

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 21, 2020 (Tuesday) MINUTES

On April 21, 2020, the Portsmouth Town Council meeting at 7:00 PM was live streamed on the web and by phone dial-in using the Zoom remote meeting service due to Covid-19 and the Governor's Executive order on social distancing and gatherings of no more than 5 people.

7:00 PM – TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 2200 EAST MAIN ROAD

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin M. Aguiar in Town Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT BY ZOOM: Linda L. Ujifusa, J. Mark Ryan, Keith E. Hamilton, Leonard B. Katzman, Andrew V. Kelly and Daniela T. Abbott

Time: 7:05 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SITTING AS THE PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

1. Roll Call – All present.

NEW BUSINESS

The Town Administrator's Proposed Budget Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 is available on the Town's website at [FY 21 Town Administrators Budget](#)

1. Budget: Discussion/Action - Revenues – Motion to provisionally approve Revenues in the amount of \$66,726,409 made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Budget: Discussion/Action - School Department

The Portsmouth Public Schools Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 Budget is Available at [FY 21 School Dept. Budget](#)

Motion to provisionally approve Town Appropriations in the amount of, \$34,675,876 made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passes 7-0. Motion to provisionally approve School Capital in the amount of, \$514,000 made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0. Motion to provisionally approve the School funding for \$41,158,799 made by Mr. Katzman, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Budget: Discussion/Action - Capital Improvement Budget – Motion to provisionally approve the Capital Lease total in the amount of \$163,098 made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0. There is \$80,330 for the Prudence Island Volunteer Firefighters still in reserve, previously approved for FY20, but not yet released until the CAFR report was presented to be sure there was a surplus. Motion made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Katzman, to provisionally approve using the FY19 surplus in the amount of \$922,730 for the following: \$50,000 to pay down the FY 12-13 Warrant; \$253,600 to an emergency fund to protect against Covid-19 costs; \$428,268 to utilize for cash payments towards the Capital Improvements; and \$110,532 to place in the fund balance. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Budget: Discussion/Action - Police Department – Motion to provisionally approve the Police budget in the amount of \$6,772,864 made by Ms. Ujifusa, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

a. Prudence Island Public Safety Officer – Motion to provisionally approve the Prudence Island Public Safety budget in the amount of \$113,741 made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

b. Animal Control – Motion to provisionally approve the Animal Control budget in the amount of \$119,393 made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Ujifusa. Motion passed 7-0.

c. Harbor Master – Motion to provisionally approve the Harbormaster budget in the amount of \$104,318 made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Katzman. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Budget: Discussion/Action - Fire Department – Motion to provisionally approve Fire Department budget in the amount of \$6,915,581 made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

6. Budget: Discussion/Action - Department of Public Works – Motion to provisionally approve the DPW budget in the amount of \$2,801,875 made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0. Motion to provisionally approve the DPW Snow Removal budget in the amount of \$175,764 made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0. Motion to provisionally approve the DPW Road Improvements budget in the amount of \$825,000 made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

a. Prudence Island Transfer Station – Motion to provisionally approve the Prudence Island Transfer Station budget in the amount of \$114,971 made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

FUTURE MEETINGS

April 22 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting: Budget – Continuation of Budget Discussion

April 23 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting: Budget – Continuation of Budget Discussion, as needed

May 11 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting & Provisional Budget

May 26 7:00 PM - Town Council Meeting (Tuesday)

ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Ryan. Motion passed 7-0.

Time: 9:19 PM

Jennifer M. West, Town Clerk