

Portsmouth City Council
Working Together

GETTING STUFF DONE

FOR STRONGER PORTSMOUTH

Real Progress | Real Solutions | Real Momentum

Let's Keep the Momentum.

Early Voting Begins on September 18th.

Election Day is on November 3rd.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

- Reduction in overall crime, violent crime and homicides for the past three years
- Overhauled 911 system
- Restored comparable pay for police, fire, & EMT
- Filled fire, EMT & dispatcher staffing vacancies & invested in fire and ambulance equipment
- Installed FUSUS & Flock systems; stood up RTCC
- Supporting Portsmouth United; stood up Crime and Gun Violence Commission
- Implemented summer hiring programs for our teens
- Approved an ordinance to address more stringent conditions for entertainment-related use permits
- Portsmouth CARES team has begun regular compliance visits to businesses



EDUCATION

- Increased City contribution to PPS from \$63.7M in 23-24 school year to \$82.9M in 25-26 school year and returned PPS EOY budget surpluses year over year
- Returned PPS budget surplus funding and supported CIP funding to fund PACE center
- Pursuing design/construction of new K-8 school
- Funding five-year growth plan for Starbase Victory STEM program from city general fund
- Installed GOTECH STEM program in PPS middle schools
- Participated in PPS effort to define traits of a graduate
- Improved transparency into PPS budget creation and execution



INFRASTRUCTURE

- Completed Churchland bridge project
- Completed Court St bioretention project
- Completed Churchland Rail to Trail project
- Acquired HRRJ and approved demo of city civic center
- Participated in public meetings to develop LINC District plan
- Begun overhauling sewer transfer stations and advocating for state funding to assist
- Painted two city water towers
- Increased the amount of street paving funded year over year
- Completed DCIP project to add a third lane entrance to NMC Portsmouth in collaboration with the Navy; pursuing collaboration with Navy and Coast Guard for future DCIP opportunities; participated in OLDCC resiliency study
- Approved homeless shelter construction
- Pursuing a PPP to construct a new city hall and associated parking facility
- Pursuing design/construction of new public safety complex



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Added funding to Portsmouth@Work to fund expanded training opportunities for people looking to gain trade skills or to up-skill
- Approved several new housing developments to increase housing stock by more than 1100 units
- Approved collaboration with SPSA to build a new AI-driven trash sorting facility
- Spearheaded visit to Greenville, SC to gather downtown revitalization ideas
- Collaborated with Portsmouth Main Street team and Dominion Power to relight High Street corridor
- Collaborating with the EDA team to define the desired development of the "former Holiday Inn site"
- Participated in the stand-up of the Maritime Industry roundtable discussions, aimed at bringing maritime opportunities (and jobs) to Portsmouth
- Rivers Casino opened and adjacent hotel is under construction
- Portsmouth has become a hub of small business growth in Hampton Roads – more than 700 new small businesses started here in the past year
- Stood up MWBE office to review and improve MWBE participation in city procurement
- Working with planning department to implement more rigorous oversight of short-term rentals



TAXES

- Reduced Real estate property tax rate from \$1.30/\$100 assessed value to \$1.24/\$100
- Carefully scrubbing city budget for opportunities to save/repurpose funding annually
- Pressing fed legislators to extend PILOT to Portsmouth to relieve burden of untaxed fed property



KEEP THE MOMENTUM

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Election Day November 3