

Portsmouth City Council's Key Vision Related Strategies, Projects and Tasks

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**THE CITY OF
PORTSMOUTH**

**BOLD LEADERSHIP
FOR
THE FUTURE**

KEY VISION RELATED STRATEGIC ACTIONS

- ◆ Develop aggressive high profile code and law enforcement to retake our community neighborhood by neighborhood (include increase in neighborhood police presence to remove crime; increase code enforcement for substandard housing)
- ◆ Award contracts to at least 3 projects for downtown redevelopment with at least one turning earth by summer 2006
- ◆ Commit to developing a funding plan for our schools
- ◆ Create/establish a realistic timeline for Mid-town corridor development (what, where & when)
- ◆ Develop a funding strategy for a "war chest" to attract more retail business to Portsmouth
- ◆ Commission a market value assessment of our jail and courthouse complexes
- ◆ Create a strategy for the development of Afton Square in Cradock and include community
- ◆ Complete plan to tie Downtown to Mid-Town with residential, mixed use housing
- ◆ Break ground for new Churchland library
- ◆ Develop a strategy which will focus on a master tourism plan (deal w/gaps)
- ◆ Define the boundaries of the Town Center & class of uses
- ◆ Develop a set of corridor plans in major arteries to include auxiliary areas to improve ability to have coordinated, well-planned growth
- ◆ Development of the full evaluation of all developable land in the City (ID, categorize, evaluate)
- ◆ Finalize implementing the new pay plan for GWE/police/fire

ALREADY IN WORK BY STAFF

- ◆ Acquire \$45 million to complete the Western Freeway Rail Corridor (Maersk)
- ◆ Create a plan for how we will deal with real estate tax rate/lower it as assessments increase
- ◆ Assist the School Board & TCC in developing a high tech, stand alone career education/vocational center (Council give input & resources to get to higher level)

**Office of the City Manager
Complex Projects for FY06**

Dr Patton

- Ntelos
- Habitat for Humanity
- BHS Building
- Cemeteries Plan
- Highland-Biltmore
- Path of History Park (NiSource)
- Council & School Board Relationship Building
- Jeffrey Wilson (Hope 6)
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Comprehensive Plan Publication
- CDBG
- TCC Campus
- Churchland Library
- Children's Museum
- Community Facilities Master Plan
- Hunt Map Middle School
- Howard Homes
- Jametown 2007
- Civic/Community Facilities
- Shea Terrace Park
- Homelessness Task Force

John Rowe

- NewPort
- Parkview Neighborhood Transformation
- Victory Blvd
- Courts Complex
- Port/Maersk Terminal
- Downtown/Waterfront "Hot Spots" – North Pier, Crawford connector & Round-about
- Waterfront Hot Spots – Lot by lot plan
- Parking Facilities
- Mid-Town Corridor
- Drug Task Force
- I-164 Interchange
- Transportation
- McLean St./Cavalier Blvd.
- Zoning Ordinance
- Victory Business Park Development
- Maryview Master Plan
- Heartland Corridor (Tea-21 Authorization)
- New Harley Davidson Location

- Codes (including recodification)
- City Facilities Master Plan
- Cradock Neighborhood (other FOCUS plans)
- Neighborhood Curbs & Gutters
- Parks & Open Space Master Plan
- Water Master Plan (Public Utilities)
- GSA Parking Swap
- Afton Square
- Sugar Hill

Lance Wolff

- CIP 5-Year Development
- Tax Assessment Study
- FY07 Budget Process

Toni Smaw-Bembry

- Compensation Pay Study
- Customer Service

John Maher

- Systems Development
- Leadership Team Follow-up Projects & Team Facilitation
- Ref-Fuel/SPSA
- SPSA Agreement Renewal
- Council Vision PWS – Strategic Plan/Design
- Comprehensive Plan – calendaring all elements
- Paradise Creek
- WIFI Project
- Cox Cable Contract Renewal
- EEC/EOC (70% complete & on schedule)

Ken Wheeler

- Strategic Marketing
- Communication Plan Implementation

Council Update on Tasks
September 27, 2005

Dr. Patton:

