

**GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, August 23, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

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**Present:** Chair, Councilor Jacqueline Hardy; Vice Chair, Councilor Sefatia Theken; Councilor Bruce Tobey; Councilor Paul McGeary; Councilor Joseph Ciolino; Councilor Anne Mulcahey; Councilor Steven Curcuru; Councilor Greg Verga; Councilor Robert Whynott

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Linda T. Lowe; Kenny Costa; Jim Duggan; Mike Hale; Larry Ingersoll; Gregg Cademartori; Jim Hafey

**The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Flag Salute & Moment of Silence.**

**Oral Communications:** None.

**Presentations/Commendations:**

**1 of 2: Status Report on Sewer Work at Lower Essex Avenue – DPW Director, Mike Hale**

**Mr. Hale** updated the Council relative to the findings of the Stantec Report on the lower Essex Avenue sewer. In January the City Engineer quoted an RFP to evaluate the lower Essex Avenue sewer to answer some of the questions surrounding some of the construction, the operation and the history of backups in that area as well as recommendations for improvement. The scope of work is for the waste water plant and the West Gloucester water filtration plant for a snapshot of how that collection system works. Also this was to see what the results of this construction are; identify the cause of back ups immediate to the lower end of Essex Avenue as well as what impact the proposed hotel would have on that system. The physical configuration of the lower end of Essex Avenue sewer line is problematic. Whether it was design and/or construction, there are issues in the first 1,600 ft. of the line which is virtually flat, with no slope in the line and that directly ties to the capacity of the line; the flatter the line the less capacity. There is also limited access in this section with regard to manholes. As a result of the physical configuration, the system doesn't have the capacity to perform as a traditional gravity sewer. At times it works as a surcharged pressure main; meaning that there is enough sewer in that main to push the sewer through. It also limits the future rate of growth in the area because of pipe connections that would be pulled for future connections would be limited. The impact of a hotel to the lower Essex Avenue line would be in context to the line there which takes between 500,000 to 800,000 gallons per day average flow. The proposed average daily flow from the hotel would be 10,000 gallons per day. Stantec, in compiling their report did not find that such a rate of flow would be impactful. Other findings in the report related to other source waters that are contributing to the overall sewer in West Gloucester, that is in-flow, illicit connections, discharge of backwash in West Gloucester from the treatment facility into the sewer. They've assessed the line in three parts: the affect of homeowners; which he stated there was no question that lower Essex Avenue has a history of backups into residences and they're refining the scope right now to determine what engineering needs to be done followed by construction to manage the lower Essex Avenue portion. About 1,600 feet where it is truly flat goes up towards the Manor Inn. As to localized commercial development, the Stantec Report found that the insignificant flows from the hotel will not impact the function of the line. In the interim, before a permanent fix is made, and the engineering firm of the hotel also subscribes to this, they can pump at off peak hours; and by controlling when they discharge by the use of a simple holding tank system, that waste water can be discharged in off-peak hours. Road capacity with West Gloucester as a whole has a bearing on the capacity to West Gloucester in the future. The Administration knows that these policy decisions will be taken up at another time. There is significant infrastructure work ongoing in the City. This portion of and future sewerage for additional capacity for West Gloucester is not on the table right now. They have recognized that this is under CIAB review; and they will likely run the engineering work in parallel with their review. They hope to have some monitoring devices in the ground for the fall. Meter flows in spring and fall will give them a better picture also. He thought it important to recognize that just installing larger pipe with a slope to it; there is a lot more to it – why was this construction method chosen and what was the rationale five years ago for that work. There are very few, if any, staff still working for the City that worked on the lower Essex Avenue sewer. Mr. Hale was not on the project, and

