



**GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR OF BUSINESS**  
**TUESDAY, July 28, 2020**  
**6:00 PM**  
**REMOTE MEETING**  
**COUNCIL MEETING #2020-014**

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**REVISED UNANIMOUS CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ACTION**

1. Addendum to the Mayor's Report: Approval of recommended draft ballot question for the November 3, 2020 election regarding the debt exclusion for the construction of a new East Gloucester/Veterans Memorial Elementary School (Refer B&F)
2. Communication from Interim CAO re: request City Council decision on reinstatement of the plastic bag ban (FCV 8/11/2020)



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(Refer B&F)

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CITY OF GLOUCESTER  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken  
**DATE:** July 27, 2020  
**RE:** Addendum to Mayor's Report for July 28, 2020 City Council Meeting

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Members of the City Council:

The process for a combined East Gloucester/Veterans Memorial Elementary School continues. Gloucester residents will be involved in the final decision through a debt exclusion vote in the upcoming November election. The City of Gloucester remains financially stable and ready to move forward with this important project to give our children the school they deserve.

As a matter of procedure, the ballot question for the debt exclusion may be placed on the state biennial election in November but must first be submitted to the Secretary of State's office for certification by Wednesday August 5.

**Enclosure 1** is the recommended draft ballot question for the November debt exclusion vote. The question reads: Shall the City of Gloucester be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for bonds issued in order to provide the necessary funding for the design, site work, construction and outfitting of a new East Gloucester/Veterans Memorial Elementary School. ***Please refer this matter to the Budget and Finance Standing Committee for review and approval.*** Appropriate City and School representatives will be available to answer questions and provide further information.

As always, we encourage the City Council to contact us for any questions or comments regarding this submission but we will continue to offer updates and insights across all these matters as they move forward.

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Sefatia Romeo Theken

# **ENCLOSURE 1**

## **BALLOT QUESTION**

Shall the City of Gloucester be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for bonds issued in order to provide the necessary funding for the design, site work, construction and outfitting of a new East Gloucester/Veterans Memorial Elementary School.



Joanne Senos &lt;jsenos@gloucester-ma.gov&gt;

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**Fwd: Reusable bags Reentry**

3 messages

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**Vanessa Krawczyk** <vkrawczyk@gloucester-ma.gov>  
To: Joanne Senos <jsenos@gloucester-ma.gov>

Mon, Jul 27, 2020 at 1:49 PM

Hi Joanne,

Not sure if this on anyone's radar but re: reusable bags, the City Council will need to decide whether they want to reinstate the plastic bags ban, locally, or allow the use of plastic bags till such time as businesses have used their current supplies (or an end-date, whichever works).

Can you please forward to Council for their review and action. Max and Karin are available to answer any questions.

Thanks,  
Vanessa

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Karin Carroll** <kcarroll@gloucester-ma.gov>

Date: Wed, Jul 22, 2020 at 11:31 AM

Subject: Re: Reusable bags Reentry

To: Valerie Gilman &lt;vgilman@gloucester-ma.gov&gt;

Cc: Vanessa Krawczyk &lt;vkrawczyk@gloucester-ma.gov&gt;, Melissa Cox &lt;mcox@gloucester-ma.gov&gt;, Max Schenk &lt;mschenk@gloucester-ma.gov&gt;

7/27/2020

City of Gloucester Mail - Fwd: Reusable bags Reentry

Hi all-

We have been getting some calls as well on this and are telling businesses that they can use up their supply of plastic bags. When the CC passes a formal ruling on this, last me know and we will advise businesses.

thanks

*Karin M Carroll, MPH*

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