

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PORTSMOUTH, NH
DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 TIME: 7:00PM

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AGENDA

- I. WORK SESSION
- II. PUBLIC DIALOGUE SESSION [when applicable – every other regularly scheduled meeting] – **N/A**
- III. CALL TO ORDER [7:00 p.m. or thereafter]
- IV. ROLL CALL
- V. INVOCATION
- VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION

1. National Service Dog Month in Portsmouth

VII. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES *(There are no minutes on for acceptance this evening)*

VIII. RECOGNITIONS AND VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION *(This session shall not exceed 45 minutes) – (participation may be in person or via Zoom)*

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND VOTE ON ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

First Reading of Ordinance:

- A. Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article IV, Section 1.412 – Public Art Review Committee, existing text to be deleted in its entirety and replaced with a brief reference to a new section in Chapter 1, Article XVII relating to public art; and Chapter 1, Article XVII – Funding of Public Art, Sections 1.1700-1.1707 existing text to be deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Article XVII, retitled Funding, Review and Acquisition of Public Art, inclusive of new Sections 1.1700-1.1709 ***(Sample motion – move to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading to be held at the September 23, 2024 City Council meeting)***

Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolutions:

- B. Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution Pursuant to RSA 72:39-b the City hereby amends the elderly exemption from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers. Qualifying taxpayers between the ages of 65-74 shall receive \$375,000.00 off their assessment. Qualifying taxpayers between the ages of 75-79 shall receive \$450,000.00 off their assessment and qualifying taxpayers 80+ years of age shall receive \$525,000.00 off their assessment

- **PRESENTATION**
- **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**
- **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**
- **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

(Sample motion – move to adopt the Resolution, as presented)

- C. Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution Pursuant to RSA 72:37-b the City hereby amends the disabled exemption from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers. Qualifying taxpayers shall receive \$375,000.00 of their assessment

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XI. CITY MANAGER'S ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION

A. CITY MANAGER CONARD

City Manager's Items Which Require Action:

1. *Request for Work Session Regarding Draft Parking Utilization Study Report
2. Southeast Land Trust Conservation Land Protection Project

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Letter from Matt Junkin, Seacoast Rotary, requesting permission to hold the 16th Annual Turkey Trot 5k on Thanksgiving November 28, 2024 (***Anticipated Action – move to refer to the City Manager with Authority to Act***)

XIII. PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Email Correspondence (***Sample motion – move to accept and place on file***)

- B. *Presentation from Portsmouth Public Media Television, Inc. requesting to re-evaluate the Cable Franchise Fee Policy (**Presentation limited to 10 minutes**)
- C. Letter from Jim Pappas requesting the City relinquish paper street known as Walnut Street to him as the abutter to the property (**Sample motion – move to refer to the Planning Department for report back**)
- D. Letter from Todd Selig, Durham Town Administrator, commending the Portsmouth Public Works team for their cooperation and coordination for the restoration work at Wagon Hill Farm (**Sample motion – move to accept and place on file**)
- E. Letter from JerriAnne Boggis, Black Heritage Trail of NH, requesting permission to install a special plaque that honors Valerie Cunningham on a post on the grounds of the Portsmouth Historical Society (**Sample motion – move to authorize the City Manager to execute a license agreement with Black Heritage Trail of NH for the installation of plaque at the Portsmouth Historical Society**)
- F. Letter from Bert Cohen, Chair & The Members of the Sustainability Committee, recommending and encouraging the City Council to vote in favor of partnering with SELT to purchase the conservation easement for the Cavaretta Property (**Sample motion – move to accept and place on file**)
- G. Letter from 179 Union Property Services request for fee waiver for replacement of brick sidewalk

XIV. MAYOR McEACHERN

- 1. Resignation
 - Steve Pesci from the Parking & Traffic Safety Committee (**Sample motion – move to accept the resignation with regret and to send a letter of thanks for his service to the city**)

XV. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(There are no items under this section of the agenda this evening)

XVI. APPROVAL OF GRANTS/DONATIONS

- A. *Acceptance of Assistance to Fire Fighters' Grant (AFG) - \$324,327.00 (**Sample motion – move to approve and accept the grant as presented**)
- B. *Acceptance of Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grant - \$4,951.00 (**Sample motion – move to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to accept \$4,951.00 from the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grant Program and execute any contracts or documents which may be necessary for this grant agreement**)

XVII. CITY MANAGER'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. *Community Policing Facility Update
2. Update on Sherburne Property Request for Proposals
3. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

XVIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS INCLUDING BUSINESS REMAINING UNFINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

XIX. ADJOURNMENT [at 10:30 p.m. or earlier]

**Indicates verbal report*

**KELLI L. BARNABY, MMC/CNHMC
CITY CLERK**