

MANAGER’S CONFERENCE MINUTES
Portsmouth City Council Meeting on
June 22, 2020 – 7:33 p.m.

Members present:

Sean Dunne	1 st Ward
Charlotte Gordon	2 nd Ward
Kevin E. Johnson	3 rd Ward
Andrew McManus	4 th Ward
Edwin Martell	5 th Ward
Thomas K. Lowe	6 th Ward (Absent)

Also present was City Manager Sam Sutherland, Solicitor John Haas and City Clerk Diana Ratliff. Auditor M. Trent Williams was absent.

1. **Updated Camper rules**

CM-20-33

Manager Sutherland said this was an update to the current camper ordinance and will address the language in the ordinance regarding vacated or abandoned campers. People have been storing them in their yards and making a mess, possibly cooking meth and living in them when they shouldn't be which is a pretty bad situation. Councilwoman Gordon stated that it says campers and trailers, but does it encompass the funnel cake trailers? Andy Gedeon stated that it would cover anything from a small trailer that you would haul a motorcycle in, up to a trailer that you could haul horses in etc. Solicitor Haas stated there was a problem with people trying to live in the trailers because they don't have running water. Councilman McManus asked if this was something that Council would need to waive the three readings on? Andy Gedeon stated that it would be most helpful so that they could begin citing people without waiting 6 weeks for it to pass. Mrs. Gordon said that people who legitimately have campers and trailer who are storing them correctly may have questions about them, but there was language in the ordinance on how to properly store them. Mr. Gedeon gave an example of a camper that had an issue recorded to it, but we can't catch them sleeping in it. The way the current ordinance is, it cannot be impounded, but if they violate the new ordinance, it could be impounded and gives them discretion on whether to impound it or if they're legitimately storing it.

Vice President Dunne asked about boat storage, Mr. Gedeon said that there were just a few throughout the city but mostly in the First Ward. Mr. Dunne stated that there was nothing stopping a person from living on a boat. Mr. Gedeon stated that they can park on the street but he thought the time limit was 72 hours.

Vice President Dunne motioned to adopt alternative #1.

There were no questions or comments: **VOTE: 5 Ayes – 0 Nays**

2. **Live Streaming Council Meetings**

CM-20-34

Manager Sutherland stated that this was for the appropriation of funds for live streaming Council meetings. Mayor Johnson stated that Mr. Lucas had given him a follow up call and asked the status as he would like to start providing sound and live streaming for Council. Councilwoman Gordon asked if the readings could be waived on this issue also so that he could get started.

Vice President Dunne motioned to adopt alternative #1.

There were no questions or comments: **VOTE: 5 Ayes – 0 Nays**

3. **Appraisal of Spartan Stadium**

CM 20-35

Manager Sutherland requested an appropriation to help pay for the appraisal of Spartan Stadium. This would help the City apply for grants. He noted a typo in the Council Alternatives.

Vice President Dunne motioned to adopt alternative #2 to modify the request in that the appropriation be paid from City Council - Land Improvements 301.101.5299.

Vice President Dunne stated that this was a firm that had done work in Portsmouth before and it was important to determine the amount of money the city could ask for in grants in the future. This would at least start the conversation and process and once a number was received that determines the value of the stadium, it would allow the city to know the value of the matching funds which would be the value of the stadium. For example, if this firm comes to the conclusion that the stadium was worth \$2,000,000 then there would be certain grants that we could receive \$1,000,000 in funding. He believed that we would be hard pressed to get a million dollar grant when a lot of the money goes to larger cities such as Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati, but he thought having this information would allow the city to get a ballpark figure and also allow us to move forward to renovate the stadium. After we receive the appraisal, we would know how much as far as funds to be received for renovation and after that, we would move to get a conceptual drawing from the architectural firm. They normally charge around \$35,000 to \$100,000 for a concept drawing, but they have agreed that they would mentor someone for free if we could find someone to do an internship. The next step would be the cost of the renovation and how much grant money we would receive.

Vice President Dunne motioned to adopt alternative #1.

There were no questions or comments: **VOTE: 5 Ayes – 0 Nays**

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. on a motion by Vice President Dunne.

Submitted by: *Diana Ratliff* – City Clerk