

**GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

**-MINUTES-**

**Present: Chair, Councilor Paul Lundberg; Councilor Melissa Cox; Councilor Valerie Gilman; Councilor Kenneth Hecht; Councilor Jennifer Holmgren; Councilor Scott Memhard; Councilor Sean Nolan; Councilor James O’Hara**

**Absent: Councilor LeBlanc**

**Also Present: Joanne Senos; Jim Destino; Kenny Costa; John Dunn; Grace Poirier; Vanessa Krawczyk; Dr. Richard Safier; Kathy Clancy**

**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.**

**Oral Communications:** None.

**Presentations/Commendations:** None.

**Confirmation of New Appointments:** None.

**Consent Agenda:**

- ***MAYOR’S REPORT***

1. Reappointments:
 

|                              |                   |              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Gloucester Housing Authority | Dorothy Martins   | TTE 05/24/24 | (Refer O&A) |
| Licensing Board              | John T. Lamirande | TTE 05/31/25 | (Refer O&A) |
2. Memorandum from Shellfish Constable re: request amendment to GCO Ch. 20 “Shellfish, Seaworms and Eels” Sec. 20-26(a) “Permit to take eels generally; restrictions as to traps; Fyke nets prohibited” (Refer O&A)
3. Memorandum from Director of Public Health re: request approval to accept grant in the amount of \$20,000 to expand regional Transportation for seniors (Refer B&F)
4. Memorandum from Harbormaster re: request approval to accept donation in the amount of \$2,000 from the Minogue Family Foundation (Refer B&F)
5. Special Budgetary Transfer Request 2019-SBT-10 from the DPW (Refer B&F)
6. Memorandum and Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Request 2019-SA-35 from the Treasurer/Collector (Refer B&F)
7. Memorandum and Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Request 2019-SA-36 from the Treasurer/Collector (Refer B&F)
8. Response from Mayor’s Office to Oral Communications of the March 26, 2019 City Council Meeting (Refer B&F)

- ***INFORMATION ONLY***

1. 2019 Yearly Operational Plan from Keolis Commuter Services re: herbicide application (Info Only)
2. Announcement from City Clerk re: Student Government Day on May 28, 2019 (Info Only)

- ***APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS***

- ***COUNCILORS ORDERS***

1. CC2019-017 (Gilman, Lundberg): request that the City Council through its Planning & Development Committee establish an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to study the implications of affordable housing with assisted living facilities (Refer P&D)
- ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS***
  1. City Council Meeting: 4/9/2019 (Approve/File)
  2. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 4/18/2019 (under separate cover), O&A 04/15/2019 (no meeting), P&D 04/17/2019 (Approve/File)

**Unanimous Consent Calendar:**

1. CCC2019-018 (Gilman): request that per the letter submitted to the City Clerk by Sam Avola, 1 Colburn Street, that his repetitive petition request, covered under GZO Sec. 1.5.15 be considered for the sole purpose of determining if a reduction of building height of 38 feet to 34.5 feet constitutes a specific or material change (Refer P&D & Planning Bd.)
2. Addendum to Mayor’s Report: Gloucester High School Flood Barrier Grant Application & Loan Order (Refer B&F)

**Items to be added/deleted from the Consent Agenda & Unanimous Consent Calendar:**

**Councilor Gilman** asked to remove Item #1 under the Unanimous Consent Calendar, “CC2019-018 (Gilman).” She highlighted that under MGL Ch. 40A, §16 and GZO Sec. 1.5.15 controls the ability for an applicant to reapply for a Special Council Permit within a two-year timeframe after rejection by the City Council. This particular applicant would have to wait until October 10, 2019 to reapply. She explained that this is a request that the Council consider under the Zoning Ordinance for the sole purpose of determining if the reduction in building height to 34.8 feet from 38 feet constitutes a specific or material change. She pointed out this doesn’t mean the Council is voting on the height, it just means they are reviewing this section of the Zoning Ordinance to consider whether they should

allow the applicant to reapply or not before the two years has expired from the original rejection of the Special Council Permit. **CC2019-018 was voted unanimously to be referred to the P&D Committee and the Planning Board by the City Council.**

