

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK

RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESENT: MAYOR LISTER, ASSISTANT MAYOR SPLAINE, COUNCILORS SHAHEEN KENNEDY, LOWN, DWYER, MORGAN, SPEAR AND THORSEN

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1. At 6:15 p.m., a Work Session was held regarding Abandoned/Derelict Buildings.
2. NH Division 1 Girls Alpine Skiing State Champions – Mayor Lister presented plaques to the team and coaches along with a gift bag in recognition of being the Girl Alpine Skiing State Champions.
3. NH Division 2 Boys Winter Track State Champions – Mayor Lister presented plaques to the team and coaches along with a gift bag in recognition of being the Boys Winter Track State Champions.
4. Presentation - Haven Well Contamination Blood Testing – Rick Cricenti, Director Emergency Services Unit, NH Department of Health and Human Services – Mr. Cricenti reviewed and presented the NH Department of Health and Human Services Fact Sheet regarding Perfluorinated Chemicals (PFCs). He discussed the testing that will occur and the age ranges. He reported any one that has worked or was enrolled at the day care center for a year prior to the discovery of the contamination from May 2014 will be tested.
5. Acceptance of Minutes – March 2, 2015 – **Voted** to approve and accept the minutes of the March 2, 2015 City Council meeting.
6. Public Comment Session – There were 7 speakers: Jerry Zelin (Casinos); Doug Roberts (PS 21 Events); Patricia Bagley (Traffic); Rick Becksted; Mark Brighton, Susan Denenberg (Parking Garage); and Paul Mannle (Comment).
7. Public Hearing - Resolution Appropriating the sum of One Million Four Hundred Seventeen Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$1,417,897.12) for Expenses relating to Municipal Complex Improvements (A two-thirds vote of the Council is required for Adoption) – Held a Public Hearing. On a unanimous Roll Call 9-0, **Voted** to adopt a Resolution Appropriating the Sum of One Million Four Hundred Seventeen Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$1,417,897.12 ) for Expenses Relating to Municipal Complex Improvements.
8. Public Hearing - Resolution Appropriating the sum of Four Hundred Twelve Thousand, One Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$412,161.92) for Expenses relating to Madbury Well Upgrades (A two-thirds vote of the Council is required for Adoption) – Held a Public Hearing. On a unanimous voice vote 9-0, **Voted** to adopt a Resolution Appropriating the sum of Four Hundred Twelve Thousand, One Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$412,161.92) for Expenses relating to Madbury Well Upgrades.

9. Public Hearing - Resolution Appropriating the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred Eleven Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$136,311.39) for Expenses relating to McDonough Street Area Sewer Line Replacement (A two-thirds vote of the Council is required for Adoption) – Held a Public Hearing. On a unanimous voice vote 9-0, **Voted** to adopt the Resolution Appropriating the Sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred Eleven Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$136,311.39) for Expenses Relating to McDonough Street Area Sewer Line Replacement.

10. Public Hearing - Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article II – Taxicabs to be deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Article II entitled – Transportation Services – Held a Public Hearing.

**Voted** to suspend the rules in order to take up Item IX. C. – Second reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article II – Taxicabs to be deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Article II entitled – Transportation Services.

**Voted** to postpone second reading of the ordinance until the April 6, 2015 City Council meeting and to suspend the renewal fees for current taxi owners.

11. Public Hearing - Ordinance the Zoning Map by rezoning the following lots from Industrial (I), Office Research (OR) or Municipal (M) to Gateway (GW):

- Assessors Map 163, Lots 33, 34 and 37;
  - Assessors Map 165, Lots 1, 2 and 14;
  - Assessors Map 172, Lots 1 and 2;
  - Assessors Map 173, Lots 2 and 10;
- and including Cate Street between Hodgson’s Brook and Bartlett Street; and amending the Zoning Ordinance as follows:
- Article 7, Section 10.730 – Gateway Planned Development:
    - Amend Section 10.734.20 – Lot Requirements, by establishing front yard standards relative to streets other than Lafayette Road;
    - Amend Section 10.734.33 by modifying the maximum building height standards;
    - Insert a new Section 10.734.40 – Workforce Housing Incentives, to allow increased building height and building length, and to allow parking to be located in a required front yard or between a principal building and a street, for a Gateway Planned Development that contains 10% or greater workforce housing units.
  - Article 15 – Definitions:
    - Amend Section 10.1530 – Terms of General Applicability, by inserting definitions of “workforce housing” and “workforce housing unit.”

Held a Public Hearing. Mayor Lister announced that the Public Hearing will remain open until the May 18, 2015 City Council meeting.

The City Council by consensus referred the ordinance to the Planning Board.

12. **Voted** to suspend the rules in order to continue the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m.

13. At 10:00 p.m., Mayor Lister declared a brief recess. Mayor Lister called the meeting back to order at 10:15 p.m.
14. First reading of Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of up to Twenty Three Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$23,200,000.00) for the Construction of a New Parking Facility **Voted** to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and adoption of the Resolution at the April 20, 2015 City Council meeting. Councilor Kennedy voted opposed.
15. First reading of Resolution Authorizing a Bond Issue and/or Notes of up to Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) for Costs related to Elementary School Facility Improvements – **Voted** to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and adoption of the Resolution at the April 6, 2015 City Council meeting.
16. Consent Agenda – **Voted** to adopt the Consent Agenda.
- A. 2015 Omnibus Sidewalk Obstruction Renewals – See Attached Listings (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)
  - B. Letter from Christina O’Grady, American Lung Association, requesting permission to hold the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual American Lung Association Cycle the Seacoast ride on Sunday, May 3, 2015 (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)
  - C. Letter from Kathie Lynch, President of Portsmouth Little League, Inc., requesting permission to affix temporary signage to be located at the Plains and Hislop Park baseball fields during the 2015 baseball season from April 11<sup>th</sup> through the end of the fall ball program, in addition, maintain signage to the rear of the Plains scoreboard (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)
  - D. Letter from Robert Sutherland, Secretary of St. John’s Lodge No 1 requesting permission to hold the annual 5k on Sunday, April 11, 2015. (***Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power***)
17. Adjournment – **At 11:10 p.m., voted to adjourn.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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City Clerk