Roll Call: Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

A. Acceptance of Minutes

Councilor Smith moved to accept the minutes of the April 17th Council meeting. Councilor Jalbert seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

B. Communications from City Manager

The Manager addressed the following items:
- Joint meeting with the School Department on Thursday evening at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers for a discussion on budget information
- New City smart phone application – can be found by searching South Portland Maine

C. Petitions and Communications

D. Appointment Calendar

1. ORDER #70-12/13 – Conservation Commission, District Two (Smith), for a term which expires on 11/20/14. Postponed since 12/17/12. Passage requires majority vote.

   Councilor Jalbert moved to postpone Items #1 through #4 and #6. Councilor Livingston seconded. The postponement passed 7-0.

2. ORDER #88-12/13 – Community Development Advisory Committee, District Three (Linscott), for a term which expires on 01/15/16. Postponed since 01/23/13. Passage requires majority vote.

   Postponed. See Item #1 for details.

3. ORDER #123-12/13 – Civil Service Commission, District One (Pock), for a term which expires on 03/1/18. Postponed on 04/01/13. Passage requires majority vote.

   Postponed. See Item #1 for details.

4. ORDER #124-12/13 – Board of Assessment Review, District Two (Smith), for a term which expires on 03/16/16. Postponed on 04/01/13. Passage requires majority vote.

   Postponed. See Item #1 for details.

5. ORDER #135-12/13 – Energy & Recycling Committee, District Three (Linscott) appointing Stan Cox for a term that expires 05/05/16. Passage requires majority vote.

   There was no public discussion.
Councillor Linscott moved to appoint Stan Cox, 460 Highland Ave. for a three year term. Councillor Livingston seconded. The order passed 7-0.

6. ORDER #136-12/13 – Energy & Recycling Committee, District Four (Cohen), for a term that expires 05/05/16. Passage requires majority vote.

Postponed. See Item #1 for details.

E. Consent Calendar

7. Sign Request

Skillin School PTA is requesting to place signs in various locations from May 7, 2013 – May 19, 2013 to advertise the Skillin Spring Fair on May 19, 2013. Passage requires majority vote.

There was no public discussion.

Councillor Jalbert moved for passage. Councillor Pock seconded. The sign request passed 7-0.

8. Street Closing

Tri for a Cure is requesting the closure of Fort Road, Benjamin Pickett Street and Surfsite Road from 5:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. for a triathlon on July 21, 2013. Passage requires majority vote.

The following person addressed this item;

Kelly Martin, 201 Walnut Street – Ms. Martin thanked the city for supporting the Tri for a Cure.

Councillor Jalbert moved for passage. Councillor Cohen seconded. The street closing passed 7-0.

F. Citizen Discussion (First Part)

Kay Loring, Bluff Road – Mrs. Loring was part of the group that made Bug Light happen. The group never was in favor of alcohol in the park. Their vision for the park was that it was to be a peaceful place.

Maxine Beecher, Highland Ave. – Mrs. Beecher expressed thanks for bringing up discussion about the possibility of alcohol in public parks. It has allowed her a reason to reconnect with the public. She said this city has always put our children first and we should consider the message we are sending to them.
Albert DiMillo, Colchester Drive – Mr. DiMillo said the budget information that the city requested from the school department was not the information that is needed and it was a waste of time compiling it. He indicated that the numbers from the last ten months of this fiscal year are available and is adequate to prove that the amounts budgeted are wrong.

Cliff Marchant, Hamilton Street – Mr. Marchant said he has received good information about the need of the proposed Public Works complex. He disagreed with a recent decision regarding the disposal of hand guns from the Police Department and said that the guns should be traded in for the revenue.

G. Public Hearings and Action


There was no public discussion.

Councilor Smith moved for passage. Mayor Blake seconded. The ordinance passed roll call vote 7-0.

10. Business License

Ruby Thailand, 179 Cottage Road, for a Food Establishment Restaurant with Malt and Vinous License. Passage requires majority vote.

There was no public discussion.

Councilor Jalbert motioned for passage. Councilor Smith seconded. The license passed 7-0.

H. Action on Old and New Business

11. ORDER #137-12/13 – Accepting a 2013 Seat Belt Grant for $2,000 from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety to be used by the Police Department. Passage requires majority vote.

There was no public discussion.

Councilor Cohen moved for passage. Mayor Blake seconded. The order passed 7-0.

12. ORDER #138-12/13 – Accepting a 2013 Speed Enforcement Grant for $5,000 from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety to be used by the Police Department. Passage requires majority vote.
There was no public discussion.

Councilor Linscott moved for passage. Councilor Cohen seconded. The order passed 7-0.

13. ORDER #139-12/13 – Amending the Traffic Schedule regarding 2-hour parking on Ocean Street from E Street to C Street. Passage requires majority vote.

The following people addressed this item;

Bill Dunnigan, owner of Cia – Mr. Dunnigan thanked the City for bringing this item forward and said he is hopeful this order is passed.

Allen Cardinal, owner of Legion Square Market – Mr. Cardinal spoke in support of the parking amendment.

Chief Googins said the owners of the businesses in the area initially did not support the parking restriction, however most changed their mind after they learned more about the issue.

Councilor Smith moved for passage. Councilor Linscott seconded. The order passed 6-1 (Blake).

14. ORDER #140-12/13 - Setting June 3, 2013 as the date of the public hearing on a public nuisance complaint relating to property at 119 and 125 Wythburn Road. Passage requires majority vote.

There was no public discussion.

Councilor Smith moved for passage. Councilor Jalbert seconded. The order passed 7-0.

I. Citizen Discussion (Second Part)

Bill Dunnigan, owner of Cia, inquired about a traffic problem location on Broadway during rush hour traffic and asked if there had been any consideration into changing the traffic light holding pattern.

J. Councilor’s Round Robin

Mayor Blake spoke in appreciation of the volunteers who assisted with the Fort Preble Conservation efforts on Saturday and the 40 Interact students who help with cleaning up the West End Trails on Sunday.

Councilor Smith reminded folks about the South Portland Land Trust plant sale on May 18th at the American Legion Hall. She also noted the May is “Commute Another Way” month and encouraged residents to think about ways they could support this effort.
Councilor Linscott said this is Teacher Appreciation Week and she extended thanks to all the teachers. She also wished everyone a Happy Mother’s Day.

Councilor Cohen also sent wishes for a Happy Mother’s Day. She said she has been thinking about the fires that have occurred in Lewiston and is sending good thoughts to fire support staff there.

K. Executive Session

Councilor Jalbert moved to adjourn at 8:24 P.M. Councilor Pock seconded. The motion passed 7-0.