

**GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 23, 2021 – 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**

**Also Present: Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken; CAO, Nicole Kieser; City Solicitor, Chip Payson; City Auditor, Kenny Costa; City Clerk, Joanne Senos**

*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 that the meeting was 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, the meeting would 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 someone is calling in on a phone, they can press Star 9 (\*9) to request to speak. If they are watching on a computer or device there is a “raise hand” button that can be tapped or pressed to request to speak. Please use either of these options during oral communications or the public hearing to be recognized.

**Councilor LeBlanc** announced the names of the Councilors and city staff who were in attendance.

**Councilor LeBlanc** took matters out of order. Minutes reflect the order in which matters were taken.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

**Councilor LeBlanc** called for a moment of silence to honor the more than 500,000 American victims of the COVID-19 pandemic. **Councilor Cox** called for a moment of silence to honor former City Clerk, Linda Lowe.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Lara Jardullo, 2 Ocean Avenue**

Resident reviewed the traffic report from the recent Traffic Commission meeting. Concerned regarding the Veterans Memorial School site being a safety hazard with all the grave concerns brought up by a commission member, who grew up in that particular neighborhood. She stated 9,000 cars pass that intersection per day and, with the queue of cars projected, traffic would back up 1.4 miles to the Rockport town line on a daily basis. This did not factor in the Gloucester Crossing and YMCA traffic. She would like a reevaluation of the placement of the school.

**Pamela Steele, 10 Pilots Hill**

Requested if the City Council would consider listening to Councilor Pett’s information that he gave at a previous Traffic Commission meeting regarding the Veterans Memorial School location, as she felt it was incredibly informative.

**Toni (Last name cannot be learned), 41 High Street**

Offered her family’s serious opposition to reinstating the West Gloucester Firing Range, due to environmental concerns, the loss of outdoor space and noise pollution.

**Grant Clark, 279 Concord Street**

Voiced his opposition and concerns regarding the West Gloucester Firing Range, specifically the use of lead ammunition. Spoke about his membership with Preserve West Gloucester (PWG) whose primary focus was the range which would prevent access to a major recreational site for a substantial part of the peak season and affect the noise level and quality of life impact on the surrounding neighborhoods. Stated these types of ranges get to what's called 'superfund site' levels of contamination due to lead, typically within five years.

**Jean Grobe, 17 Lincoln Street**

Concerned regarding the West Gloucester Firing Range in that she has not seen any studies or analysis laying out the costs and benefits of the many firing range alternatives. If such a study exists, she would like it made public. Asked if no such study had been done, why not?

**Olimpia Louise Palazzola, 57 Western Avenue**

Requested the Traffic Commission be put on the City Council agenda, as they are a local board and she felt that the board would know how dangerous the area around the Veterans Memorial School would be. Voiced concerns about parking on the even side of the road near 16 Webster Street down to Eastern Avenue and the traffic overflow with the queueing of cars once the queue is filled. Also requested a height demonstration of the building. Also concerned about the bioretention pond covers that would be to the right of the school. Wanted to know if the school on Webster Street is a done deal.

**Joseph Palazzola, 57 Western Avenue**

Voiced his opposition to the Veterans Memorial School. Felt that the area for the new school needs to be reexamined.

**Councilor LeBlanc** stated that the Traffic Commission would not be speaking with the City Council regarding the Veterans Memorial School, as the City Council is involved in litigation with some public members.

**Ben Wildrick, 46 Sumner Street**

Voiced his opposition to the West Gloucester Firing Range primarily as there has been a huge uptick in recreational use of the Haskell Pond area with families, children and pets.

**Anne Stevens, 10 Winterhaven Road**

Voiced her opposition to the West Gloucester Firing Range. Spoke about language in a report called "Range Design Criteria" published by the Department of Energy, specifically about what alternative sites were considered before the ordinance was drastically altered and if the current site was remote from other activities.

**Patti Page, 3 Tidal Cove Way**

Voiced concern that the City's Boards and Commissions are not being properly utilized. She stated that the Open Space and Recreation Committee was not consulted for an opinion regarding the West Gloucester Firing Range and the proposed takeover of Mattos Field. The Traffic Commission has not been requested to conduct a study relative to a consolidated school proposal.