- **Work Flow Tasks:**
 - **Children's Museum Project**
Update: Design presentation on Children's Museum project September 26, 2005, PWS.
 - **Churchland Library Proposal**
Update: Project in the CIP discussion future to be determined by Council.
 - **City Cemeteries**
Update: Cemetery Committee meeting scheduled with funeral home directors, Liaisons and staff. Recommendations for Chapter 9 will come back to Council on November 8, 2005.
 - **Tour of City -Neighborhoods**
Update: Pending Councils desire for tour to be scheduled.
 - **Waterfront signage - to identify Ports as 0 Mile Marker.**
Update: Structural issues resolved on seawall, working with fabricator to create the frame for sign.
 - **Housing - Urban revitalization VHDA**
Update: Meeting with VHDA representative on October 20, 2005 with City staff.
 - **Hope VI - Jeffrey Wilson**
Update: Grant submitted, waiting for award announcement in October.
 - **Meeting with the Planning Council (Habitat for Humanity)**
Update: Completed
 - **Cemetery Liaisons**
Update: Liaisons Heretick and Smith appointed, meeting being scheduled with Cemetery Committee.
 - **Railroad Museum**
Update: Meeting being scheduled with Nancy Perry and Senator Moody
 - **United Way Campaign**
Update: Coordinators appointed Steve Lynch and Sue Burton
- **PWS 9/13 Items:**
 - **Battle of Craney Island** - Brewer Moore expressed a concern about the battle of Craney Island being included as a part of the Path of History. Council requested that the History Commission be advised of this suggestion.
Update: Information passed on to Nancy Perry, Director of Museums.
 - **Passage of item 04-415** - David C. Gonzales expressed a concern about the passage of item 04-415 on the City Manager's Report. Mr. Gonzales recommended, and Council concurred that staff should research other organizations that offer services that DBHS provides.
Update: Meeting is being scheduled with citizen to review the Performance Contract.

Lance Wolff:

- **Workflow:**
 - **Tax Relief**
Update: Council PWS scheduled for October 2005
 - **Renaissance's Parking Review**
Update: In work

John Maher:

- **Workflow:**
 - **Citizen Concern System**
Update: Provided update and presentation at the September Churchland Middle School Community Meeting

Ken Wheeler:

- **Work Flow:**
 - **Video Operations**
Update: There are now two regularly produced in-house programs for Channel 48 ("Portsmouth Channel News" and "Portsmouth Now"), and a third program to feature public safety ("On the Scene") is under development. As the production of these programs becomes more "routine," development of other programs to serve our citizens with access to our channel will continue. We are also working on equipment upgrades with funds provided in the City's FY06 budget. Finally, we are in dialogue with Dr. Stuckwisch and other School officials on ways the City and Schools video operations can work together to provide better programming and cost savings.

John Rowe:

- **Workflow:**
 - **CAR - CC Joint mtg.**
Update: Meeting has been held.
 - **Court renovation project update**
Update: Pending/on-going CIP Process
 - **Code Enforcement/Compliance - WM Task Force - Chapter 16**
Update: Task force has completed study, presentation before Council in October.
 - **WAG - Water Asset Group**
Update: Ongoing group to review long term water usage, Council Whitehurst Liaison has been briefed.
 - **Taxi Stands - downtown**
Update: Meeting is being scheduled with Taxi Committee to discuss and increase in fees.
 - **New Port – TCC – Victory Business Park**

- **Update:** Briefing of key players September 9, 2005, project on target and ongoing.
- **Transportation Planner**
- **Update:** The George Brisbane is the new Transportation Planner he joined the staff on September 12th
- **PWS 9/13 Items:**
 - Council requested taking an **inventory and documenting all structures in designated Historic Districts; researching any localities in Virginia where the General Assembly may have given authority to establish CAR disclosure laws for realtors;** and developing a plan to accomplish this historic inventory, including cost, timeline, and tier levels for the condition of structures. It was also suggested to **schedule a seminar with City realtors to review CAR regulations.**
Update: In work
 - Joseph Wright expressed a concern about the **ditches in Cavalier Manor.** Council requested staff to develop timeline for closing ditches in Cavalier Manor, indicating there is money in the budget in this fiscal year.
Update: in work
 - Barry Shepard expressed a concern about **current taxi rates** imposed on the riding public. Mr. Shepard pointed out that the last rate increase for City cab companies took place in late 2000. Since that time, these companies have seen an increase in insurance rates, as well as soaring gas prices. Mr. Shepard presented the following proposal: to increase the drop charge from \$1.85 to \$2.10 per 1/6 of a mile or fraction thereof; to increase the cost per 1/6 mile thereafter to \$0.35 from \$0.30; and to increase the wait time charge from \$12.00 per hour to \$14.00 per hour.
Update: in work
 - Paul Robert expressed a concern about **work on Washington Street** for sewer and water. John Rowe and Jim Spacek met with Mr. Robert immediately following his presentation.
Update: Email dated 9/16 show all concerns addressed or responded to