

**MANAGER’S CONFERENCE MINUTES**  
**Portsmouth City Council Meeting on**  
**April 22, 2019 – 8:05 p.m.**

Members present:

Sean Dunne	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward
Jo Ann Aeh	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward
Kevin E. Johnson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward
Jerrold Albrecht	4 <sup>th</sup> Ward
Gene Meadows	5 <sup>th</sup> Ward
Thomas K. Lowe	6 <sup>th</sup> Ward

Also present was City Manager Sam Sutherland, Solicitor Haas, and City Clerk Ratliff. Auditor Williams was not present.

1. **Repealing Ordinance #11-2019 changing the amount received.** **CM-19-30**

Manager Sutherland said this was basically a cleanup for the body worn cameras grant for the Police Department. He said the total amount should have been \$11,530.00 and the original legislation had \$11,414.70 with a match of \$1,037.00. \$1,053.00 was for the match and \$11,530.00 for the total. The legislation had to match the grant.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to adopt alternative #1.

Councilman Meadows asked if the City had received the cameras yet, Manager Sutherland said that they had not. Mr. Meadows stated that this would be one that he would agree to waive the three reading rule as he has had cases where they body cameras have helped the defendant and cases where they’ve helped the Police.

There were no further questions or comments: **VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nays**

2. **Vacating an Alley for STEM Academy** **CM-19-31**

Manager Sutherland stated that the STEM Academy would like the alley vacated between 609 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 614 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The City Planning Commission met and voted unanimously to vacate the alley and Solicitor Haas said that Ms. Hartop owned property on both sides of the alley and had informed Ms. Hartop that she needed a legal description which she was not aware that a legal description was needed. Councilwoman Aeh suggested that if by the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading she didn’t have the legal description the item would be tabled. Councilman Meadows stated that if she was told at the Planning Commission meeting to get the legal description Council should wait until it is received to move this forward.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to accept alternative #1

There were no further questions or comments: **VOTE: 5 Ayes – 1 Nays (G. Meadows)**

3. **Vacating an Alley at 634, 636 & 638 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Rear Lot** **CM-19-32**

Manager Sutherland said this was the alley that ran east and west and had been a service strip. The City Planning Commission voted unanimously in favor of vacating for the new development going in on the corner. Councilman Lowe asked what was going in and Manager Sutherland replied it was his understanding that it was a hotel. Councilwoman Aeh said she went over there and you can’t even tell that there was an alley.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to accept alternative #1

There were no further questions or comments: **VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nays**

4. **Connex Agreement for Mound Park Activity Path**

**CM-19-33**

Manager Sutherland said that this was tabled in the past as they weren't quite ready for it but it was basically a concrete path through Mound Park. He said there was a copy of the agreement attached. Acting Mayor Johnson said he had sent an email regarding the reference in the agreement about a donor monument and asked what that meant. Manager Sutherland believed it to be a monument recognizing who took care of funding this part of the project. Councilwoman Aeh said that they sold bricks to raise money. (Too many people talking, cannot hear). Mr. Sutherland said they were pursuing grant money for lighting and security cameras.

Councilman Lowe moved to accept alternative #1

There were no further questions or comments: **VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nays**

5. **New Electrical system for Tracy Park**

**CM-19-34**

Manager Sutherland stated that they were having a lot of problems with the Tracy Park electrical service and Clerk Ratliff could attest to that as well as the City Auditor who had told him that the band down there this past weekend lost power every other song. Clerk Ratliff stated that City Worker Aaron Smith was here and was going to speak to Council about this issue but he had to leave. Mr. Smith had gotten an estimate for Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Sutherland said that the estimate was just to replace what was there, but after discussions with the Auditor, they would like to have the whole unit moved closer to the stage where it wouldn't be such an obstacle for viewing. Councilman Lowe asked if that was where the Veterans wall was, Clerk Ratliff said the wall was in Tracy Park on the Chillicothe Street side. Manager Sutherland said the electrical system was in front of and to the side of the stage. Clerk Ratliff said for the Tree event they had a food truck and they couldn't even plug in to the system and had to use the generator. She said it needed addressed sooner rather than later so that we could start having even more events there.

Councilwoman Aeh moved to accept alternative #1

There were no further questions or comments: **VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nays**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on a motion by Councilwoman Aeh.

Submitted by: *Diana Ratliff* – City Clerk