

Inaugural Ceremony 2020

Monday, January 1, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

- Minutes -

Present: City Council: Melissa Cox; Jennifer A. Holmgren; Steve LeBlanc, Jr.; Valerie H. Gilman; John McCarthy; R. Scott Memhard; Sean P. Nolan; James W. O’Hara; Barrett S. “Barry” Pett
Absent: None.

Mayor-Elect Sefatia Romeo Theken

School Committee members: Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken; Kathleen Clancy; Joel Favazza; Jonathan Pope; Melissa Joy Teixeira Prince; Sarah Verga Watson; Laura Weissen
Absent: None.

Also Present: City Clerk, Joanne M. Senos; CAO, James Destino; Senator Edward Markey; Congressman Joseph Kennedy, III; State Senator Bruce Tarr; State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante; Essex County Sheriff Kevin Coppinger; Governor’s Council member Eileen Duff; Former Mayors John Bell and William Squillace

Chief of Police Edward Conley; Police Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald; Fire Chief Eric Smith; Assistant Fire Chief Joseph Aiello; General Counsel, Chip Payson; Public Works Director Michael Hale; Harbormaster T.J. Ciarametaro; Director of Community Development, Jill Cahill; Director of Economic Development, Salvatore DiStefano; Building Inspector, William Sanborn; Principal Assessor, Nancy Papows; IT Director, James Pope; City Auditor, Kenny Costa; Director of Council on Aging, Lucy Sheehan; Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Richard Safier; Planning Director, Gregg Cademartori; Public Health Director, Karin Carroll; Assistant CAO, Vanessa Krawczyk; Clerk of Committees, Dana C. Jorgensson; Secretary to the Mayor, Enza Taormina

Prelude: Gloucester High School Docksiders

Welcome: Jeanne Blake

God Bless America: Alexandra Grace

Presentation of Colors: Gloucester High School Junior ROTC

Pledge of Allegiance: A.J. Romeo-Oliver, Bianca Oliver, Robbie Knowles

National Anthem: Beckett Quest

Invocation: Rabbi Steven Lewis; Father Patrick Moran

“Sanctuary City”: Alexandra Grace

“Poem for Gloucester”: Poem – Amanda Cook

Musical Interlude: Alan Estes, Fly Amero, Jon Butcher

Guest Speakers Remarks: U.S. Senator Edward Markey; U.S. Representative Joseph Kennedy, III; Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito -- Mayoral Introduction

Swearing In Ceremonies: City Clerk, Joanne M. Senos

Oath of Office to Mayor: The Honorable Sefatia Romeo Theken, Mayor as administered by **City Clerk, Joanne M. Senos** who acknowledged that the Mayor was duly elected in a municipal election held on November 5, 2019.

Inaugural Address: The Honorable Sefatia Romeo Theken, Mayor

Musical Interlude: Bernardo Baglioni and Marina Evans

Ms. Senos announced the results of the municipal election of November 5, 2019 for the 2020-2021 Gloucester City Council as follows:

Councilors At Large: Melissa A. Cox; Jennifer Aili Holmgren; John J. McCarthy; James W. O'Hara, Jr.

Ward 1 Councilor: R. Scott Memhard

Ward 2 Councilor: Barrett S. "Barry" Pett

Ward 3 Councilor: Steven G. LeBlanc, Jr.

Ward 4 Councilor: Valerie Hanson Gilman

Ward 5 Councilor: Sean PNolan

The Oath of Office of Gloucester City Councilors was then administered by Ms. Senos, to:

Melissa A. Cox; Valerie Hanson Gilman; Jennifer Aili Holmgren; Steven G. LeBlanc, John J. McCarthy; R. Scott Memhard; Sean Nolan; James W. O'Hara, Jr.; Barrett S. "Barry" Pett

The Special City Council meeting was called to order at 2:42 p.m. by Ms. Senos.

