

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 12, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
REMOTE MEETING
-Minutes-

Present: Council President, Councilor Steve LeBlanc; Council Vice President, Councilor Val Gilman; Councilor Melissa Cox; Councilor Jen Holmgren; Councilor John McCarthy; Councilor Scott Memhard; Councilor Sean Nolan; Councilor James O’Hara; Councilor Barry Pett

Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken; Joanne M. Senos; Vanessa Krawczyk; Fire Chief Eric Smith; Assistant Fire Chief Joe Aiello; John Dunn; Mike Hale; Jill Cahill; Jaimie Corliss; Gregg Cademartori; Kenny Costa; Jonathan Pope

Presenters: Martin Pillsbury MAPC Environment Director

Appointees: Timothy Wood; Laura Crook Waxdal; Arley Pett; Nicole Richon-Schoel; Peter Cannavo

*This meeting was conducted remotely through Zoom
All votes were ROLL CALL votes*

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor LeBlanc announced, “This meeting is recorded by video and audio in accordance with state Open Meeting Law. Consistent with the Governor’s orders suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law and banning gatherings of more than 10 people, this meeting will be conducted by remote participation. Additionally, all votes taken by the City Council during this and future remote meetings will be by roll call vote. If you are calling in on a phone you can press Star 9 (*9) to request to speak. If you are watching on a computer or device there is a “raise hand” button that you can tap or press to request to speak. Please use either of these options during oral communications to be recognized to speak.”

Oral Communications:

Craig Hamilton, 46 Grove Street: requested that the second phase of sewer repairs be made to Grove Street, as sewage is running into the street. Also raised concerns about the disrepair of the road and sidewalks on Grove Street.

Lois Hamilton, 46 Grove Street: concerned about the condition of Grove Street and the sidewalks. The dangerous condition of the sidewalks prevents her from being able to take walks without concern of falling. She has been told for three years that the sidewalk and street would be repaired/repaved the following year.

Presentations/Commendations:

Martin Pillsbury MAPC Environmental Director re: 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mr. Pillsbury relayed the following information to the Council:

- The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that cities and towns adopt and update a Hazard Mitigation Plan to be eligible for FEMA mitigation grants;
- This Plan Update will meet FEMA’s requirements and help the City make good use of its resources;

- The plan covers all categories of natural hazards in the City;
- Hazard Mitigation permanently reduces or prevents losses of life, injuries and property damage by using long-term strategies;
- The process of drafting the plan took several months and included:
 - Public Input
 - City Hazard Mitigation Team
 - MAPC Technical Assistance
 - Two public meetings
 - MEMA and FEMA plan review
 - FEMA approval pending adoption by the City
 - Next will come City Council adoption and finally FEMA approval of the plan (approval lasts for 5 years)
- The plan maps natural hazard areas in the community;
- The plan developed mitigation strategies.

Councilors asked the following questions:

Q1. Where does the Emergency Preparedness Plan fall into the Hazard Mitigation Plan?

A1. (Pillsbury) Emergency Preparedness is not the main focus of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Emergency Preparedness Plan is in the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), although there are some items in the Hazard Mitigation Plan that would help in the CEMP.

Q2. How will the Hazard Mitigation Plan impact storm readiness?

A2. (Aiello) This prevention plan will help the city get grants.

The City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed to take the following item on the agenda out of order: For Council Vote - 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilman, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed to adopt the 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Confirmation of New Appointments:

Economic Development & Industrial Corp.	Timothy Wood	TTE 7/1/23
Gloucester Cultural Council	Laura Crook Waxdal	TTE 2/14/23
Historic District Commission	Arley Pett (<i>fulfilling an unexpired term</i>)	TTE 2/14/22
Human Rights Commission	Nicole Richon-Schoel	TTE 2/14/21
Zoning Board of Appeals	Peter Cannavo (<i>from alternate to full member</i>)	TTE 2/14/23

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Timothy Wood to the Economic Development & Industrial Corp. TTE 07/01/23.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Laura Crook Waxdal to the Gloucester Cultural Council TTE 02/14/23.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Arley Pett to the Historic District Commission (*fulfilling unexpired term*) TTE 02/14/22.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Nicole Richon-Schoel to the Human Rights Commission TTE 02/14/21.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Peter Cannavo (from alternate to full member) to the Zoning Board of Appeals TTE 02/14/23.

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MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint Nicole Richon-Schoel to the Human Rights Commission TTE 02/14/21.

