

**MANAGER’S CONFERENCE MINUTES**  
**Portsmouth City Council Meeting on**  
**June 12, 2017, 2017 7:11 p.m.**

All members of Council were present, Solicitor Haas, City Manager Allen, and City Clerk Ratliff.  
Councilman Kevin W. Johnson, Councilman Lowe and Auditor Williams were absent

1. **Vacating Alley Accepted by Ordinance 2016-129** **CM-17-38**

Manager Allen said this was a request to vacate an alley for a new Speedway store at Gallia and Kendall. There were representatives from Speedway, Josh Howard local Counsel for Speedway and Jonathan Wocher with McBride Dale Clarion from Cincinnati. Attorney Howard gave a brief description of what Speedway would like to do which included demolishing the current structure and Mr. Wocher showed Council a layout of the new building. Manager Allen stated that there were no utilities owned by the City in that alleyway and vacating the alley will not have an impact on the trash pickup or anyone driving down the alley. Mr. Wocher also went over the zoning issues also. Mayor Kalb asked for an anticipated completion date and Attorney Howard said they will probably begin in the Spring of 2018.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned to accept Alternative #1.

There were no further questions or comments: **VOTE: 4 Ayes – 0 Nays**

2. **Rezoning 4 parcels – Residents “C” to Business “B”** **CM-17-39**

See about comments.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned to accept Alternative #1.

There were no further questions or comments: **VOTE: 4 ayes – 0 Nays**

3. **Downtown Redevelopment District #1 Gallia** **CM-17-40**

Manager Allen said that the next four items were essentially the same. It was decided to break these down into 4 separate ordinances due to the individual descriptions so that in the future if there was ever a change on any of the districts, it would just be a single piece of legislation and not a mixture of all four. The maps would identify the properties. These have been moved up to a quicker pace because there were two potential developments in the Chillicothe District pending. Jason Kester has been working with people to make investments in our downtown.

**Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned to accept Alternative #1 for CM-17-40, CM-17-41, CM-17-42 and CM-17-43.**

There were no further questions or comments: **VOTE: 4 Ayes – 0 Nays**

4. **Downtown Redevelopment District #2 Chillicothe** **CM-17-41**

5. **Downtown Redevelopment District #3 West Boneyfiddle** **CM-17-42**

6. **Downtown Redevelopment District #4 East Boneyfiddle** **CM-17-43**

7. **Tax Budget 2018** **CM-17-44**

Manager Allen said at the next Council meeting there will need to be a Resolution and a Public Hearing for the tax budget. This was something that was done every year and it goes back many years

when we had to justify the need for millage and your property tax, but everyone has maxed out their inside millage and decisions are not made based on this.

Councilman Kevin E. Johnson motioned to accept Alternative #1.

There were no further questions or comments: **VOTE: 4 Ayes – 0 Nays**

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Kevin E. Johnson

Submitted by: *Diana Ratliff* – City Clerk