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Honorable Council Members
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Re: Citizen Problems and Seeking Strategic Solutions

Now is the time for us to put an end to various problems we face in our City. First, we need to establish a plan; second we should work to get the community involved; and third we should strive to keep the community apprised of ongoing activities. We must assure citizens that their safety and welfare take top priority. I am not suggesting Council members perform administrative duties. I am stating we must better organize and communicate to represent the citizens and assure problem resolution is completed in a timely and efficient manner.

Citizens need to know their concerns are being addressed and receive regular updates to assure completion. Advanced planning and monitoring for accountability will prompt timely adjustments when unexpected problems arise and final resolution with limited resources.

I am suggesting some examples for Council to provide the public regular updates:

- Solutions to avoiding future flooding within the Grandview Avenue Area
- Combined Sewer Overflow Project including Phases and Funding
- Street and Alley Paving
- Land Reutilization Program
- Neighborhood Crime
- Government Transparency and Integrity

I am suggesting Council establish guidelines to address problems by prioritizing, adding, removing when complete, designating responsible parties, and formulate a channel of communication not only amongst Council but to the public.

I am requesting Council members consider the ideas mentioned above. Keep in mind these are suggestions to help improve our City's development, transparency and accountability. I am hopeful further discussions and suggestions will promote a positive paradigm shift in Portsmouth.

Respectfully,



Bob Mollette, 3rd Ward Advocate and Representative on City Council

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