge Estate - Voted to refer to the Conservation Commission for a report back.
13. Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Driscoll requesting the Relocation of the Farmers Market – Voted to accept and place the letter on file.
14. Request for License Agreement Re: 337 Pleasant Street – Voted to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a license with Nick Gray Builders, LLC to facilitate construction activities at 337 Pleasant Street.

15. Appointments to be Considered: The City Council Considered the following appointments which will be voted at the November 8th City Council Meeting.

- Paul Ford – Taxi Commission (Taxi Company Representative)
- Lisa Destefano – Economic Development Commission (Reappointment)
- Dana Levenson – Economic Development Commission (Reappointment)
- Joshua Cyr – Economic Development Commission (Reappointment)

16. Appointments to be Voted – Voted to appoint the following individual:

- William Gladhill – Historic District Commission (Planning Board Representative)

17. Councilor Kennedy Report Re: Assessments of Portsmouth – Councilor Kennedy distributed a compilation of information regarding the City of Portsmouth Assessments. City Assessor Rosann Lentz and Steve Hamilton, Director of Appraisers Division at the State Department of Revenue, answered various questions by the City Council.

18. Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business – Councilor Smith asked for a list of properties that pay “in lieu of” taxes and non-profit properties as well as policy information regarding bonding items versus municipal loans. Councilor Kennedy asked for discussion to be held regarding possible legislative solutions to provide relief to the elderly and new families regarding assessments. *These items will be added to the upcoming Council Retreat agenda.*

19. Adjournment – At 8:50 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Valerie A. French
Deputy City Clerk I