**Liam Anastasia-Murphy, 15 Walker Street**

Expressed objection to the West Gloucester Firing Range due to safety concerns, noise pollution and environmental pollution and that the last year has demonstrated just how valuable open spaces are. Asked that the City Council rescind the West Gloucester Firing Range ordinance and look at alternatives.

**Judd Wilson, 56 Sumner Street**

Voiced concerns regarding the West Gloucester Firing Range due to safety concerns, environmental issues and expressed that he wished the City Council would consider an alternative location. Stated this was an idea that was tried before and failed in the past.

**Beth Lott, 11 Hillside Road**

Requested the City Council rescind the ordinance for the West Gloucester Firing Range. Requested the city to study different alternatives with research and more facts.

**Peter Radochia, 259 Concord Street**

Spoke about the West Gloucester Firing Range and asked that the City Council rescind the ordinance. Stated it was very difficult to keep people out of the area with multiple access points. He was shocked to hear a rumor about the berms in that the dirt for the mounds came from street sweeping trucks. Also requested to hear about the other alternatives.

**Dawn Alves, 6 New Way Lane**

Concerned about safety in the woods near the West Gloucester Firing Range. Stated in the past year a lot of out-of-towners have been using the woods. Also concerned about traffic with the Veterans Memorial School. Stated the City was making the same mistake twice with traffic issues at West Parish and now with Veterans Memorial School.

**Diana Clark, 279 Concord Street**

Addressed concerns about lead contamination at the West Gloucester Firing Range and proper cleaning of the range.

**Dennis McGurk, 283 Concord Street**

Voiced concerns over the West Gloucester Firing Range and the impact it would have on the environment and wildlife. Suggested the City Council start the process over.

**Michael Pinholster, 6 Old Salem Path**

Concerned about the West Gloucester Firing Range and asked that the City Council investigate alternative locations for police training.

**Patricia O'Neill, 477 Washington Street**

Voiced a strong objection to the West Gloucester Firing Range. Would like to see alternatives that could accommodate both the police and neighborhood.

**Stephen Noel, 567 Essex Ave**

Voiced concern that he still has not received a response from the Gloucester Police Department regarding his Facebook direct message asking what social media vehicle they used to post notifications for shooting days. Asked if the City Council could share at least one alternative solution they reviewed prior to reinstating the West Gloucester Firing Range.

**Debbie Holland, 11 Jebeka Lane**

Voiced concerns over West Gloucester Firing Range and stated studies were needed for alternative sites.

**Laraine Cicchetti, 18 Lincoln Street**

Stated that the correspondence she received after voicing her concerns at previous meetings regarding the West Gloucester Firing Range led her to believe that her concerns were not important, not valid, but also irrelevant. Asked that the ordinance be rescinded. Felt that there has to be another way to meet the needs of the police department with an alternative site.

**Patty Amaral, 14 Myrtle Square**

Questioned if the City Council was aware of the Traffic Commission's concerns regarding the Veterans Memorial School including traffic congestion, illegal parking, safety, Eastern Ave impact and quality of life. Would like to know the plan for the backup of cars, stating she did not want a repeat of West Parish. Also

stated she met with the DPW Director regarding the use of street sweeper debris at the Babson Reservoir. The DPW Director stated that he can get the contaminants out of the material.

**Robin Hosking, 20 Forest Lane**

Stated she was perplexed as to why the City was so dug into having the West Gloucester Firing Range at Haskell Reservoir. Played a sample recording from her backyard with gunshot noise. Stated she also agreed with the opposition of the Veterans Memorial School due to the traffic issues.

**Brenda Malloy, 43 Rocky Neck Ave**

Voiced her concern about the West Gloucester Firing Range. Stated she does not think enough signs or gates could be put up to prevent people from entering that area. Also concerned about the traffic for the Veterans Memorial School.

**Jo-Ann Castano, 6 Old Bray Street**

Stated that she does oppose the West Gloucester Firing Range, with a focus on enjoying the woods and environment. Asked that the City Council reconsider the location of the range and come up with alternative solutions.