Ms. Senos called the roll of the roster of Councilors in alphabetic order for the purpose of electing a Council President.

Councilor Gilman was nominated as was **Councilor LeBlanc** for the position of City Council President.

Ms. Senos closed the floor for nominations for the office of City Council President.

The nomination of Councilor Gilman was voted by the City Councilors on a ROLL CALL VOTE of 4 in favor, 5 opposed.

The nomination of Councilor LeBlanc was voted by the City Councilors on a ROLL CALL VOTE of 5 in favor, 4 opposed.

Councilor LeBlanc was declared Council President by a ROLL CALL VOTE of the City Council.

Councilor Gilman called for a vote to declare a unanimous consensus that Councilor LeBlanc is the duly elected Council President. The voice vote resulted in 8 in favor, 1 (Cox) opposed.

Ms. Senos then turned over the gavel to **Council President LeBlanc**. **Council President LeBlanc** called for the roll of Councilors for the purpose of electing a Council Vice President.

Councilor Gilman was nominated for the office of City Council Vice President.

The nomination of Councilor Gilman was voted by the City Councilors on a ROLL CALL VOTE of 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

Councilor Gilman was declared Council Vice President by a ROLL CALL VOTE of the City Council.

It was moved and seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the Special City Council meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Ms. Senos then administered the oath of office to the President and Vice-President of the City Council.

Musical Interlude: Allen Estes, Fly Amero, Jon Butcher

Ms. Senos announced the results of the November 5, 2019 City of Gloucester municipal election for the membership of the 2020-2021 Gloucester School Committee as follows: Kathleen A. Clancy; Joel Favazza;; Jonathan A. Pope; Melissa Joy Teixeira Prince; Samantha Verga Watson; Laura Weissen

Oath of Office of Gloucester School Committee Members-Elect administered by Joanne M. Senos, City Clerk to:

Kathleen A. Clancy; Joel Favazza; Jonathan Pope; Melissa Joy Teixeira Prince; Samantha Verga Watson; Laura B. Weissen; Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken, Ex-Officio Member

Special Meeting of the School Committee – Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the School Committee: The special meeting of the Gloucester School Committee meeting was called to order at **2:57 p.m. by Mayor Theken.**

The roll of the roster of School Committee members in alphabetic order was taken for the purpose of nominations for School Committee President.

School Committee member Jonathan Pope was nominated, for the position of School Committee Chair.

The floor was closed for nominations for the office of School Committee Chair.

The nomination of School Committee member Jonathan Pope was voted by the School Committee on a ROLL CALL VOTE of 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Jonathan Pope was declared School Committee Chair by a ROLL CALL VOTE of the School Committee.

The gavel was turned over to the School Committee Chair, Jonathan Pope. **Chairman Pope** called for the roll of members for nominations for the position of School Committee Vice Chair.

Melissa Joy Teixeira Prince was nominated for the office of School Committee Vice Chair.

Chairman Pope closed the floor for nominations for the office of School Committee Vice President.

The nomination of School Committee member Melissa Joy Teixeira Prince was voted by the School Committee on a ROLL CALL VOTE of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Clancy).

Melissa Teixeira Prince was declared School Committee Vice Chair by a ROLL CALL VOTE

The roll of the roster of the School Committee was then called for nominations for the position of School Committee Secretary.

Laura Weissen was nominated for the office of School Committee Secretary.

Chairman Pope closed the floor for nominations for the office of School Committee Secretary.

The nomination of School Committee Secretary was voted by the School Committee on a ROLL CALL VOTE of 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Laura Weissen was declared School Committee Secretary by a ROLL CALL VOTE of the School Committee.

It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Senos administered the oath of office for the newly elected Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary of the School Committee.

Benediction: Interfaith Community Blessing for the New Year by the Reverend Rona Tyndall

Recessional Closing: Gloucester High School Docksidiers

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgenson
Clerk of Committees
Gloucester City Council

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETINGS: None.