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City Stages Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Re-opening of Portsmouth Seawall

(PORTSMOUTH, VA - February 4, 2019) - Have you missed walks or runs along the seawall adjacent to Portsmouth City Hall? If you answered in the affirmative, city officials have some good news for you. On Monday, February 11, at 5 p.m., Portsmouth Mayor John L. Rowe, Jr., members of the City Council, and other city officials will stage a SeaWalk and ribbon-cutting ceremony officially re-opening a section of the seawall located near Portsmouth City Hall. City officials and guests will gather on the seawall at the Fresnel lens, located near the Legend Brewing Depot and then proceed to City Hall.

After an underwater inspection in 2015, city engineers reported structural issues with the seawall and deemed it unsafe for public use. City officials decided the most efficient way to repair the problems was to replace the iconic structure in sections. The third phase of the project, from High Street Landing to the marina at City Hall, will officially open February 11. Phase four of the project, which is the Crawford Bay site (the old Holiday Inn property), will begin this spring. The cost for this phase of the seawall replacement was approximately \$8.5 million.

A regularly scheduled City Council Public Work Session follows the ribbon-cutting ceremony at 6 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room on the 6th floor of City Hall.

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