**Pete Wright, 12 Mystic Avenue**

Inquired about the intersection of 128 and Eastern Avenue. Asked if there was any data regarding where that intersection ranks in the City of Gloucester as far as accidents are concerned. **Councilor LeBlanc** stated he did not know that information and that he could contact the police department for that information.

**Elizabeth Smith, 21 Bray Street**

Stated she is opposed to the West Gloucester Firing Range. Stated the area is residential and full of outdoor enthusiasts. She has a farm business nearby and does not want her customers to hear gunshots.

**Kelley Annese, 5 Lawrence Mt Road**

Voiced her opposition to the West Gloucester Firing Range.

**Nubar Alexanian, 11 Sumner Street**

Stated he has inquired previously regarding where the police have trained since 2009 and has yet to receive a response. **Councilor LeBlanc** explained that oral communications come from the Mayor's office and that he should be notified within two weeks.

**Mary Ann Albert Boucher, 93 Mount Pleasant Avenue**

Stated 9,000 cars per day, or 63,000 cars per week, travel the Route 128 extension and Route 127 Eastern Avenue area. She asked once the new developments are fully operational in the city (Gloucester Crossing/YMCA/Halyard Apartments/apartments at Cameron's downtown), what will the traffic be like east of Blackburn Rotary. Asked what the City Council's, School Committee's and Building Committee's master plan was for this area. Stated it was critical that the City Council listen to the boards and commissions in Gloucester and asked how the project was moving forward with no permits put in place at this time.

**Gitama Kinigstein, 18 Forest Lane**

Voiced concerns about the West Gloucester Firing Range, specifically with the use of lead bullets and any risks associated with the use of lead.

**Saira Elizabeth Austin, 731 Washington Street**

Voiced her concern about the West Gloucester Firing Range and asked for full transparency and all alternatives to the location be made known and be considered.

**Jay Albert, 4 Davis Street Extension**

Concerned that the Dore & Whittier traffic study does not address traffic during evening activities at the schools.

**Patricia Harrington, 31 Sayward Street**

Expressed her opposition to the West Gloucester Firing Range at Haskell Pond, including the concern of lead going into the water supply with the use of lead bullets.

**Karl Pulkkinen, 19 Walker Street**

Expressed opposition for the West Gloucester Firing Range, specifically noise pollution and impact on the environment.

**Daryl Jackson, 36 Mansfield Street**

Concerned about the traffic situation with the increase in vehicles due to the development of a 200-unit apartment complex at Gloucester Crossing, along with the pharmacy now being located at Gloucester Crossing instead of downtown. Inquired about a pedestrian path or bike path going down the hill to the lights. Also concerned about the West Gloucester Firing Range and suggested that the Mayor put up a soundproof building on Pond Road. **Councilor LeBlanc** stated that pharmacy was a private issue and not a city issue.

**Jane Montenero, 44 Summer Street**

Voiced concern about the traffic at the new Veterans Memorial School and questioned why the Traffic Commission's concerns have gone unheeded.

**Denise Pascucci, 20 Birch Grove Heights**

Voiced concern over traffic commission member's statements that the intersection at Route 128/Eastern Avenue was unsafe and a perilous traffic nightmare.

**Councilor LeBlanc** stated he appreciated the public's thoughts and words, but as a Council they are elected to do what is best for their constituents, not just for the ones that come and speak, but everyone as a whole. He then reminded the public that members of the council are city residents as well.

**PRESENTATIONS/COMMENDATIONS:**

1. Karin Carroll, Public Health Director re: COVID-19 update (**Cont. to 3/9/2021**)
2. Carl Ellis, Youth Legends Street Hockey re: update on the development of the street hockey rink at Stage Fort Park (**Cont. to 3/9/2021**)

These matters were continued to March 9, 2021 due to the time taken up during Oral Communications.