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Consent Agenda & Unanimous Consent Calendar:

Consent Agenda

- Confirmation of Reappointments
1. Fire Chief Eric Smith pursuant to GCO Ch. 8, Sec. 8-18(d)
 - Mayor's Report
 1. New Appointment: Christopher Sicuranza (TTE 05/31/26) Licensing Board (Refer O&A)
 Reappointment: Scott Duffany (Labor Representative) (TTE 05/28/25) Gloucester Housing Authority (Refer O&A)
 2. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#2020-SBT-15) in the amount of \$315,221 from School CFO (Refer B&F)
 3. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#2020-SBT-16) in the amount of \$60,000 from School CFO (Refer B&F)
 4. MEMO from Harbormaster re: request acceptance of a \$2,000 donation from the Minogue Family Foundation (Refer B&F)
 5. MEMO from Community Development Director re: request authorization to negotiate a local TIF with Cometeer, Inc. (Refer B&F)
 6. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#2020-SBT-17) in the amount of \$5,000 from Police Department (Refer B&F)
 7. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#2020-SBT-18) in the amount of \$3,000 from Police Department (Refer B&F)
 8. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#2020-SBT-19) in the amount of \$4,600 from Police Department (Refer B&F)
 9. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#2020-SBT-20) in the amount of \$11,800 from Police Department (Refer B&F)
 10. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#2020-SBT-21) in the amount of \$10,000 from Police Department (Refer B&F)
 11. Copy of submitted application by Fire Dept. for FEMA's FY20 AFG-S program in the amount of \$25,017.80 (Info Only)
 12. Hooligans Enterprises, LLC re: notice of virtual community outreach meeting for a proposed retail cannabis shop located at 321 Gloucester Crossing on May 14, 2020 (Info Only)
 - Communications/Invitations
 - Information Only
 - Applications/Petitions
 1. PP2020-004: Request by New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T, in agreement with National Grid, to install a wireless small cell facility, including telecommunication wires and wireless attachments and appurtenances on a replacement utility pole in the public right of way – Pole #2337 – near Salt Island Road #2 (Refer P&D)
 2. Application of Sarah Valencik for a Permit for Scientific Research in the Coastal Waters & Tidal Flats of the City of Gloucester

pursuant to GCO Ch. 20, Sec. 20-27 "Permits for Scientific Works in coastal waters and flats of City"

(Refer O&A
& Conservation Commission)

- Councillors Orders
- Approval of Minutes From Previous Council And Standing Committee Meetings

1. City Council Meeting: 4/28/2020

(Approve/File)

2. Special City Council Meeting: 5/5/2020

3. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 5/7/2020 (under separate cover), O&A 5/4/2020 (under separate cover), P&D 5/6/2020

(under separate cover) (Approve/File)

Unanimous Consent Calendar

1. CC#2020-008(Nolan/Gilman): Amend GCO Section 22-176, "Penalties for parking violations," Subsection (c), "In beach district" by ADDING Hickory Street, Sawyer Avenue & Hough Avenue

(Refer O&A)

A motion was made, seconded and voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (technical failure) to accept the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made, seconded and voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (technical failure) to accept the Unanimous Consent Calendar.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance – May 7

The Budget & Finance motions were on a Budget & Finance Consent Agenda. Before the vote, **Councilor Gilman** asked to remove the \$100,000 CPC item from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: on a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Holmgren, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed to accept the Budget & Finance Consent Agenda as amended.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council in accordance with MGL c. 44, §64 approve payment of a prior year invoice from W.B. Mason, Invoice #157151736, to be paid with FY2020 Auditor's Office General Fund Department budgeted funds for a total of \$271.57.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Special Budgetary Transfer Request 2020-SBT-14 in the amount of \$11,000 from the Board of Health, Wages-Hourly Permanent, Account #0151051-511300, to the Board of Health, Medical and Dental Services, Account #0151052-530001, to cover COVID-19 related expenses for contract of services for two nurses.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation – Budgetary Request 2020-SA-32 in the amount of \$40,000 (Forty Thousand Dollars) from the DPW, Highway Force Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund, Transfers to the General Fund, Account #32085-596001, to the DPW- Public Services, Purchase of Services, Account #0147052-520000, for the purpose of roadside maintenance, vegetation and paving projects.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council approve the consolidation and repurposing of fourteen completed General Government capital project funds in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 §20, totaling \$65,735.26 as follows:

