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Roll Call: Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Councilor Beecher and Councilor Morgan were absent.

A. Acceptance of Minutes

Councilor Smith moved for acceptance, seconded by Councilor Fox. Motion passed 5-0.

B. Communications from City Manager

- 1) Budget guidance workshop on 1/13 with City Council and School Board
- 2) Winterfest starting on 1/29 at Mill Creek Park from 4-8pm
- 3) Public Works is collecting Christmas trees. Residents are asked to leave their trees curbside, without ornaments.
- 4) Waterfront ad-hoc committee and temporary off-premise signs to be discussed at the upcoming City Council Workshop on 1/11.

C. Petitions and Communications

- 1) Board of Appeals Attendance Report
- 2) The City Clerk read excerpts from The Current where the South Portland Marching Band was recognized for a gold medal for the 10th consecutive year.

D. Appointment Calendar

1. ORDER #86-14/15 – Conservation Commission, District Two(Smith), for an unexpired term which expires on 11/20/17.Postponed since 02/18/15. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Smith moved to postpone, seconded by Councilor Rose. The motion passed 5-0.

2. ORDER #89-14/15 – Civil Service Commission, District Three(Rose), for an unexpired term which expires on 03/01/19.Postponed since 03/02/15. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Rose moved to postpone, seconded by Councilor Cohen. The motion passed 5-0.

3. ORDER #114-14/15 – Conservation Commission, District One(Morgan), for an unexpired term which expires on 3/3/18.Postponed since 4/22/15. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Cohen moved to postpone, in Councilor Morgan's absence, seconded by Councilor Smith. The motion passed 5-0.

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4. ORDER #2-15/16 – Board of Appeals, District Two (Smith), for a term which expires on 7/23/18. Postponed since 07/06/15. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Smith moved to postpone, seconded by Councilor Fox. The motion passed 5-0.

5. ORDER #41-15/16 – Arts & Historic Preservation Committee, District Two (Smith), for a term which expires on 10/20/18. Postponed since 10/19/15. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Smith moved to postpone, seconded by Councilor Fox. The motion passed 5-0.

6. ORDER #55-15/16 – Energy & Recycling Committee, District Three (Rose), for an unexpired term which expires on 05/05/16. Postponed since 11/16/15. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Rose moved to postpone, seconded by Councilor Cohen. The motion passed 5-0.

7. ORDER #58-15/16 - Conservation Commission, District Two (Smith), for an unexpired term which expires on 11/20/18. Postponed since 12/21/15. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Smith moved to postpone, seconded by Councilor Cohen. The motion passed 5-0.

8. ORDER #64-15/16 - Energy & Recycling Committee, District Five (Fox), for an unexpired term which expires on 05/05/18. Postponed since 12/21/15. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Fox moved to postpone, seconded by Councilor Rose. The motion passed 5-0.

9. ORDER #65-15/16 – Conservation Commission, District Four (Cohen), appointing **Joe Greeley**, for an unexpired term which expires on 03/03/16. Postponed since 12/21/15. Passage requires majority vote.

There was no public comment.

Councilor Cohen moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Smith. The motion passed 5-0.

10. ORDER #71-15/16- Library Advisory Board, District One (Morgan), for an unexpired term which expires on 01/01/18. Passage requires majority vote.

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Councilor Smith moved to postpone, in Councilor Morgan's absence, seconded by Councilor Cohen. The motion passed 5-0.

11. ORDER #72-15/16 - Library Advisory Board, District Five (Fox), for an unexpired term which expires on 01/01/18. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Fox moved to postpone, seconded by Councilor Rose. The motion passed 5-0.

E. Consent Calendar

12. SIGN PERMIT - The Greater Portland Sustainability Council is requesting to place temporary signs in various locations on city property from January 27 to February 8 to notify South Portland residents about the Home Energy Fair on February 6.

The following people addressed this item:

Jeff Edelstein, Greater Portland Sustainability Council
Jim Hoy, Hill St.

Councilor Smith moved for passage, seconded by Mayor Blake. The motion passed 5-0.

F. Citizen Discussion (First Part)

Russ Lunt, Brigham St.
Jim Hoy, Hill St.
Bob Whyte, Orchard St.
Albert DiMillo, Colchester Dr.
Devin Deane, Thirlmere Ave.
Patricia Whyte, Orchard St.
Greg Lewis, Mussey St.

G. Public Hearings and Action

H. Action on Old and New Business

13. ORDER #73-15/16 - Accepting miscellaneous donations. Passage requires majority vote.

There was no public comment.

Councilor Cohen moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Rose. The motion passed 5-0.

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14. ORDER #74-15/16 – Authorizing the City Manager to sign a Certificate of Title and Project Acceptance with Portland Water District to complete the main and service installations at 929 Highland Avenue. Passage requires majority vote.

The following people addressed this item:

Russ Lunt, Brigham St.

Councilor Smith moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Fox. The motion passed 5-0.

15. ORDER #75-15/16 – Authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with Unitil for the installation of gas service at 929 Highland Avenue. Passage requires majority vote.

The following people addressed this item:

Albert DiMillo, Colchester Dr.

Councilor Fox moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Cohen. The motion passed 5-0.

16. ORDER #76-15/16 – Authorizing the City Manager to sign a GPCOG Brownfields Program Subgrant Agreement regarding a Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Capitalization grant from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. Passage requires majority vote.

The following people addressed this item:

Russ Lunt, Brigham St.

Councilor Cohen moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Fox. The motion passed 5-0.

17. ORDER #77-15/16 – Authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Maine State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the South Portland Armory. Passage requires majority vote.

The following people addressed this item:

David Letou, Property Holdings

Councilor Fox moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Smith. The motion passed 5-0.

18. ORDER #78-15/16 – Award of Request for Proposal to Credere Associates, of Westbrook, ME, to provide environmental professional services for the South Portland Armory Brownfields Grant. Passage requires majority vote.

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The following people addressed this item:

Russ Lunt, Brigham St.

Patricia Whyte, Orchard St.

Councilor Smith moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Cohen. The motion passed 5-0.

19. ORDER #79-15/16 – Award of Request for Proposal to M. Gaertner, Historic Building Consultant, of Portland, ME, to provide historic documentation services for the South Portland Armory Brownfields Grant. Passage requires majority vote.

There was no public comment.

Councilor Rose moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Fox. The motion passed 5-0.

I. Citizen Discussion (Second Part)

George Corey, Franklin Terrace

J. Councilor's Round Robin

Councilor Smith wished everyone a happy new year.

Councilor Rose thanked Mayor and the public for their comments and commented on the tone and candor of the workshop on 1/28.

Councilor Cohen Announced vacancies on the CDAC and Energy & Recycling Committee and addressed a comment about serving on the Chamber board.

Councilor Fox shared an e-mail from citizen Sarah Malley on the LP gas issue. Commented that he would like to see the Chapter 8 Fire Code amendment that was discussed in a recent workshop on the next Council agenda.

Mayor Blake recognized public comments and encouraged more participation from the community and addressed the process for how conflicts of interest are handled within the Council.

K. Executive Session

Councilor Smith made a motion to adjourn at 8:56pm, seconded by Councilor Fox. The motion passed 5-0.

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