

Ordinances & Administration Committee
Monday, June 1, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
1st Fl. Council Committee Room – City Hall
-Minutes-

Present: Acting Chair, Councilor Joseph Ciolino; Alternate, Councilor Greg Verga; Alternate, Steven LeBlanc

Absent: Chair, Councilor Robert Whynott; Vice Chair, Councilor Bob Stewart

Also Present: Councilor William Fonvielle; Councilor Melissa Cox; Chip Payson; Jim Destino; Linda Lowe

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. There was a quorum of the City Council.

1. Appointments:

Clean City Commission TTE 02/14/18 Donna Ardizzoni (Cont'd from 05/18)

Responding to direct questioning by the Committee, **Ms. Ardizzoni** said that she goes out every Saturday with Patti Amaral and others to do cleanups in the city. She is passionate about cleaning up litter and has been doing it one hour at a time for seven years. **Ms. Lowe** reminded Ms. Ardizzoni that meetings need to be posted.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Donna Ardizzoni to the Clean City Commission, TTE 02/14/18.

Gloucester Housing Authority TTE 02/14/20 Scott B. Duffany

Mr. Duffany reviewed his reasons for stepping forward to volunteer to work with the Gloucester Housing Authority board, noting that Gus Foote recommended him for the position several months ago. **Councilor Ciolino** stated that Mr. Duffany would also be the union representative.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Verga, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Scott B. Duffany to the Gloucester Housing Authority, TTE 02/14/20.

Historic District Commission TTE 02/14/18 Jessica Mulcahy (Cont'd from 05/18)

Ms. Mulcahy said that she and her husband bought a house in the historic district a couple of years ago that was slated for demolition. In the process of restoring it, she spent a lot of time with the Archives Department learning about the house and the neighborhood. She believes that serving on the Historic District Commission would be a nice opportunity to serve the city. **Councilor Ciolino** suggested that the commission be specific on what it is looking for in order to streamline the process and so that people can be prepared.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Jessica Mulcahy to the Historic District Commission, TTE 02/14/18.

Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee TTE 02/14/18 Frederick J. Geisel (rep. for neighborhood abutting park)

Mr. Geisel was not present at the meeting.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Verga, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Frederick J. Geisel to the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee as the representative for neighborhood abutting Stage Fort Park, TTE 02/14/18.

Ms. Lowe will contact Mr. Geisel to inform him that the committee approved his recommendation and that he needs to appear before the City Council on June 9, 2015.

2. Memorandum from General Counsel & pertinent material re: proposed Ordinance for the creation of the Stage Fort Dog Park Commission (Cont'd from 05/04/15)

This matter was continued to July 6, 2015.

3. Memorandum from General Counsel & the Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Towns of Rockport and Manchester-by-the-Sea re: District Veterans' Services Office

Mr. Destino stated that the city has entered into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Rockport and Manchester to provide veterans' services in Gloucester for those two towns. He explained that the towns are each paying \$14,500 to the city, \$10,000 of which will be paid to Adam Curcuru and Lucia Amero as stipends. **Mr. Destino** noted that most of the veterans in Rockport and Manchester are using Gloucester's services anyway because there are no full-time services in those towns. He indicated that Mr. Curcuru will go to Rockport and Manchester once in a while to provide services to veterans who cannot come to Gloucester.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council pursuant to MGL c. 40, §4A to approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the City of Gloucester and the Towns of Rockport and Manchester-by-the-Sea for a District Veterans' Services Office and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement and require that the Council Certificate of Vote for said approval be attached to the Inter-Municipal Agreement.

This matter will come to the Council through Committee Report.

4. CC2015-006 (Fonvielle) Request O&A & Traffic Commission review existing parking restrictions in GCO Sections 22-270 & 22-291 for Kondelin Road from its intersection with Magnolia Avenue for its entire length and to review existing signage for consistency with GCO c. 22 (Cont'd from 05/18/15)

This matter was continued to July 20, 2015.

5. CC2015-018 (Cox) Amend GCO c. 21 "Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places" be amended by ADDING a new section entitled, "Sec. 21-13. Obstructions"

Councilor Cox explained to the Committee that the amendment eliminates outdated language in the current ordinance and adds a removal fine and the requirement for a license application and license fees. It was the consensus of the committee not to support the requirement of a license or license fees so long as businesses are complying with ADA rules. **Councilor Verga** pointed out that the city is trying to encourage business downtown and this could be seen as a money grab. General Counsel, **Chip Payson** explained the new language in the amendment and stated that right now there is no vehicle to allow for outdoor seating or putting a sign in front of a store on Rogers Street. **Councilor Cox** said that as it stands now, everybody is in violation of the ordinance if there is anything more than a sandwich board on the sidewalk. **Councilor LeBlanc** suggested including some examples of what is allowable on the sidewalk. **Mr. Destino** suggested making the building inspector the enforcement agent.

This matter was continued to June 15, 2015.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Puglisi
Substitute Recorder

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.