**By unanimous consent of the Council the Consent Agenda was accepted as presented. By unanimous consent of the Council the Unanimous Consent Calendar was accepted as amended.**

### Committee Reports:

#### **Budget & Finance: April 18**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council accept under MGL c. 44, §53A ½, a tangible donation from Jason Grow, Photographer, consisting of 46 Gloucester World War II Veterans' Framed Portraits with an estimated total value of \$34,500 to \$46,000.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Cox**, noting photographer Jason Grow was, asked him to stand and receive an ovation from the Council. She highlighted that originally the portraits of the city's WWII veterans was on display in Kyrouz Auditorium several years ago, and are now displayed in City Hall's first floor and some at the Veterans Center. She noted that through the Committee for the Arts the Council is accepting this donation, which she called a very valuable asset for the city. She offered thanks to Mr. Grow on behalf of the City of Gloucester.

**Jason Grow**, 12 Marble Road, expressed his appreciation to the Council, the Mayor's Office and the Committee for the Arts, saying this is a fine culmination to have these portraits in possession of the city. He cited that the original intent was to memorialize the people who had been part of the community and served to protect it. He conveyed it was heartwarming to know they will have a place in the public eye for years to come with these veterans' stories will be preserved and to reflect on whom we are as a community. He expressed his appreciation to have his contribution acknowledged. He asked that the photographs remain in the public view for citizens to better understand the city's history. **Councilor Cox** acknowledged that there has been a request through the Administration to invest in a secure method for the preservation and display of the photographs, and suggested that Mr. Grow may wish to consult with the Mayor's Office on the matter.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (LeBlanc) absent, to accept under MGL c. 44, §53A ½, a tangible donation from Jason Grow, Photographer, consisting of 46 Gloucester World War II Veterans' Framed Portraits with an estimated total value of \$34,500 to \$46,000.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council accept under MGL c. 44, §53A, a state grant amendment from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Office of Coastal Zone Management, a Coastal Resilience Grant of \$17,000 for the purpose of better addressing and protecting the Gloucester High School campus from future flooding risk and hazards in addition to previous funding of \$63,345 for a total award of \$80,345. The grant match is 25% of the total project cost on a reimbursement basis. The grant period is through June 30, 2019.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Cox** conveyed that this is additional grant funding for the High School campus flood mitigation project for \$17,000. The previous funding was for \$63,345 so this brings the total 80,345, she noted, and there was more than enough to meet the 25% match with staff time and city assets, she pointed out. She extended her appreciation to Gregg Cademartori, Planning Director for seeking the additional funding.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Special Budgetary Transfer 2019-SBT-8 in the amount of \$60,000 from Account #S1102505-511101, GHS Salaries-Principal Professional to Account #0121151-513000, Police Uniform, Overtime, for the purpose of funding the Gloucester High School Resource Officer.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Cox** advised this is an annual transfer from the School Department to the city to fund the position of the GHS Resource officer.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (LeBlanc) absent, to approve Special Budgetary Transfer 2019-SBT-8 in the amount of \$60,000 from Account #S1102505-511101, GHS Salaries-Principal Professional to Account #0121151-513000, Police Uniform, Overtime, for the purpose of funding the Gloucester High School Resource Officer.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Special Budgetary Transfer 2019-SBT-9 in the amount of \$349,549 to Account #0182052-565004, General Fund, School Choice Sending Tuition Assessment from the following General Fund - School accounts:

| <u>Account No.</u> | <u>Account Name</u>   | <u>Amount</u>    |
|--------------------|---|------------------|
| S4191992-530100    | SPED-Tuition Mass. District Wide Professional & Technical     | \$ 73,854        |
| S4193992-530100    | SPED-Tuition Non-Public School District Wide Prof. & Tech.    | \$164,412        |
| S4194992-530100    | SPED-Tuition Collaborative District Wide Professional & Tech. | <u>\$111,283</u> |
|                    | <b>TOTAL:</b>   | <b>\$349,549</b> |

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Cox** explained that this is also an annual transfer to reimburse the city for school special education tuition charges.

