

SPECIAL GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**Tuesday, September 19, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.****REMOTE MEETING****-Minutes-**

Councilors Present: Council President, Councilor Val Gilman; Council Vice President, Councilor Sean Nolan; Councilor Tony Gross; Councilor Jason Grow; Councilor Frank Margiotta; Councilor Scott Memhard; Councilor Tracy O’Neil; Councilor Jeff Worthley

Absent: Councilor Jamie O’Hara

Also Present: City Clerk, Joanne Senos

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

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Gilman announced: “In the interest of government transparency, consistent with chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, with regards to deliberations and decisions made by the City Council and according to open meeting law, since this meeting was posted as a Zoom meeting, this meeting is recorded by video and audio and 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 “raised hand” button that you can tap or press to request to speak. Please use either of these options during oral communications; however, tonight, there will be none.”

“It is the finding of the City of Gloucester that no individual should be denied equal treatment or opportunity because of their age, ancestry, color, disability, including intellectual and developmental mental disability, family status, immigration status, gender identity or expression, military status, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. In this vein, we as City Councilors do not condone language that is discriminatory or offensive and will not accept it at City meetings.”

Councilor Gilman introduced the City Council members and City staff in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS

- 1. Memorandum from City Clerk requesting City Council vote to reduce in-person early voting hours by 50% for the first week of early voting (10/24/22 – 10/28/22) for the November 8, 2022 State Election in accordance with c. 92 of the Acts of 2022, §25B, subsection 14(b)(3)(ii) (FCV9/27/22)**

Summary of Discussion: Councilor Nolan asked for clarification on the dates. There was no additional discussion on this matter.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilman, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (O’Hara) absent, to refer this matter for council vote for the September 27, 2022 City Council meeting.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (O’Hara) absent to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Sherry White, Clerk of Committees

Items submitted at the meeting: None.