

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, February 24, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

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Present: Chair, Councilor Steven LeBlanc; Vice Chair, Councilor Valerie Gilman.; Councilor Melissa Cox; Councilor Valerie Gilman; Councilor Jennifer Holmgren; Councilor John McCarthy; Councilor Scott Memhard; Councilor Jamie O’Hara

Absent: None.

Also Present: Joanne M. Senos; Chip Payson; Krisna Basu

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session:

1. Executive Session under MGL Ch. 30A, §21(a) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation

Council President LeBlanc stated in order for the City Council to go into executive session, the Council must adhere to Massachusetts General Laws. He stated that as Council President he declared that the February 25, 2020 special meeting of the City Council has been duly posted and has been called to order. The Council is now in open session, and there is a quorum present. Before the Council can vote to go into Executive Session, the purpose of the Executive Session must be stated: “I declare the purpose of the Executive Session as follows is to discuss litigation strategy in a legal matter; and to discuss this in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the City. I further declare that it is the intent of the Council will not reconvene into open session after the Executive Session but will adjourn the Special City Council meeting from that point. Motions to go into Executive Session are by roll call vote and require a majority vote of the Council. Therefore, he entertained a motion: That the City Council and its staff go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to an update on ongoing litigation pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A, §21(a)(3)

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilman, seconded by Councilor Holmgren, the City Council BY ROLL CALL voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to call the City Council and City Council staff, to enter into Executive Session (in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a) (3) to discuss litigation strategy with respect to a real estate matter.

The public portion of the meeting recessed at 6:33 p.m. for the purpose of entering into Executive Session.

Council President LeBlanc then stated, “I hereby announce that the roll call vote is 9 in favor, 0 opposed. The Council shall now convene into Executive Session and will not reconvene back into open session to close the Special City Council meeting

Upon a Roll Call Vote to end the Executive Session at 6:55 p.m., which was the only vote taken in that meeting, the City Council then voted unanimously to adjourn the February 24, 2020 Special City Council Meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgensson

Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.