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (LeBlanc) absent, to approve Special Budgetary Transfer 2019-SBT-9 in the amount of \$349,549 to Account #0182052-565004, General Fund, School Choice Sending Tuition Assessment from the following General Fund - School accounts:**

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council in accordance with MGL c. 44, §64 approve payment of prior year wages owed to Carolyn Doolin, a Gloucester Public Schools Teacher from the Veterans School in order to rectify an incorrect step and lane placement in the amount of \$889.44. The Fiscal Year 2018 wages owed in the amount of \$889.44 will be funded with Fiscal Year 2019 School Department General Fund available budgeted funds.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Cox** conveyed that this action item is \$889.44 for wages owed to a teacher placed in an incorrect step for part of the previous fiscal year.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (LeBlanc) absent, in accordance with MGL c. 44, §64 approve payment of prior year wages owed to Carolyn Doolin, a Gloucester Public Schools Teacher from the Veterans School in order to rectify an incorrect step and lane placement in the amount of \$889.44. The Fiscal Year 2018 wages owed in the amount of \$889.44 will be funded with Fiscal Year 2019 School Department General Fund available budgeted funds.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council in accordance with MGL c. 44, §64 approve payment of prior year wages owed to Ed Touchette, a retired Gloucester Public Schools Teacher from the East Gloucester Elementary School in order to rectify a retirement incentive payment in the amount of \$1,000. The Fiscal Year 2018 wages owed in the amount of \$1,000 will be funded with Fiscal Year 2019 School Department General Fund available budgeted funds.

**DISCUSSION: None.**

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (LeBlanc) absent, in accordance with MGL c. 44, §64 approve payment of prior year wages owed to Ed Touchette, a retired Gloucester Public Schools Teacher from the East Gloucester Elementary School in order to rectify a retirement incentive payment in the amount of \$1,000. The Fiscal Year 2018 wages owed in the amount of \$1,000 will be funded with Fiscal Year 2019 School Department General Fund available budgeted funds.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council in accordance with MGL c. 44, §64 approve payment of prior year wages owed to Debbi Biondo, a Gloucester Public Schools Administrative Assistant at the Plum Cove School in order to rectify an incorrect step placement in the amount of \$5,611. The Fiscal Year 2018 wages owed in the amount of \$5,611 will be funded with Fiscal Year 2019 School Department General Fund available budgeted funds.

**DISCUSSION: None.**

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (LeBlanc) absent, in accordance with MGL c. 44, §64 approve payment of prior year wages owed to Debbi Biondo, a Gloucester Public Schools Administrative Assistant at the Plum Cove School in order to rectify an incorrect step placement in the amount of \$5,611. The Fiscal Year 2018 wages owed in the amount of \$5,611 will be funded with Fiscal Year 2019 School Department General Fund available budgeted funds.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council accept under MGL c. 44, Sec. 53E ½ an amendment of the expenditure limit of the Preschool Revolving Fund from \$135,000 to \$150,000 in Fund #0308.