Ordered: That in accordance with c. 44, § 20 of the General Laws, the \$2,023.32 unexpended balance of Fund # 5002 initially borrowed to pay the costs of City Hall Roof Repairs, the \$7,268.62 unexpended balance of Fund # 5003 initially borrowed to pay the costs of Parking Meters, the \$487.41 unexpended balance of Fund 5006 initially borrowed to pay the costs of the Landfill Closure, the \$16,283.41 unexpended balance of Fund # 5009 initially borrowed to pay the costs of the Assessors Geographical Information System, the \$1,088.25 unexpended balance of Fund # 5010 initially borrowed to pay the costs of the Newell Stadium Restrooms, the \$0.32 unexpended balance of Fund 5012 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CSO Surface Improvements, the \$3,766.00 unexpended balance of Fund # 5016 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP11 Fire Station Repairs, the \$166.20 unexpended balance of Fund # 5021 initially borrowed to pay the costs of Nate Ross Filed Improvements, the \$20,847.03 unexpended balance of Fund 5023 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP12 Departmental Equipment, the \$1,263.02 unexpended balance of Fund # 5030 initially borrowed to pay the costs of the CIP Lanes Cove Breakwater Repair Project, the \$4,500.00 unexpended balance of Fund # 5031 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP City Hall Renovations, the \$3,434.09 unexpended balance of Fund 5033 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP14 West Parish Construction, the \$792.00 unexpended balance of Fund # 5036 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP14 DPW Building & Yard Improvements and the \$3,815.59 unexpended balance of Fund 5037 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP14 Fire Station Improvements, which projects are complete and such amounts are no longer needed for the projects, are hereby appropriated by this Council to cover the \$911.00 deficit in Fund #5039 CIP15 MIS Tech & Building Improvements and the \$16,335.36 deficit in Fund # 5032 CIP Commercial Street Infrastructure Project with the balance of \$48,488.90 to be transferred to a new General Fund Capital Project Fund to pay the costs of any legal project expenditure as defined by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 Sections 7 or 8, including the payment of any and all costs incidental and related thereto.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Holmgren, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, in accordance with MGL c. 44, §64 approve payment of a prior year invoice from W.B. Mason, Invoice #I57151736, to be paid with FY2020 Auditor's Office General Fund Department budgeted funds for a total of \$271.57.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Holmgren, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Special Budgetary Transfer Request 2020-SBT-14 in the amount of \$11,000 from the Board of Health, Wages-Hourly Permanent, Account #0151051-511300, to the Board of Health, Medical and Dental Services, Account #0151052-530001, to cover COVID-19 related expenses for contract of services for two nurses.

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End of Budget & Finance Consent Agenda

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appropriate up to \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to provide off-cycle funding for the purpose of the Action, Inc. Tenant Based Rental/Mortgage Assistance Program. The appropriation will be allocated to the Community Housing category and be funded by up to \$100,000 from the Community Housing Reserve Fund #4530. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing Projects Fund #4904.

Councilor Gilman requested that this matter go to a public hearing on May 26, 2020, as a public hearing is the usual practice for off-cycle CPC recommendations.

Members of the Council did not support this request due to the current COVID-19 State of Emergency and the resulting urgent need for housing. They supported voting on the matter through a Committee Report in order to expedite the Community Housing Funds going to Action Inc.

MOTION: on a motion by Councilor Gilman, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed to withdraw the request for a public hearing no later than May 26, 2020.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to appropriate up to \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to provide off-cycle funding for the purpose of the Action, Inc. Tenant Based Rental/Mortgage Assistance Program. The appropriation will be allocated to the Community Housing category and be funded by up to \$100,000 from the Community Housing Reserve Fund #4530. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing Projects Fund #4904.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 0 in favor, 9 opposed to reconsider the motion to appropriate up to \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to provide off-cycle funding for the purpose of the Action, Inc. Tenant Based Rental/Mortgage Assistance Program. The appropriation will be allocated to the Community Housing category and be funded by up to \$100,000 from the Community Housing Reserve Fund #4530. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing Projects Fund #4904.

Motion for reconsideration fails.

Ordinances & Administration – May 4

Reappointment of Fire Chief Eric Smith pursuant to GCO Ch. 8, Sec. 8-18(d)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve the negotiated contract between the City of Gloucester and Fire Chief Eric Smith for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025 under GCO c. 8, Sec. 8-18(d)

Members of the City Council thanked Chief Smith for his service. Chief Smith thanked the Council and the Administration for their support.

MOTION: on a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed to approve the negotiated contract between the City of Gloucester and Fire Chief Eric Smith for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025 under GCO c. 8, Sec. 8-18(d)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration City Council voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council, "to Amend Chapter 22, "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Art II, Div. 2 "Traffic Commission," Sec. 22-32 "Composition; appointment; terms of members" by STRIKING the phrase, "eight members comprised of a member of the Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public Works and four" and ADD as follows, "seven members comprised of a member of the Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public Works and four resident members who shall be at-large members. These members shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. Appointments to the commission shall be for terms of three years. In case of the resignation, death or disqualification of any member of the commission, or for the purpose of filling a vacancy, for any other reason, an appointment for the unexpired term shall immediately be made by the Mayor.

