

**MANAGER’S CONFERENCE MINUTES**  
**Portsmouth City Council Meeting on**  
**January 23, 2017 at 8:45 p.m.**

All members of Council were present, Manager Allen, Solicitor Haas and City Clerk Ratliff.  
Auditor Williams was absent

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| 1. <u>Advance Payment of Taxes</u>           | CM-17-05 |
| 2. <u>Codification of Ordinance for 2017</u> | CM-17-06 |

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson stated that CM-17-05 and CM-17-06 were standard items that were done every year. He moved to accept Alternative #1 for both.

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

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| 3. <u>Auto Title and Pay-Day Lender Restrictions</u> | CM-17-07 |
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Councilman Kevin W. Johnson stated that he had sent an article to all of City Council regarding the issue. He said that this would restrict Auto Title, Pay Day Lending, Cash Advance, Check Cashing and non-charter Financial Institution and any other similar businesses. He said in Cleveland they were limiting them to one per 20,000 residents and 1,000 feet from each other and Xenia had a 5,000 foot distance. Cuyahoga restrict 1-10,000 residents and 1,000 feet from each other. He recommended one for every 7,500 persons in the city and a minimum of 2,500 feet from each other and away from any school or government building. He said current businesses would be Grandfathered. He said that these places were predators and charge 500% interest and the legislation would not allow any more in our city.

Councilman Meadows asked Solicitor Haas if we could allow this because it was regulated by the State. Mr. Haas stated that he would have to research it. Mr. Meadows asked if this was a problem and Mr. Johnson said “yes” and it was becoming increasingly prevalent. Councilwoman Aeh said she found five in the City of Portsmouth but that didn’t include the car title places. Solicitor stated he would research it.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Kevin W. Johnson

Submitted by: *Diana Ratliff* – City Clerk