

MANAGER’S CONFERENCE MINUTES
Portsmouth City Council Meeting on
October 10, 2016 – 6:55 p.m.

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

Manager Allen commended Council for taking care of the first two items at the previous meeting.

1. Code Cleanup 745.31 Application CM-16-141

Manager Allen stated that this had to do with Taxicab licenses and he got an email asking about it.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson recommended Alternative #2 amended the word “rules” with application in line four of (a). Solicitor Haas commented but it was not audible (mic was not on). Councilman Kevin W. Johnson said that the way it reads implies that there were other rules separate from what was in the ordinance. Solicitor Haas read the 4th line under letter (a) as follows “information as to themselves as shall be required by the ~~rules~~ application of the” and substitute the word application for rules.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson recommended alternative #2

There were no further questions or comments. VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nay

2. Code Cleanup 745.32 Taxicabs Issuance CM-16-142

Manager Allen stated that this changes Mayor to City Manager and removed “of good moral character and is”

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

There were no further questions or comments. VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nay

3. Code Cleanup 745.33 Taxicab License Fees CM-16-143

Manager Allen said this request is to raise the fees which had not been raised since 1975.

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

There were no further questions or comments. VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nay

4. Code Cleanup 745.35 Display of License CM-16-144

Manager Allen stated that this changes Mayor to City Manager.

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

There were no further questions or comments. VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nay

5. Code Cleanup 745.37 Renewal CM-16-145

Manager Allen stated that this changes Mayor to City Manager.

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

There were no further questions or comments. VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nay

6. Code Cleanup 745.39 Suspension CM-16-146

Manager Allen stated that this changes Mayor to City Manager.

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

There were no further questions or comments. VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nay

7. Deletion of Chapter 749 Theaters and Shows CM-16-147

Manager Allen said this would delete the whole chapter. In a conversation with the Mayor of Ironton, years ago Circuses and Theater shows used to come through town all the time and back in the 50's they were regulated. He said that this regulated if you charged less than .25 cents and obviously if a circus was brought to town, the cost would be much more. Councilwoman Aeh said she thought the last circus in town was in 1957.

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

There were no further questions or comments. VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nay

8. Code Cleanup 745.22 Taxicabs Transferability CM-16-148

Manager Allen stated that this changes Mayor to City Manager.

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

There were no further questions or comments. VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nay

9. Code Cleanup 753.02 License Required CM-16-149

Manager Allen stated that this changes Mayor to City Manager.

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

There were no further questions or comments. VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nay

10. Code Cleanup 753.03 Campground Application and Fees CM-16-150

Manager Allen said this updated the fees which were last changed in 1975.

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

There were no further questions or comments. VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nay

11. Code Cleanup 735.031 Riverfront Trailer Park CM-16-151

Manager Allen said that the fees were raised years ago but it was never codified. Also there was a senior discount and he nor Mr. Beaumont were around when the fees were increased and the age for seniors was put into place. Councilman Kevin W. Johnson passed around the median household income list which covered from 1990 through 2014. He said that in two decades the median income had barely increased by \$2,000. He brought this up because he felt the increase was enormous and he wondered if all the spots were filled. Manager Allen stated that there were 60 spots and all 60 were occupied. Councilman Johnson brought up the senior age and said it should be either 60 or 65.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson recommended alternative #2 changing the senior age from 62 to 60.

There were no further questions or comments. VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nay

12. Code Cleanup 735.09 Restrictions Zoning Board of Appeals CM-16-152

Manager Allen stated that this changes Mayor to City Manager.

Councilman Kevin W. Johnson recommended alternative #1 as requested

There were no further questions or comments. VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nay

13. Code Cleanup 745.23 Transfer of Taxicabs CM-16-153

Manager Allen stated that this changes Mayor to City Manager.

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

There were no further questions or comments. VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nay

14. Code Cleanup 745.25 Taxicab Replacement License CM-16-154

Manager Allen stated that this changes Mayor to City Manager and the fees.

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

There were no further questions or comments. VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nay

15. Code Cleanup of 745.29 Taxicabs Suspension CM-16-155

Manager Allen stated that this changes Mayor to City Manager and cross out the word immoral.

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

There were no further questions or comments. VOTE: 6 Ayes – 0 Nay

Mayor Kalb commented that most of these were for taxicabs and for every one of the items they received the same 10 pages for each one and he felt a lot of paper could have been saved by just combining. Manager Allen updated Council on where they were with the codified ordinances. He said he had one more packet of code cleanups and was waiting on Chief Raison to give him the code cleanups on the Fire Section. He has a proposal put into the budget for next year to update the zoning code which was another chapter. He said possibly 6 or 7 loose items left with the exception of possibly repealing and reintroduce a new fair housing ordinance because it was from 1989 and it had odd language and needed a more up to date vernacular. Solicitor Haas brought up the Building Code Chapter and Manager Allen said that would be the only thing left and he would need to hire someone to give him advice on what needed to be changed, but the entire codified book was just about up to date. Councilman Kevin W. Johnson brought up the one taxicab ordinance regarding stopping at railroad crossings and Manager Allen said he hadn't heard back from the Chief Ware but when it is brought back, he would like it to be put into the traffic code section instead of business licensing.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Kevin W. Johnson

Submitted by: *Diana Ratliff* – City Clerk