**DISCUSSION: None.**

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (LeBlanc) absent, to accept under MGL c. 44, Sec. 53E ½ an amendment of the expenditure limit of the Preschool Revolving Fund from \$135,000 to \$150,000 in Fund #0308.**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2019-SA-34 in the amount of \$45,000 (Forty Five Thousand Dollars) from the Highway Force Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, Transfers to the General Fund, Account #32085-596001, to DPW-Public Services, Purchase of Services, Account #0147052-520000 for the purpose of funding engineering services for street completion.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by **ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (LeBlanc) absent, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2019-SA-34 in the amount of \$45,000 (Forty Five Thousand Dollars) from the Highway Force Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, Transfers to the General Fund, Account #32085-596001, to DPW-Public Services, Purchase of Services, Account #0147052-520000 for the purpose of funding engineering services for street completion.**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve proposed changes to the DPW Beach & Stage Fort Park Regulations Appendix A, “Parking and Rental Fees Established” pursuant to the beach parking fees for Stage Fort Park, Good Harbor Beach and Wingaersheek Beach to be raised for certain subheadings as noted below to be the new rates and are hereby amended based on the amendments of the Beach & Stage Fort Park regulations Appendix A dated April 26, 2016 and which shall be filed permanently in the City Clerk’s Office as DPW Regulations as approved by the City Council and pursuant to Sections 7-16 of the City Charter and to carry a new effective date of April 25, 2019 as follows:

| Parking Fees    |   | Current        | Proposed                             |                            |
|-----------------|---|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Stage Fort Park | Passenger car, SW, mini-van, SUV                    | \$10.00        | <b>\$15.00</b>                       | Weekdays                   |
|                 |   | \$15.00        | <b>\$20.00</b>                       | Weekends, Holidays         |
|                 | Motorcycle  | \$5.00         | <b>\$5.00</b>                        | Weekdays                   |
|                 |   | \$0.00         | <b>\$10.00</b>                       | Weekends, Holidays         |
|                 | Van (8+ seats)                                      | \$15.00        | <b>\$20.00</b>                       | Weekdays (Permit Required) |
|                 |   | \$20.00        | <b>\$25.00</b>                       | Weekends, Holidays         |
|                 | Bus (13+ seats)                                     | \$20.00        | <b>\$25.00</b>                       | Weekdays (Permit Required) |
| \$25.00         |   | <b>\$30.00</b> | Weekends, Holidays (Permit Required) |                            |
| Bus (26+ seats) | \$25.00   | <b>\$30.00</b> | Weekdays (Permit Required)           |                            |
|                 | \$30.00   | <b>\$35.00</b> | Weekends, Holidays (Permit Required) |                            |
| Guest Voucher   | \$5.00  | \$5.00         | discount off the full daily rate     |                            |
| GHB/WING        | Passenger car, SW, mini-van, SUV<br>8:00am - 3:00pm | \$25.00        | <b>\$30.00</b>                       | Weekdays                   |
|                 |   | \$30.00        | <b>\$35.00</b>                       | Weekends, Holidays         |
|                 | 3:00pm - 5:00pm                                     | \$15.00        | <b>\$20.00</b>                       | Weekdays                   |
|                 |   | \$20.00        | <b>\$25.00</b>                       | Weekends, Holidays         |
| Motorcycle      | \$5.00  | <b>\$5.00</b>  | Weekdays                             |                            |
|                 |   | \$0.00         | <b>\$10.00</b>                       | Weekends, Holidays         |
|                 | Van (8+ seats)                                      | \$30.00        | <b>\$35.00</b>                       | Weekdays (Permit           |

|                 |  |         |                |   |
|-----------------|--|---------|----------------|---|
|                 |  | \$35.00 | <b>\$40.00</b> | Required)<br>Weekends, Holidays         |
| Bus (13+ seats) |  | \$35.00 | <b>\$40.00</b> | Weekdays (Permit<br>Required)           |
|                 |  | \$45.00 | <b>\$50.00</b> | Weekends, Holidays (Permit<br>Required) |
| Bus (26+ seats) |  | \$40.00 | <b>\$45.00</b> | Weekdays (Permit<br>Required)           |
|                 |  | \$50.00 | <b>\$55.00</b> | Weekends, Holidays (Permit<br>Required) |
| Guest Voucher   |  | \$10.00 | \$10.00        | discount off the full daily<br>rate     |

