South Portland City Council

Position Paper of the City Manager

Subject:

ORDER #154-16/17 – Appointing an Ad-Hoc Committee to develop reuse proposals involving the Public Works facility located on O’Neil Street. Passage requires majority vote.

Position:

Staff is recommending the appointment of a ten (10) member ad hoc committee to shepherd the process of developing re-use proposal(s) for the existing Public Works facility on O’Neil Street. The process will culminate in recommendation(s) from the Committee and the final determination for the re-use of the property rest with the City Council.

The Committee will carry out a public process that provides the City Council the necessary input and information to make an informed decision. The Committee objectives include:

- Holding a series of productive and outcome-oriented meetings, where new relationships are formed, residents gain confidence in the process, and results are achieved in the determined timeframe
- Working with City Staff and Sebago Technics to hold multiple public forums, and participating in those forums, to produce tangible feedback that will be used to inform the final recommendation(s)
- Assisting with public engagement in order to maximize the involvement of the public in the process; educating residents about the characteristics of the property, its challenges and opportunities, and communicating how redevelopment may occur
- Using alternative methods of gathering public comments, and communicating with the public across multiple media throughout the process
- Recommending and presenting between one and three options for the City Council to consider as they make their decision

Requested Action:

Council passage of Order #154-16/17.

City Manager
ORDERED, that the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Ad-Hoc Committee to develop reuse proposals involving the Public Works facility located on O’Neil Street:

- Patti Smith
- Barbara Dee
- Linda Boudreau
- Craig Piper
- Steve Marston
- Linden Thigpen
- Sara Zografos
- Harold Spetla
- Josh Reny
- Tex Haeuser

Fiscal Note: Less than $1,000

March 20, 2017