

**SPECIAL GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, November 29, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

**-MINUTES-**

**Present: President, Councilor Joseph Ciolino; Vice President, Steven LeBlanc, Jr.; Councilor Melissa Cox; Councilor Paul Lundberg; Councilor Valerie Gilman; Councilor Scott Memhard; Councilor Sean Nolan; Councilor James O’Hara; Councilor Joseph Orlando, Jr.**

**Absent: None.**

**Also Present: Mayor Theken; Joanne Senos; Kenny Costa; Jim Destino; John Dunn; Christopher Sicuranza; Nancy Papows; Gary Johnstone**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Council President announced that this meeting is recorded by video and audio in accordance with state Open Meeting Law.**

**Flag Salute & Moment of Silence.**

**For Council Vote:**

**1. Discussion and Council Vote to override Mayor’s Veto of City Council Vote of November 22, 2016  
Re: FY17 Tax Classification Factor**

**Council President Ciolino** recounted for the Council that the prior week at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on November 22, at the close of the Public Hearing on the setting of the Tax Classification Factor for FY2017, the Council voted 5 in favor, 4 opposed to adopt a Residential Tax Classification Factor of 1.00 after a vigorous discussion -- and on November 22 Mayor Theken vetoed the vote of the Council. He announced that it was now up to the Council to override the Mayor’s Veto in order for the Residential Tax Classification Factor of 1.00 to be adopted by the Council and thereby set that as the rate for FY2017. There is no other matter before the Council at this time, and this motion is exactly as the Council voted it on November 22 after a full public hearing was opened and closed on the matter. This matter is voted only once, and is either passed as an override, or the Mayor’s veto stands. It was reiterated that the motion passed by the City Council on November 22, 2016 was:

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 5 in favor, 4 (Cox, LeBlanc, Lundberg, Nolan) opposed, to adopt a Residential Tax Classification Factor of 1.00 for Fiscal Year 2017.

The Council then voted the following motion:

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 4 (Memhard, O’Hara, Orlando, Ciolino) in favor, 5 (Gilman, Cox, LeBlanc, Lundberg, Nolan) opposed, to adopt a Residential Tax Classification Factor of 1.00 for Fiscal Year 2017.**

**THE MAYOR’S VETO IS UPHELD.**

**Councilor Orlando** said that he had voted for a Residential Tax Classification Factor to be set at 1.00 originally and did so just now because it is the annual starting point, pointing out that for the last 30 years the decision has been to give residential property owners a tax break. He said this year the decision was not to do that. He highlighted that in his opinion that the purpose of government is to work together and compromise and said that the Mayor has shown that by being willing to compromise her original position of 1.06 for a Tax Classification Factor down to 1.03. He conveyed he would meet the Mayor halfway and propose a Residential Tax Classification Factor of 1.03 which he indicated was a step in the right direction. He said next year it was his hope that the Council will be willing to take the next step to legislate a flat rate. The rate of 1.03 will help city businesses and also recognizes that there will be some affect which has to be taken into account.

**Councilor Orlando** then moved to adopt a compromise of a Residential Tax Classification Factor of .996592 that equates to a CIP Shift of 1.03 for Fiscal Year 2017, and **Councilor Cox** seconded.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to adopt a Residential Tax Classification of .996592 that equates to a CIP Shift of 1.03 for Fiscal Year 2017.**

**MOTION PASSES.**

MOTION TO RECONSIDER:

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to reconsider its vote to adopt a Residential Tax Classification Factor of .996592 that equates to a CIP Shift of 1.03 for Fiscal Year 2017.**

**MOTION FAILS.**

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dana C. Jorgensson*  
Clerk of Committees

**DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.**