**CONFIRMATION OF NEW APPOINTMENTS:**

**None.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- **CONFIRMATION OF REAPPOINTMENTS**
- **MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. **New Appointments:**

Conservation Commission	Dave Sargent ( <i>fulfilling unexpired term</i> )	TTE 2/14/22	(Refer O&A)
Historic District Commission	William C. S. Remsen ( <i>alternate member</i> )	TTE 2/14/22	(Refer O&A)
Traffic Commission	Lt. Michael Williams, Drew White	TTE 2/14/24	(Refer O&A)
Zoning Board of Appeals	James Gigliotti ( <i>alternate member, 90 day appt.</i> )	TTE 5/16/21	(Refer O&A)
- Reappointments:**

Clean City Commission	James L. Mathison	TTE 2/14/24	(Refer O&A)
Gloucester Cultural Commission	Lucas Cotterman	TTE 2/14/24	(Refer O&A)
Historic District Commission	Carmine Gorga ( <i>alternate to regular member</i> )	TTE 2/14/24	(Refer O&A)
Magnolia Pier Advisory Committee	Lisa Nogelo	TTE 2/14/24	(Refer O&A)
Traffic Commission	Michael Mitchell	TTE 2/14/24	(Refer O&A)
Waterways Board	Karen Tibbets, Joseph D. Crowell	TTE 2/14/24	(Refer O&A)
Zoning Board of Appeals	Michael Nimon, Joseph Parisi, III	TTE 2/14/24	(Refer O&A)
2. Memorandum from Fire Chief re: two FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant applications in the amounts of \$758,313.64 and \$106,836.36, with a 10% match from the city in the amount of approx. \$86,000 (Refer B&F)
3. Memorandum from Fire Chief requesting the acceptance of a FY21 S.A.F.E. grant in the amount of \$5,281 and a Senior S.A.F.E. grant in the amount of \$2,680 (Refer B&F)
4. Memorandum from Community Development Director requesting the acceptance of FY20/FY21 Community Development Block Grant fund allocation in the amount of \$689,749 and HOME fund allocation in the amount of \$100,887 (Refer B&F)
5. Memorandum from City Clerk, and #2021-SBT-2 in the amount of \$5,682.79 (Refer B&F)

6. Memorandum from Harbormaster requesting acceptance of the Clean Vessel Act Grant in the amount of \$11,000 (Refer B&F)
7. Memorandum from Harbormaster, and #2021-SA-9 in the amount of \$28,943 (Refer B&F)
8. Memorandum from Harbormaster, and #2021-SA-10 in the amount of \$20,000 (Refer B&F)
9. Memorandum from Harbormaster, and #2021-SA-11 in the amount of \$5,000 (Refer B&F)
10. Memorandum from Harbormaster, and #2021-SA-12 in the amount of \$8,100 (Refer B&F)
11. Memorandum from Harbormaster re: proposed fee increase for transient mooring fees (Refer B&F)
12. Memorandum from Community Development Director re: CPC Off Cycle recommendation for Action, Inc. (Refer B&F)
  - **ADDENDUM TO MAYOR'S REPORT**
  - **COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS**
  - Communication from MassDOT re: MBTA Environmental Notification Form (Info Only)
  - **INFORMATION ONLY**
  - **APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS**
  - **COUNCILLORS ORDERS**
  - **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
1. City Council Meeting: 2/9/2021 (Approve/File)
2. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 2/18/2021 (under separate cover), O&A 2/15/2021 (no meeting, holiday), P&D 2/17/2021 (cancelled)

#### **UNANIMOUS CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- **Addendum to Mayor's Report**
- 1. Memorandum from the Community Development Director requesting authorization to negotiate a TIF with BC Gourmet USA (Refer B&F)

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED/REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA/UNANIMOUS CONSENT CALENDAR:** Councilor Cox pulled *Memorandum from the Community Development Director requesting authorization to negotiate a TIF with BC Gourmet USA.*

**Summary of Discussion:** Councilor Cox requested that the Council waive the referral [initial TIF presentation] of the matter to the B&F Standing Committee to save a step, due to the current location of the owner of BC Gourmet USA being in Italy, which presents a time zone challenge. The application will go before Budget & Finance, but the TIF Committee will present at City Council, not B&F.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by **ROLL CALL 9** in favor, **0** opposed to waive referral [initial TIF presentation] of the matter to Budget & Finance.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by **ROLL CALL 9** in favor, **0** opposed to accept the Consent Agenda/Unanimous Consent Calendar as amended.

Councilor LeBlanc informed the City Council that Councilor Gilman needed to leave shortly and would like to move around the agenda for Council Vote to be next.

