

MANAGER’S CONFERENCE MINUTES
Portsmouth City Council Meeting on
July 11, 2016 – 6:45 p.m.

All members of Council except Councilman Meadows were present, Manager Allen, Solicitor Haas, Auditor Williams and City Clerk Ratliff

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson requested to make one motion for CM-16-73 through CM-16-82

1. Code Cleanup Chapter 351.10 Bus & Taxi Stops CM-16-73

Manager Allen stated that we no longer had bus stops and taxi cab stands.

2. Code Cleanup Chapter 927.02 – Rates CM-16-74

Manager Allen stated that this changed Mayor to City Manager.

3. Code Cleanup Chapter 927.03 – Rates; Rights CM-16-75

Manager Allen said that this was original language that said the foregoing rates were minimum rates not maximum rates and the City reserved the right to increase same and the rates were no longer codified and should read The City reserves the right to increase the sewer rates.

4. Code Cleanup Chapter 927.07 – Connections CM-16-76

Manager Allen said that to his knowledge no one in town had an outhouse and this was 1954 language and that outdoor privies were banned.

5. Code Cleanup Chapter 927.08 – Sewer Rules CM-16-77

Manager Allen stated that this changed Mayor to City Manager.

6. Code Cleanup Chapter 123.02 – Publication Posting CM-16-78

Manager Allen said this was a cleanup because Massie School was no longer on the property and the address should read 728 2nd Street.

7. Code Cleanup Chapter 123.03 – Legal Notice Posting CM-16-79

Manager Allen said this was specifying the address as 728 2nd Street.

8. Code Cleanup Chapter 125.03 – Workforce Agreement CM-16-80

Manager Allen stated that this changed Mayor to City Manager.

9. Code Cleanup Chapter 151.03 – Urban Renewal Plans CM-16-81

Manager Allen stated that this changed Mayor to City Manager.

10. Code Cleanup Chapter 151.06 – Action Plan. Comm. CM-16-82

Manager Allen stated that this changed Mayor to City Manager.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson motioned to accept Alternative #1 on CM-16-73 through CM-16-82.

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

11. Litter Ordinance per Councilman Kevin W. Johnson

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson stated that he wasn't going to ask for a vote right now because it would impact and be a cost to businesses and he wished to speak with SOMC to get feedback. The reason he requested that it be on the agenda was in hopes that Newspaper Reporter Frank Lewis would write an article about the subject. He said he lived downtown and had seen the litter and trash especially cigarette butts and found it to be discouraging. He said that he believed that some businesses had a cigarette receptacle in which a person could put cigarette butts in. He added that we need people to help us with this and hoped the article would help remind smokers to put their cigarette in the receptacle and not flick it onto the ground. He said that some businesses have designated smoking areas and it bothered him that the trash continued and Councilwoman Aeh said it bothered her too but it bothered her more was that if we implemented it and it won't be enforced. She said that there were a lot of yard sale signs with addresses on post all over the town during the 4th of July weekend and that Ordinance prohibiting those signs had been in existence since 1985 and nothing was done about it, and nobody got cited for it. Mr. Johnson said that these were the types of things that need to be addressed and was tired of seeing this stuff on the sidewalks and streets. He will bring this back at a later date.

12. All Codified Ordinances to be changed from Mayor to City Manager

Mayor Kalb stated that when he received the Conference Agenda, half of the items were changing the term Mayor to City Manager and this was time consuming and he believed that Walter Drane could make those types of changes as they had done in the past. He said the Manager had been doing a good job of going through and bringing these up to date and he thought that it would lighten the City Manager's load and give him more time to look at everything else. Solicitor Haas said the City Manager had been going through the codified ordinances and bringing them up to date as well as making the other changes. Mrs. Aeh said that it was inefficient on their part as legislatures because they were responsible for the codified ordinances and it all should have been changed in 2013 with one ordinance. Solicitor Haas said he didn't have that much faith in that process and Councilman Kevin E. Johnson agreed with him stating that he wasn't crazy about the idea. When asked how close he was to being finished bringing them up to date, Manager Allen replied that there were more changes to be made and that they would have to hire someone to do Chapter 11 regarding Zoning and Chapter 15 Chief Raison was looking that Chapter over for suggested changes.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson recommended alternative #1 as requested.

There were no questions or comments. VOTE: 4 Ayes – 1 Nay (K.E. Johnson)

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Kevin W. Johnson

Submitted by: *Diana Ratliff* – City Clerk