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Cox** conveyed that there was a chart within the motion and in the B&F packet (on file) for the increase in parking fees; most are \$5 increases. She suggested if there were any questions that Councilors should reach out to the DPW or the Administration.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (LeBlanc) absent, to approve proposed changes to the DPW Beach & Stage Fort Park Regulations Appendix A, “Parking and Rental Fees Established” pursuant to the beach parking fees for Stage Fort Park, Good Harbor Beach and Wingersheek Beach to be raised for certain subheadings as noted below to be the new rates and are hereby amended based on the amendments of the Beach & Stage Fort Park regulations Appendix A dated April 26, 2016 and which shall be filed permanently in the City Clerk’s Office as DPW Regulations as approved by the City Council and pursuant to Sections 7-16 of the City Charter and to carry a new effective date of April 25, 2019 as follows:**

| Parking Fees    |                                  | Current         | Proposed                            |   |                    |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Stage Fort Park | Passenger car, SW, mini-van, SUV | \$10.00         | <b>\$15.00</b>                      | Weekdays                                |                    |
|                 |                                  | \$15.00         | <b>\$20.00</b>                      | Weekends, Holidays                      |                    |
|                 | Motorcycle                       | \$5.00          | <b>\$5.00</b>                       | Weekdays                                |                    |
|                 |                                  | \$0.00          | <b>\$10.00</b>                      | Weekends, Holidays                      |                    |
|                 | Van (8+ seats)                   | \$15.00         | <b>\$20.00</b>                      | Weekdays (Permit<br>Required)           |                    |
|                 |                                  | \$20.00         | <b>\$25.00</b>                      | Weekends, Holidays                      |                    |
|                 | Bus (13+ seats)                  | \$20.00         | <b>\$25.00</b>                      | Weekdays (Permit<br>Required)           |                    |
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| Guest Voucher   | \$5.00                           | \$5.00          | discount off the full daily<br>rate |   |                    |
| GHB/WING        | Passenger car, SW, mini-van, SUV |                 |                                     |   |                    |
|                 |                                  | 8:00am - 3:00pm | \$25.00                             | <b>\$30.00</b>                          | Weekdays           |
|                 |                                  | 3:00pm - 5:00pm | \$30.00                             | <b>\$35.00</b>                          | Weekends, Holidays |
|                 |                                  | \$15.00         | <b>\$20.00</b>                      | Weekdays                                |                    |

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|  | Guest Voucher   | \$10.00 | \$10.00        | discount off the full daily rate     |

**Ordinances & Administration: April 15 - No Meeting - Patriot’s Day**

There are no matters for Council action under this heading.

**Planning & Development: April 17**

There are no matters for Council action under this heading.

**Scheduled Public Hearings:**

- 1. PH2019-015: RZ2019-001: Rezoning of property located at 28 Rockport Road, Assessors Map 178, Lot 28 from EB (Extensive Business) to R-10 (Medium/High Density Residential) (Cont’d from 04/09/19)**

**This public hearing is opened at 7:17 p.m.  
This public hearing is closed at 7:17 p.m.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Lundberg, seconded by Councilor Holmgren, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council permit the withdrawal of RZ2019-001: Rockport Road #28, Map 178, Lot 28 from EB (Extensive Business to R-10 (Medium/High Density Residential) without prejudice.

**DISCUSSION: None.**

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilman, seconded by Councilor Holmgren, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (LeBlanc) absent, to permit the withdrawal of RZ2019-001: Rockport Road #28, Map 178, Lot 28 from EB (Extensive Business to R-10 (Medium/High Density Residential) without prejudice.**

- 2. PH2019-021: Amend GCO Ch. 4 “Animals” Sec. 4-22 “Fees and penalties” subsection (b) re: adding second sentence, “Any dog not licensed for the previous year will need to pay for a previous year’s license as well as the late fee of \$10.00.”**