#### **FOR COUNCIL VOTE:**

1. City Council vote pursuant to City Charter Sec. 2-6 "Council Access to Information"

**Summary of Discussion:** Councilor LeBlanc explained that the City Council would be requesting that the Mayor come before the council for questions. Councilor LeBlanc stated that the Mayor would be duly notified and provide the questions being asked.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted by **ROLL CALL 9** in favor, **0** opposed pursuant to City Charter Sec. 2-6 "Council Access to Information," to require the Mayor to attend a City Council Remote meeting on March 2, 2021.

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER:** On a motion by Councilor Gilman, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by **ROLL CALL 0** in favor, **9** opposed pursuant to City Charter Sec. 2-6 "Council Access to Information," to reconsider the vote to require the Mayor to attend a City Council Remote meeting on March 2, 2021.

**Motion to reconsider failed.**

**Councilor Gilman left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **• Budget & Finance – February 18, 2021**

**Summary of Discussion:** Councilor Cox explained that the first five motions (#2021-SA-3, #2021-SA-4, #2021-SA-5, #2021-SA-6, #2021-SA-7) are to certify free cash and to disperse the cash into the stabilization funds, as was set up by the administration a few years back. There is an extra motion (#2021-SA-8) in that the motion is reimbursing money that was taken out of the stabilization fund earlier this year. The sixth motion is for the Harbormaster's outboard motor on one of the boats.

There are two grants, one for \$50,000 for the Police Department and one for the Board of Health for \$14,262.51. Next is the motion for \$20,000 (#2021-SBT-1) to the DPW for a land survey of the compost facility. The facility is permitted through DEP and cannot be increased. This is an existing condition survey of the land with no known hazardous waste. The survey will be done by an outside contractor.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Gilman) to accept the Budget and Finance Unanimous Consent Agenda.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (O'Hara) to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2021-SA-3 in the amount of \$878,827 (Eight Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance ("Free Cash"), Account #0001-359000 to the General Stabilization Fund-Transfers In from General Fund, Account #75004-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Gilman) to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2021-SA-3 in the amount of \$878,827 (Eight Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance ("Free Cash"), Account #0001-359000 to the General Stabilization Fund-Transfers In from General Fund, Account #75004-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (O'Hara) to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2021-SA-4 in the amount of \$250,000 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance ("Free Cash"), Account #0001-359000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Trust Fund, Transfer in from General Fund, Account #84004-497001 to partially fund the City's OPEB unfunded liability.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Gilman) to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2021-SA-4 in the amount of \$250,000 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance ("Free Cash"), Account #0001-359000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Trust Fund, Transfer in from General Fund, Account #84004-497001 to partially fund the City's OPEB unfunded liability.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (O'Hara) to recommend