After the public hearing for this matter, Councilor Holmgren reconsidered her vote and requested that the matter go back to O&A for clarification as to whether the Police, Fire and DPW members will be voting members. Councilor LeBlanc clarified that all members will be voting members.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to amend Chapter 22, "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Art II, Div. 2 "Traffic Commission," Sec. 22-32 "Composition; appointment; terms of members" by STRIKING the phrase, "eight members comprised of a member of the Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public Works and four" and ADD as follows, "seven members comprised of a member of the Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public Works and four resident members who shall be at-large members. These members shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. Appointments to the commission shall be for terms of three years. In case of the resignation, death or

disqualification of any member of the commission, or for the purpose of filling a vacancy, for any other reason, an appointment for the unexpired term shall immediately be made by the Mayor.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that CC2020-007(Holmgren) be brought up to the City Council for discussion.

Councilor Holmgren requested that this matter be continued as she is waiting for more guidance from the state regarding mail-in ballots for the State Primary and General Election.

This matter is continued to May 26, 2020.

Planning & Development – May 6 (No items)

Scheduled Public Hearings:

1. PH2020-016: Loan Order 2020-005: Loan Authorization request in the amount of \$1,600,000 for security upgrades at Gloucester High School and O'Maley Innovation Middle School

Public Hearing Opened: 7:14 p.m.

Public Hearing Closed: 7:18 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

Mike Hale, DPW Director informed the Council that the Gloucester High School and the O'Maley School were not designed with the level of security that is needed today. An Architect, in collaboration with Gloucester Public Schools, the Gloucester Police and Fire Departments and the Department of Public Works, will develop a plan that will be executed in the summer of 2021.

John Dunn, CFO: told the Council that they were doing this early because of the lead time on some of the components to what's being done.

Jonathan Pope, School Committee Chair: supported the loan order for this project.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions: None.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council approve the following loan authorization as follows:

Ordered: That the City of Gloucester appropriates One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) to pay costs of Security upgrades at Gloucester High School and O'Maley Innovation Middle School including costs incidental or related thereto. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Mayor and any other appropriate official of the city are authorized to apply for, accept and expend any grants or gifts that may be available to the City to pay costs of the projects. Any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by

this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Further Ordered: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any or all of the bonds authorized by this order and to provide such information and execute such documents as the Municipal Finance Oversight Board may require for these purposes.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed to approve the following loan authorization as follows:

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Further Ordered: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any or all of the bonds authorized by this order and to provide such information and execute such documents as the Municipal Finance Oversight Board may require for these purposes.

2. PH2020-014: Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Sec. 22-271 "Parking Prohibited from May 1 to September 15", Sec. 22-274. "Same – At all times" and Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" re: Rocky Neck Avenue and Horton Street (Cont. from 4/28/2020)

Councilors Cox and Memhard requested that this matter be withdrawn until a time when there can be more public input on the matter.

MOTION: on a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to withdraw PH2020-014: Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Sec. 22-271 "Parking Prohibited from May 1 to September 15", Sec. 22-274. "Same – At all times" and Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" re: Rocky Neck Avenue and Horton Street

3. PH2020-010: SCP2020-002: Essex Avenue #99A, Map 216, Lot 126, GZO Sec. 3.1.6(b) "Building Heights in Excess of 35 Feet;" Sec. 2.3.4(13) "Marine related service, storage or repair, limited primarily in the MI District to commercial fishing vessels;" Sec. 5.5 "Lowland Requirements;" Sec. 5.5.2 and Sec. 5.5.3 in the EB District

Councilor LeBlanc announced, "Pursuant to section 17 of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, and in an abundance of caution, the City Council, through its President has rescheduled all public hearings and decision deadlines on permit applications until after the current state of emergency has concluded in Massachusetts. At that time, this permit application will be scheduled for a public hearing and will be acted on within the time limits required by law."

This matter is continued to June 9, 2020.

Individual Councilor's Discussion including Reports by Appointed Councilors to Committees: Update on the Housing Production Planning Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee to Research Assisted Living Facilities by City Council Representative, Councilor Jen Holmgren

Councilor Holmgren advised the Council that there are no updates at this time.

Councilors' Requests to the Mayor:

Councilor Memhard: request that the Mayor work with the Conservation Agent to get signage on Good Harbor Beach alerting the public about the nesting of shore birds protected under state and federal law.

The City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by Grace E. Poirier, Assistant City Clerk