**This public hearing is opened at 7:18 p.m.  
Those speaking in favor: None.  
Those speaking in opposition: None.  
Communications: None.  
Councilor Questions: None.  
This public hearing is closed at 7:18 p.m.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council Amend GCO Ch. 4 "Animals", Sec. 4-22 "Fees and penalties" subsection (b) by adding a second sentence as follows:

"(b) Late penalty, effective April 30, 1993. The owner shall pay a penalty of \$10.00 for any dog whose license fee has not been paid by April 30 of the current licensing renewal year. **Any dog not licensed for the previous year will need to pay for a previous year's license as well as the late fee of \$10.00.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**Joanne Senos**, City Clerk, explained that between November and February, the Animal Control Officers issue warnings to register dogs for the current year that entails a late fee, but by the time many of these dog owners come to the City Clerk's office to register their dogs, they believe they're entitled to a new year dog license and not have to pay the previous year. She reported she is having difficulties with constituent dog owners to pay for the previous year's license before licensing in the new licensing year because it is not within the Code of Ordinances as a requirement. This amendment to the Code of Ordinances, she conveyed, was modeled on the city of Salem ordinance, although that city requires a three year lookback. The O&A Committee thought going back three years would be too much and that a one year lookback was more appropriate.

**Councilor Cox** asked if a dog is newly adopted did the owners have to bring proof when the dog was adopted. **Ms. Senos** advised that in the city's permitting software there is a section that asks for that information if it is a new dog to the household/city; there is an accommodation for that situation. This amendment is for dog owners who don't license their dogs in consecutive years, she added. **Councilor Cox** asked if a dog owner didn't register their dog for the last five years, went to the Dog Park and couldn't enter with their dog without a current dog license, and came into the City Clerk's office what would happen. **Ms. Senos** advised it will depend on what the owner can produce, and that Animal Control does know how long a dog is owned because they can go back to the veterinarian rabies reports.

**Councilor Holmgren** advised this should incentivize people to be accountable, citing that there are a lot of very responsible dog owners in the city. She conveyed this will make the City Clerk's job easier and compel dog owners to follow licensing laws.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (LeBlanc) absent, to Amend GCO Ch. 4 "Animals", Sec. 4-22 "Fees and penalties" subsection (b) by adding a second sentence as follows:**

"(b) Late penalty, effective April 30, 1993. The owner shall pay a penalty of \$10.00 for any dog whose license fee has not been paid by April 30 of the current licensing renewal year. **Any dog not licensed for the previous year will need to pay for a previous year's license as well as the late fee of \$10.00.**

**3. PH2019-022: Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles" Art. VI "Traffic Schedules" Sec. 22-269 "Stop intersections" by ADDING "Hillside Road at its intersection with Grapevine Road**

**This public hearing is opened at 7:23 p.m.**

**Those speaking in favor: None.**

**Those speaking in opposition: None.**

**Communications: None.**

**Councilor Questions: None.**

**This public hearing is closed at 7:23 p.m.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles", Art. VI "Traffic Schedules", Sec. 22-269 "Stop Intersections" by adding: "Hillside Road at its intersection with Grapevine Road".

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Cox**, noting that the placement or removal of a handicap parking space is no longer brought before the Council asked if the same could be done for stop intersections. **Councilor Memhard** advised that the matter is already being addressed by a Council Order he and Councilor LeBlanc cosigned that will be taken up by the O&A Committee.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (LeBlanc) absent, to Amend GCO Ch. 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles”, Art. VI “Traffic Schedules”, Sec. 22-269 “Stop Intersections” by adding: “Hillside Road at its intersection with Grapevine Road”.**

**For Council Vote: None.**

**Unfinished Business: None.**

**Individual Councilor’s Discussion including Reports by Appointed Councilors to Committees:**

**Update on the Poet Laureate Selection Committee by City Council Representative, Councilor Melissa Cox**, advised there is no update at this time as the Poet Laureate Selection Committee hasn’t met recently.