that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2021-SA-5 in the amount of \$948,010 (Nine Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Ten Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance (“Free Cash”), Account #0001-359000, to Capital Projects Stabilization Fund, Transfers from the General Fund, Account #760001-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Gilman) to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2021-SA-5 in the amount of \$948,010 (Nine Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Ten Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance (“Free Cash”), Account #0001-359000, to Capital Projects Stabilization Fund, Transfers from the General Fund, Account #760001-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (absent O’Hara) to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2021-SA-6 in the amount of \$474,005 (Four Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Five Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance (“Free Cash”), Account #0001-359000 to the Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund, Transfers in from the General Fund, Account #770001-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Gilman) to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2021-SA-6 in the amount of \$474,005 (Four Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Five Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance (“Free Cash”), Account #0001-359000 to the Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund, Transfers in from the General Fund, Account #770001-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (O’Hara) to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2021-SA-7 in the amount of \$237,002 (Two Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Two Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance (“Free Cash”), Account #0001-359000 to the General Stabilization Fund-Transfers In from General Fund, Account #75004-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Gilman) to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2021-SA-7 in the amount of \$237,002 (Two Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Two Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance (“Free Cash”), Account #0001-359000 to the General Stabilization Fund-Transfers In from General Fund, Account #75004-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2021-SA-8 in the amount of \$21,000 (Twenty One Thousand Dollars) from the Waterways Enterprise Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance – Retained Earnings, (“Free Cash”) Account #7000-359000 to the Waterways Enterprise Fund, Capital Outlay - Equipment, Account #700058-585000 to purchase and install a new 250HP Outboard for the Harbormaster’s Office.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Gilman) to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2021-SA-8 in the amount of \$21,000 (Twenty One Thousand Dollars) from the Waterways Enterprise Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance – Retained Earnings, (“Free Cash”) Account #7000-359000 to the Waterways Enterprise Fund, Capital Outlay - Equipment, Account #700058-585000 to purchase and install a new 250HP Outboard for the Harbormaster’s Office.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council accept under MGL c. 44, §53A, a state grant from the Essex County District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$50,000 in collaboration with the Gloucester Public Schools and the Gloucester Police Department for the limited purpose of administering and supporting drug prevention and education to youth participating in the school-based prevention program called "ALL STARS". The grant period is from November 17, 2020 through November 16, 2022 and there's no local match for this grant.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Gilman) to accept under MGL c. 44, §53A, a state grant from the Essex County District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$50,000 in collaboration with the Gloucester Public Schools and the Gloucester Police Department for the limited purpose of administering and supporting drug prevention and education to youth participating in the school-based prevention program called "ALL STARS". The grant period is from November 17, 2020 through November 16, 2022 and there's no local match for this grant.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council accept under MGL c. 44, §53A, a state grant from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Department of Public Health, in the amount of \$14,262.51 for the purpose in responding to the COVID-19 outbreak to cover expenses incurred from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. There is no local match for this grant.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Special Budgetary Transfer Request 2021-SBT-1 in the amount of \$20,000 from the DPW-Facilities, Electricity, Account #0147252-521001 to the DPW-Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling, Purchase of Services, Account #0140352-520000 to fund a survey of the compost facility on Dogtown Road.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Gilman) to approve Special Budgetary Transfer Request 2021-SBT-1 in the amount of \$20,000 from the DPW- Facilities, Electricity, Account #0147252-521001 to the DPW-Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling, Purchase of Services, Account #0140352-520000 to fund a survey of the compost facility on Dogtown Road.**

- **Ordinances & Administration – February 15, 2021 (no meeting, holiday)**
- **Planning & Development – February 17, 2021 (cancelled)**

#### **SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

#### **COUNCILORS' REQUESTS TO THE MAYOR:**

- **Councilor Pett:** stated he had a few requests on traffic issues; some related to the schools, some related to trucking, etc. Would like to get some meetings in.
- **Councilor O'Hara:** requested the plan for beach parking and the acceptance of cash. Stated this is a perfect time to get rid of cash for payment in beach parking.

- **Councilor O'Hara:** requested the state improve the handrail at the Blynman Canal. As Gloucester has been discovered, people are hanging over the two-rail handrail watching the boats. Would like to see the handrail brought up to code.
- **Councilor O'Hara:** requested a new ramp and the float for the Magnolia Pier, which were lost last year. Also requested a report of why that happened.
- **Councilor O'Hara:** requested the Traffic Commission be brought before the City Council.
- **Councilor O'Hara:** requested the traffic issues around the old Fuller School and West Parish School be reexamined.

**OTHER REQUESTS:**

- **Councilor O'Hara:** asked School Committee member Pope for the animated version of Nitsch Engineering's traffic study that was shown at Veterans School a little over a year ago for himself and so the public can see it.
- **Councilor O'Hara:** requested a joint meeting with the School Committee.

**COUNCILORS' THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

- **Councilor Nolan:** expressed how hard the City Council has worked on making tough decisions and thanked the public for their contributions this evening to make the city a better place.
- **Councilor Pett:** wished to pass on his condolences to Councilor LeBlanc and Councilor O'Hara on their losses. He also wished to thank everyone for participating and listening to all their constituents.
- **Councilor O'Hara:** thanked everyone who participated tonight in Oral Communications. Invited everyone in the city to participate on the boards and commissions and also to challenge the elected positions within the city during election times.
- **Councilor LeBlanc:** thanked the public for their Oral Communications.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Gilman) to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.**

**Submitted by Sherry Karvelas, Clerk of Committees**

**Items submitted at the meeting: None.**