Atlantic Union Bank Pavilion Project

What is the scope of work for the Pavilion Project?
The work originally included the following tasks: (1) fabrication of a new canopy; (2) fabrication of a new mast; (3) removal of the existing damaged mast; (4) installation of the replacement mast; and (5) attachment of the new canopy. During the process of removal of the mast, additional issues have been uncovered that must be fixed prior to occupancy and use of the venue. These include re-sealing and re-galvanizing structural components, and electrical and ADA compliance issues and are referred to as task (6). The original work was scheduled in a manner to efficiently remove and replace the mast and canopy by having the mast contractor and the canopy contractor partially overlap their time onsite, thus allowing each to gain the benefit of equipment and staging that is in place and resulting in cost-effective purchasing and delivery of services.

What is the current status of the work?
The Pavilion is not currently safe for use. The site is an active construction zone with access limited to personnel with an understanding of job site safety protocols. The prior temporary brace is showing signs of fatigue from the conditions over the past year. Tasks (1) and (2) (fabrication of a new canopy and a new mast) have been completed. Task (3) (removal of the existing damaged mast) is underway. Crofton Construction Services is in the midst of disassembling the main mast which involves numerous activities including de-tensioning main support cables, installing fabricated pile supports in 3 areas, laying steel cables on the protective decking, installing steel cable guy supports. Once the main mast is removed and replaced, a number of these items will remain in place to facilitate the installation of the canopy. There is overlap in the efforts so there is coordination between the two contractors. The materials for the canopy installation are currently staged onsite in several locations. Span Systems will be using the same protective decking to layout the fabric prior to installation. They will also be using some of the smaller equipment (and potentially workers) from Crofton to facilitate the canopy installation.

What is the current schedule for the work?
To make the Pavilion safe for use: (1) task 2 (removal of the mast) must be completed; (2) task 3 (installation of the new mast) must be completed; (3) the scaffolding must be removed from the site; (4) the cables must be secured in a safe manner; (5) the site must be restored; (6) structural, electrical and ADA compliance issues must be fixed; and (7) the structure as a whole must be inspected and tested to ensure stability. Throughout this process as we identify additional issues, we will use this down time to address those issues and prepare the venue for a full 2020 season.

Conclusion
The City of Portsmouth’s paramount concern throughout this situation is the personal safety of individuals who work and attend events in this municipal facility. Cognizant of the actual and potential commercial loss for our tenant and operator as well as affiliated businesses, the City will continue to fulfill its duty as owner and administrator of the venue to restore the municipal facility to project completion and full operation by November 30.