**Councilors’ Requests to the Mayor:**

**Councilor Hecht** announced a Ward 2 Meeting on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m. in Kyrouz Auditorium and noted a variety of subjects that would be undertaken for discussion, including the siting of a new East Gloucester Elementary School.

**Councilor Gilman** conveyed that both she and Councilor LeBlanc are requesting that the Mayor through the DPW Director consider the installation of a short sidewalk to connect the entrance/exit of the DPW Yard on Poplar Street to the intersection with Cherry Street at the time Poplar Street will be repaved. She mentioned that this safety concern came to light at a recent neighborhood meeting with constituents speaking of speeding vehicles on Poplar Street. **Council President Lundberg** advised that he and Councilor Nolan met with the DPW Director the previous day saying that Mr. Hale is aware of this concern and would convey his plans for that area’s paving soon as it is a challenging area. **Councilor Gilman** then announced the following events: Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. a group of volunteers will be re-landscaping the Plum Cove Beach flagpole area. She reminded that also this Saturday at the same time is the annual Great Gloucester Clean-Up taking place in many areas of the city. Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Captain Hook’s the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class will do a fundraiser starting at 11:00 a.m. for the East Gloucester PTO. On Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a Community Summit --Aging Together which is about aging, aging together youth and elderly, and being a dementia-friendly community at the Elks at Bass Rocks to which the public is invited.

**Councilor O’Hara** offered thanks to the DPW and the Administration for their assistance with the Piping Plovers. He then announced some upcoming events: Wednesday, May 1 the Magnolia Library hosts a Spaghetti Dinner to extend a thank you for retiring Police Chief McCarthy and a welcome to the new Police Chief Edward Conley, III; Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> the Magnolia Library hosts a Red Cross Blood Drive from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call the 1-800-Red-Cross to set up an appointment. He noted that a victim of a car accident can require up to 100 units of blood, and each unit represents a single donation.

**Councilor Holmgren** announced on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Pride Stride and urged the public to come out to support the many non-profit participating organizations. The event kicks off at noon with activities for children and music. She mentioned the Magnolia Farmers Market is looking for vendors; if interested call Alana at the Magnolia Library at 978-525-3343.

**Councilor Memhard** announced that Ward 1 residents are welcome to the Monday, April 29 Ward 2 meeting that Councilor Hecht is hosting because there will be a discussion on the proposals for the location of a new East Gloucester Elementary School. He noted two further events: tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. in Kyrouz Auditorium the new Conservation Agent, Adrienne Lennon, is offering a Piping Plover monitor one-hour training program for any interested volunteers; and a meeting of the East Gloucester School Building Committee meeting will start at 4:00 p.m. at the School Department offices at 2 Blackburn Drive.

**Councilor Cox** announced the following community events: A meeting of the Gloucester 400<sup>th</sup> Committee on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.; Gloucester is participating in the state’s Art Week, and there will be a show at Beauport Hotel, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>; the Gloucester Democratic City Committee brunch will take place on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Elks in Bass Rocks. She reminded the Council that the FY20 city budget “drops” at a Special City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, and that the following day the B&F Committee will begin its review of that budget with an all-day session starting at 8:00 a.m. (Agendas to be posted on the city’s website under “Budget and Finance Standing Committee Agendas and Packets”).

**Councilor Gilman** mentioned the reinstatement of Student Government Day on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, and asked if anyone on the Council would like a student to shadow them she'd be appreciative, noting some of the Councilors and city staff who'd already stepped forward. She highlighted some of the day's events and conveyed that the day ends with a City Council meeting, and that participating students will speak to the Council of their experience.

**Council President Lundberg** also mentioned the Gloucester 400<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting on Saturday. He announced that on Thursday evening, April 18th at the Sawyer Free Library, the Lyceum is hosting "Gloucester Reads Poetry," noting that he'll be reading "Council Meeting," a poem by Vincent Ferrini. There are 15 readers, he conveyed, mentioning several prominent Gloucesterites participating in the event.

**A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dana C. Jorgensson**  
Clerk of Committees

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