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Special Budget & Finance Committee
Thursday, November 10, 2011 – 3:00 p.m.
1st Fl. Council Committee Rm. – City Hall

AGENDA

(Items May be taken out of order at the discretion of the Committee)

1. *Memorandum from Mayor Kirk re: Use of Restored Local Aid*
2. *Request from Gloucester Fishermen's Athletic Association re: acceptance of gift of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) for partial payment of engineering services for plans for Renovation of Newell Stadium*

COMMITTEE

Councilor Steven Cureuru, Chair
Councilor Paul McGeary, Vice Chair
Councilor Jacqueline Hardy

Committee members – Please bring relevant documentation

Back-up and Supporting Documentation all on file at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall

CC: Mayor Carolyn Kirk
Jim Duggan
Kenny Costa
Jeffrey Towne

The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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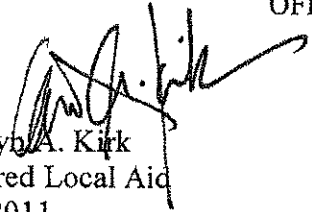
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CITY OF GLOUCESTER
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MEMORANDUM


TO: City Council
FR: Mayor Carolyn A. Kirk
RE: Use of Restored Local Aid
DT: October 31, 2011

Dear Councilors,

As you know from the Memorandum from Senator Tarr's office dated October 28, 2011, Gloucester stands to receive \$244,250 in Unrestricted General Government Aid. This amount reflects what was cut during last spring's state budget. Given that the state produced a surplus at the close of the fiscal year, we are pleased that the Commonwealth is returning this money to cities and towns. We expect to receive the money today, and we have had a number of questions about it that we would like to address right away.

It is not often that we are in the situation of having to decide what to do with extra money. This represents a modest windfall to Gloucester, and these funds can be used in any of the following ways:

- Any funds not appropriated must be closed to fund balance (free cash) at the end of FY12;
- The funds can be appropriated as an available revenue during FY12, or;
- The funds can be applied as estimated receipts when setting the FY12 tax rate.

While it is a goal of the city to improve fund balance, we are making progress in that area through our overall financial management plan for the city.

The FY12 budget is set, and we anticipate covering any shortfalls through good expense management and FY11 free cash which will be certified in the month of November.

If we apply the funds as estimated receipts when setting the FY12 tax rate, we are able to reduce the amount of taxes raised in order to meet the FY12 revenue budget.

It is the recommendation of the Administration that we take this opportunity to give the taxpayers of Gloucester a break. As outlined in the State of the City report, pressure has remained on the property tax because of the decline in local and state revenues, rising fixed costs, and the need to maintain core service levels for citizens.

While the result may only be a small tax savings for the property owner, I believe it is the right message to send – that the taxpayers have stepped up during these tough economic times for the city, and we now have a small way to say “thank you.” In addition, once FY11 free cash is certified, we will make every attempt to apply some of those funds to our FY12 estimated receipts which would result in an additional tax break for the citizens.

Under separate cover and in the next Mayor's Report, the Administration will be making the formal request to the City Council to apply these funds to the city's estimated receipts when setting the FY12 tax rate.

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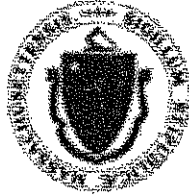
Gloucester UGGA Reversion Funding Memo

From : Bruce E Tarr (SEN) <Bruce.Tarr@masenate.gov>
Sender : Richard M. Gould (SEN) <Richard.Gould@masenate.gov>
Subject : Gloucester UGGA Reversion Funding Memo

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Memorandum

To: Municipal Officials
From: Senator Bruce Tarr
Date: October 28, 2011
Re: UGGA Reversion Funding

I am pleased to inform you that the City of Gloucester is scheduled to receive \$244,250 in Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA) from the Commonwealth next week. The funding is to be distributed in one lump sum on Monday, October 31.

The scheduled payment reflects the difference between the \$3,378,096 in UGGA funding that Gloucester received in Fiscal Year 2011 and the \$3,133,846 the city was allocated in the current Fiscal Year 2012 budget, effectively level-funding this account.

During last spring's budget debate, the House and the Senate agreed to utilize half of any surplus funding available at the end of Fiscal Year 2011 to restore the \$65 million that had been cut statewide from the UGGA account. Had this agreement not been in place, the money would have reverted back to the General Fund. Given the many fiscal challenges communities are facing, returning this money to our cities and towns represents one of the most effective ways to alleviate some of this financial burden and maintain essential services at the municipal level.

I hope this information is helpful, but please feel free to contact me at (617) 722-1600 or at bruce.tarr@masenate.gov if I can be of any further assistance.



Bulletin

2011-15B

TO: Mayors/Boards of Selectmen, City Councils, Managers, Finance Directors, Accountants/Auditors, Treasurers, Assessors, and Finance Committees

FROM: Gerard D. Perry, Director of Accounts

DATE: October 28, 2011

SUBJECT: Additional State Aid Affecting FY12 Municipal Budgets

On October 27, 2011, Governor Deval Patrick signed Chapter 142 of the Acts of 2011, which appropriated \$65M in a supplemental budget for cities and towns of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This additional local aid will be distributed to municipalities on Monday, October 31, 2011. The file for your distribution can be found at <http://www.mass.gov/Ador/docs/dls/mdmstuff/LocalAidDist/65million.xls>.

Please be advised that this revenue may be used in any one of the following ways:

- Applied as estimated receipts when setting the FY12 tax rate;
- Appropriated as an available fund during FY12, or;
- Any funds not appropriated must be closed to fund balance (free cash) at the end of FY12.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Bureau of Accounts field representative.

Gloucester Fishermen Athletic Association

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November 2, 2011

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The Gloucester Fishermen Athletic Association requests that the City Council accept our gift of one hundred thousand dollars to the City of Gloucester for the sole purpose of partial payment of engineering services for the plans for the renovation of Newell Stadium. These funds come from donations by the citizens and friends of this community as well as local businesses, most notably Gorton's of Gloucester, Rockport National Bank and the Sudbay Motor Group.

Thank You,



Richard Wilson

Chairman
Renewal of Newell Stadium Committee



Jonathan Pope,
President
Gloucester Fishermen Athletic Association

