



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chamber

801 Crawford Street, 6th Floor, Portsmouth, Virginia

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL 7-0 Present

MINUTES (Electronic Roll Call) **Adopted 7-0**

CITY COUNCIL RULES REQUIRE A LIMIT OF UP TO FIVE (5) MINUTES TO SPEAK

PUBLIC HEARING

24-07 Public hearing with respect to the adoption of a proposed ordinance setting rates and terms for short-term dark fiber leases. The proposed ordinance includes the following rate schedule: (1) regular rate: \$450/strand/mile/month; (2) bridge crossing rate: \$900/strand/mile/month.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

24-08 Adoption of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to pay a one-time bonus to part-time and grant employees of the Sheriff's Office in the net amounts of \$2,000 and \$6,500, respectively. (Electronic Roll Call)
Adopted 7-0

24-09 Adoption of an ordinance accepting a Safer Communities Program grant in the amount of \$2,846,000 from the Department of Criminal Justice Services and appropriating said funds in the FY 2024 Grants Fund for use by the Portsmouth Police Department to implement community-based strategies to address the root causes and conditions of violent crime. (Electronic Roll Call)
Adopted 7-0

24-10 Adoption of an ordinance authorizing extension of the City's Cable Franchise Agreements with Cox and Verizon through December 10, 2024. (Electronic Roll Call)
Adopted 7-0

24-11 Adoption of an ordinance setting rates and terms for short-term dark fiber leases. (Electronic Roll Call)
Adopted 7-0

24-12 Adoption of an ordinance accepting Community Development Block Grant program income in the amount of \$108,421 and appropriating said amount in the FY 2024 Community Planning and Development Program Fund. (Electronic Roll Call)
Adopted 7-0

- 24-13** a) Adoption of an ordinance accepting an allocation of \$631,384 from the State Compensation Board and appropriating \$313,911 to the Judicial Category and **Adopted 7-0** \$317,473 to the General Government Category of the FY 2024 General Fund Budget for the purpose of funding targeted salary increases for state-supported local employees. (Electronic Roll Call)
- Adopted 7-0** b) Adoption of an ordinance accepting an allocation of \$218,168 from the State Compensation Board and appropriating it to the Non-Departmental Category of the FY 2024 General Fund Budget, reducing real property tax revenue as a budgetary revenue source by \$214,356, and increasing expenditures in the Non-Departmental Category of the FY 2024 General Fund Budget by \$3,812, for the purpose of funding a two-percent salary increase that was previously provided as part of the state-supported local employee cost of living adjustment. (Electronic Roll Call)
- Adopted 7-0** c) Adoption of an ordinance accepting an allocation of \$13,781 from the State Compensation Board and appropriating said amount to the FY 2024 Grants Fund for the purpose of funding targeted and two-percent salary increases for the Portsmouth Drug Prosecutor grant administered by the Portsmouth Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. (Electronic Roll Call)
- 24-14** Adoption of an ordinance accepting Federal Block Grant funding in the amount of **Adopted 7-0** \$70,085 via the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and appropriating said amount in the FY 2024 Behavioral Healthcare Service Fund for the delivery of services to individuals recovering from mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders. (Electronic Roll Call)
- 24-15** Adoption of an ordinance accepting STEP-VA funding in the amount of \$90,750 from **Adopted 7-0** the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and appropriating said amount in the FY 2024 Behavioral Healthcare Service Fund for use by the Department of Behavioral Healthcare Services to provide mental health services. (Electronic Roll Call)
- 24-16** Adoption of an ordinance accepting Projects for Assistance in Transition from **Adopted 7-0** Homelessness Program funds in the amount of \$53,715 from the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and appropriating said amount in the FY 2024 Behavioral Healthcare Service Fund for training, travel, and outreach services. (Electronic Roll Call)
- 24-17** Adoption of an ordinance accepting Hazardous Material Emergency Response funding **Adopted 7-0** in the amount of \$30,000 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and appropriating said amount in the FY24 Grants Fund for use by the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services for the Southside Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team. (Electronic Roll Call)
- 24-18** Adoption of a resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between **Adopted 7-0** Portsmouth and Chesapeake, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach for the Hampton Roads Computer Aided Dispatch Interoperability Project. (Electronic Roll Call)

NEW BUSINESS

24-19 Boards and Commissions (Electronic Roll Call Vote)

24-20 Items Submitted by Council Members

Adopted 7-0 • Adoption of a resolution opposing acquisition of the Virginia International Gateway property by the Port of Virginia. (Electronic Roll Call)

Adopted 7-0 • Adoption of an ordinance authorizing the reimbursement of certain legal fees and expenses for Officer Vincent McClean pursuant to Section 15.2-1711 of the Virginia Code. (Electronic Roll Call)

• Motion by Ms. Lucas-Burke, and seconded by Dr. Whitaker, to add an item to the agenda, and was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Barnes, Lucas-Burke, Tillage, Whitaker

Nays: Hugel, Moody, Glover

• Motion by Ms. Lucas-Burke, and seconded by Dr. Whitaker, to appoint Anthony George as City Assessor with a starting salary of \$130,000, and a start date of April 1, 2024, with additional terms to be negotiated, and was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Barnes, Lucas-Burke, Tillage, Whitaker

Nays: Hugel, Moody, Glover

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Ayes: Barnes, Hugel, Lucas-Burke, Moody, Tillage, Whitaker, Glover

Nays: None

• Motion by Ms. Lucas-Burke, and seconded by Dr. Whitaker, to appoint Victor Edwards as Interim City Assessor with a 10% pay increase, and was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Barnes, Hugel, Lucas-Burke, Moody, Tillage, Whitaker, Glover

Nays: None

24-21 Report on Pending Items

24-22 Non-Agenda Speakers

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