

MANAGER’S CONFERENCE MINUTES
Portsmouth City Council Meeting on
October 28, 2019 – 8:27 p.m.

Members present:

Sean Dunne	1 st Ward
Charlotte Gordon	2 nd Ward
Kevin E. Johnson	3 rd Ward
Jerrold Albrecht	4 th Ward
Gene Meadows	5 th Ward
Thomas K. Lowe	6 th Ward

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

1. **Charter Amendment Section 4** **CM-19-74**
Manager Sutherland addressed the proposed Charter amendments and stated that he would be bringing them to Council a few at a time as to not overwhelm Council or the agenda. Several of the proposed amendments were very detailed and these were all based on the Charter Review Committee’s recommendations.

Councilman Albrecht motioned to adopt alternative #1.

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

2. **Charter Amendment Sections 9 and 9a** **CM-19-75**
Manager Sutherland stated that the proposed legislation dealt with Sections 9 and 9a and there was a lot of information in these two sections. Section 9 had slight changes and 9a would be repealed, because 9a mentions sections 8, 10, 12, 22, 140, 166 and 137 all would need changed. Solicitor Haas stated that he understood where Mr. Sutherland was going with the legislation and he believed they could review and come up with proper wording. Mr. Sutherland said there had been discussion over someone being elected and whether they could vote, Clerk Ratliff said the question was over “appointed” members of Council and Mr. Sutherland said that he had changed the language so that a “sworn” member could vote regardless whether elected or appointed. Clerk Ratliff stated that they were all included as one because they all needed passed as a whole and Mr. Sutherland stated the language in each was similar. Auditor Williams stated that it currently read “by at least 4 members” and in the correction it says “four affirmative votes” shouldn’t it say “at least four affirmative votes or not less than four affirmative votes” because as it reads if five members voted on it, it wouldn’t pass? Solicitor Haas stated that he would look it over and come up with the proper wording that worked for all of the sections.

Councilman Albrecht motioned to adopt alternative #1.

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

3. **Closing of Books FY 2019** **CM-19-76**
Auditor Williams stated that this was the annual closing of the books.

Councilman Albrecht moved to adopt alternative #1

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on a motion by Councilwoman Albrecht.

Submitted by: *Diana Ratliff* – City Clerk