

MANAGER’S CONFERENCE MINUTES
Portsmouth City Council Meeting on
February 11, 2019 – 8:15 p.m.

Members present:

Sean Dunne	1 st Ward
Jo Ann Aeh	2 nd Ward
Kevin E. Johnson	3 rd Ward
Jerrold Albrecht	4 th Ward
Gene Meadows	5 th Ward (Absent)
Thomas K. Lowe	6 th Ward

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

1. **Engineering Department Fee Increase** **CM-19-8**

Manager Sutherland stated that the fees needed raised to at least what the State’s building standards called for. Councilwoman Aeh said that she believed that the City was way behind on these fees and it should have been done a long time ago.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned to accept Alternative #1.

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

2. **Police Department Body Cameras Grant** **CM-19-9**

Manager Sutherland said this was a grant that was received for body cameras for our Police Officers and this was one of them that had amended wording on it and the replacement page were handed to each Council person. City Clerk Ratliff stated that this had emergency wording with it. Councilwoman Aeh asked if this was a grant that the city applied for each year and Manager Sutherland replied “yes”.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned to accept Alternative #1, Solicitor Haas stated that it needed to have emergency language, Mrs. Aeh withdrew her motion and moved to accept Alternative #2 to include emergency language.

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

3. **Police Department In Car Cameras** **CM-19-10**

Manager Sutherland said he had thought he put the expedited language in 19-9, 19-10 and 19-11 they should all have the language to expedite the process.

Councilwoman Aeh asked Solicitor Haas if CM-19-10 and CM-19-11 could be voted on with one motion and he replied “yes”. Councilwoman Aeh motioned to accept Alternative #1 on CM-19-10 and Alternative #2 on CM-19-11 to include expedited language..

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

4. **Police Department Drug Task Force grant** **CM-19-11**

See above notes

Councilwoman Aeh motioned to accept Alternative #2 to include expedited language.

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

5. **EMS Grant**

CM-19-12

Manager Sutherland said the Fire Department received an EMS grant in the amount \$3,360.00. Councilwoman Aeh asked if this was new and Manager Sutherland replied this was the first time he remembered getting a grant for EMS. Mrs. Aeh responded that probably because EMS was new to the Fire Department. Auditor Williams stated that this wasn't necessarily an emergency but it would be beneficial if the readings were waived because we already had the money and they probably need it taken care of as soon as possible.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned to accept Alternative #2 to modify the request to include the emergency language.

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

6. **Health Department Establishment of new fund**

CM-19-13

Manager Sutherland said this was a request for a new fund for the Health Department. Auditor Williams stated this was basically the same thing as the previous Council Letter, they've already received some of the money and it would be administratively more efficient.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned to accept Alternative #1.

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

7. **Appalachian Regional Commission grant**

CM-19-14

Manager Sutherland said this would allow the city to apply for a grant through the Appalachia Regional Commission. Boiler plate, it was done every year and a resolution is required to give the city authorization to apply. Councilwoman Aeh stated that these were presented as resolutions and she requested that in the future they be given as Council Letters because it is confusing as it appeared that they needed to be added to the legislative agenda.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned to accept Alternative #1.

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

8. **ODNR application for 2019 NatureWorks grant**

CM-19-15

Manager Sutherland said this was for a Nature Works grant that the city was applying for. Councilwoman Aeh replied that this was one we needed every year also.

Councilwoman Aeh motioned to accept Alternative #1.

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

9. **City owned Dog Park**

CM-19-16

Manager Sutherland said the request was to convert the vacant land next door to the City Building into a Dog Park. Solicitor Haas asked what property was included in this park and how much of it do we own? Councilman Dunne replied that there was a very small strip of land that ODOT has right by the bridge, Solicitor Haas asked about the Parking Lot and Manager Sutherland replied that half of the parking lot belonged to ODOT. Solicitor Haas said at one time we had a chance to buy all of that property and Manager Sutherland stated that he believed that we could still acquire the land. Solicitor Haas explained that when he was on Council, he voted to buy the land and the proposal was defeated. Councilman Albrecht asked where the name came from and Mr. Dunne replied that it was a Police Dog that got killed in the line of duty. Mr. Dunne stated that there had been a question of whether the Dog Park could be moved if ever the property was sold and the reply was "yes" it could be moved. Councilwoman Aeh remarked jokingly that she would personally find a new piece of land if the property sells. (laughter)

Councilman Dunne motioned to accept Alternative #1.

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

Discussion McKinley Pool street signage

Councilman Dunne advised that the McKinley Pool was being considered for the National Register as a Historic site and the reason for this was the pools ties to civil rights. Different groups that he's discussed this with suggested that a name be added to Findlay Street instead of changing the street name, the additional name would be recognized as Martin Luther King, Jr. He said that there would be Fund Raising for the sign and the City would not have to pay for it; it could also help with the All American City award celebrating diversity inclusivity, but also it would help with the argument to be put on the National Register. The official title would be Martin Luther King, Jr. Way

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Albrecht.

Submitted by: *Diana Ratliff* – City Clerk