

CITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEET – SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

To: John P. Bohenko, City Manager

From: B. Christopher Maxwell, Deputy City Clerk

Date: September 24, 2002

Ref: Actions of the City Council at the September 23, 2002 meeting

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Sirrell, Councilors Grasso, Lown, Hynes, Pantelakos, Whitehouse, Marconi, and St. Laurent. Assistant Mayor Hanson was absent.

PROCLAMATION – CONSTITUTION WEEK: Mayor Sirrell declared the week of September 16th through September 21st Constitution week.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Moved to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2002 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: Martin Cameron, Water Resources; Ralph DiBernardo, Revaluation; Wayne Ecker, City Business; David Hudlin, Petition; Roger Wood, Revaluation; Edward Lawrence, Inflation; Peter Bresciano, Recreation Department; Tina Gleisner, Property Taxes.

RESOLUTION FOR A DISABLED PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION: Held a public hearing. Moved to table this item until the October 7th City Council meeting.

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION: Held a public hearing. Moved to table this item until the October 7th City Council meeting.

UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS PROGRAM GRANT AWARD: Moved to approve a grant award from the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General in the amount of \$7,751.00 with 10% matching funds from the Police Department budget.

PORTSMOUTH POLICE HONOR GUARD: Moved to approve a grant award from the Henry M. Freschette Memorial Fund in the amount of \$750.00 and donations for the Honor Guard Program totaling \$3,375.00.

GOODWIN PARK RESTORATION PROJECT DONATION: Moved to accept the \$1,000.00 donation from Grazier Chiropractic Health Center.

US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE PARTNERS FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT RESTORATION GRANT: Moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 for FY02 for habitat restoration on City owned land, specifically the Great Bog.

LETTER FROM PATRICIA NEWHALL regarding Save our Groundwater: Moved to accept and place the letter on file.

LETTER FROM CHRISTIE CLIFFORD-SALEMA, PORTSMOUTH GREAT STRIDES, requesting permission to hold its annual Great Strides Walk to cure Cystic Fibrosis on Saturday, May 17, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.: Moved to refer to the City Manager with power.

PETITION FROM DAVID HUDLIN and various residents of the City regarding Taxation Discrimination in Portsmouth: Moved to accept and place on file.

LETTER FROM PETER BRESCIANO regarding Revaluation: Moved to accept and place on file.

PETITION REGARDING PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON GREENLAND ROAD: Moved to install yield signs on both sides of the road and clearly mark the crosswalk.

LETTER FROM DAVID COHEN, PORTSMOUTH HALLOWEEN PARADE COMMITTEE, requesting permission to hold the 7th Annual Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 31st from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.: Moved to refer to the City Manager with power.

PROPOSED GIFT OF LAND TO THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH: Moved to refer the Hyder Family's gift of five acres of land off Arthur Brady Drive, Tax #0238-0010-0001, owned by Michael A. Hyder, Edward A. Hyder, Irrevocable Trust of 1993 to the Planning Board for a report back.

PROPOSED OUTDOOR LIQUOR POLICY: Moved to bring the Proposed Outdoor Liquor Policy back for formal action at the October 7th City Council meeting.

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LEASE FOR THE COTTAGE SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT (1895 Building): Moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and take other actions necessary to execute a lease agreement between the City and the Cottage Senior Housing Partnership for the lease of the 1895 building for use as senior housing.

POLLING HOURS FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2002 STATE GENERAL ELECTION: Moved to set the polling hours for the State General Election on November 5th from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENT CONSIDERATIONS: The following applicants were considered and will be voted on at the October 7th City Council meeting: George Savramis, Planning Board; Kate Leith, Blue Ribbon Committee on Youth; Audry Bierhans, Blue Ribbon Committee on Cemeteries; Paul Harvey, Economic Development Commission; Lee Lorusso, Board of Library Trustees; and Ann Walker, Save the Old State House Committee.

APPOINTMENTS: Paul Staples and Gia Yannekis, appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

RESIGNATION: Moved to accept the resignation of Board of Adjustment Member Jack Blalock with regret and send a letter of appreciation (resignation effective December 1, 2002).

CIRCUIT BREAKER PROGRAM: Moved to support the Circuit Breaker Program.

WORK SESSION: Due to the closure of Pro Portsmouth, it was decided to hold a work session on Tuesday, October 8th, at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A to discuss the various City events formerly sponsored by Pro Portsmouth.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY ACTION SHEET AND MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2002 MEETING: Moved to accept and approve.

PARKING COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET AND MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2002 MEETING: Moved to accept and approve.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved to adjourn at 9:14 p.m.