could not say why they chose the method they used for the construction; was there consideration for the line to lay flat for the interceptor sewer that this line ties into. The interceptor sewer and the pipes take all the flow from that side of the City and puts it into the West Gloucester plant. Was there any thought that the surcharge would exacerbate the issues on lower Essex Avenue. The CSO running through also affected the interceptor sewers. They want to make sure they don't repeat the mistakes made only five years ago by having a good understanding of why they did what they did. It may take a separate line. They do not know the costs yet; the Stantec Report gives them some idea but there are things that are of a much broader scope that haven't yet been identified. They need to focus on the lower end to provide the residents with good service. **Councilor Verga** asked about illicit flows as an example. **Mr. Hale** stated that would be a sump pump connected into a sanitary sewer. Those homes are on septic systems. It is common to find homes with a hard pipe connection to their waste pipes and/or sump pumps. Sump pumps going for a couple of days at a time add quite a bit of flow into the system. **Councilor Verga**, expressing concern for what had been previously designed and installed for lower Essex Avenue, wondered if it was that someone designed this incorrectly or it was suggested they go with this design. Is there a warranty from the contractor or are they struck with the build? **Mr. Hale** believed contractors generally build what's given to them, in this case, plans approved by the City. He supposed there was a rationale for what they did at the time. While he didn't know what that was, they need to find out why they did it; and then take a completely different approach to the re-laying of lower Essex Avenue. **Councilor Curcuru** asked if this is something to be done in phases to correct the problems. **Mr. Hale** responded in looking at the old issues the Stantec report highlighted, some are on going. They know they've had some operations issues with sewage pumping stations which they say are "working off the curve" which means they're working 100% of the time, which they shouldn't; pumping stations are designed so that other stations should take over when the capacity is at or around 75% to take pressure off of the line. Those systems aren't working right now. They are investigating already why that is the case. As part of the Phase 4 water work to begin very shortly, the water filtration plant will have a system where they will now be able to recycle a significant portion of drinking water that they use to wash their sand filters. They waste millions of gallons annually by backwashing the sand filters which have to be backwashed several times a day as a part of the sanitary sewer; and this will allow them to recapture some of the loss. The West Gloucester system is inundated, and they were looking to remove that even ahead of this report. He reiterated the immediate issue is the first several thousand feet of the sewer line. A lot of it is policy, whether this Administration or by future Administrations, to adopt or change, which can be vetted in a public process. **Councilor Curcuru** commented that the first phase of this correction would be from the Manor Inn down to the filtration plant on Essex Avenue. **Mr. Hale** added if you look at the stationing, which is how they measure sewer lines, about the first 1,600 feet has virtually no slope. On further inquiry by **Councilor Curcuru** regarding the proposed hotel for Essex Avenue and the storage tank, **Mr. Hale** stated their design is based on the method by which the hotel can control their flows. There was discussion of a possibility of laying a parallel line in that location. **Councilor Curcuru** followed up stating in anticipating a flow analysis over the winter and the spring, when can residents see some relief. **Mr. Hale** stated the Administration will come before the Council for funding. They need about two seasons of data – fall and spring to be sure. The reason they don't know right now is that they want to take the best approach there is to the project to be sure they only do this once more. On further inquiry by **Councilor Curcuru**, **Mr. Hale** stated the cost would be borne on the rate payers as an enterprise project. **Councilor Mulcahey** asked how they came to 10,000 gallons from a hotel with 90 rooms. **Mr. Hale** stated that figure was provided to them; standards by which the State prescribes gallons per person/bedroom usage, etc., and that would be used in the hotel's engineering design. **Councilor Tobey** asked if the 1,600 foot stretch is a part of the main that runs all the way out on Essex Avenue. **Mr. Hale** stated the original line ran from the waste water plant and during the reconstruction of the Essex Avenue sewer, as they got to the waste water plant, they put a larger pipe in with a smaller pipe being pulled through. That does not leave that pipe with any gradation and so there is no gain in capacity. It runs perpendicular to the plant. **Councilor Tobey** asked if the 1,600 ft. of line was part of the main that runs all the way out on Essex Avenue or is it a spur line. **Mr. Hale** explained the original sewer line on Essex Avenue ran from the plant just past Malcolm Road; and during the re-construction of the Essex Avenue sewer, when they chose a different method of construction as they got closer to the waste water plant, of taking a large pipe and pulling a smaller pipe with it – a polyethylene line through the old transit. When you take a bigger pipe through a smaller pipe, the top of the pipe is shallow. There was no appreciable gain in capacity. A smaller pipe can have a lot of capacity if it is pitched correctly. The 1,600 ft. from the interceptor sewer runs perpendicular to the plant across Essex Avenue to the high school and ties directly from that point, it is virtually flat. **Councilor Tobey** thought that this line would be under a pressure particularly during wet weather with all the flows coming in from the rest of West Gloucester. **Mr. Hale** stated it is during peak hours from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. when the line comes under the most pressure. Sewer lines that are new shouldn't be overly burdened by wet weather. For instance, East Gloucester has a lot of in-flow from ground water; those pipes were installed 30-60 years ago. With

lower Essex Avenue, it was all PVC pipe and shouldn't have those issues. They'll find out more during their investigation. **Councilor Tobey** asked if they are smoke testing in the area. **Mr. Hale** stated that is protocol for any sewer work. They did 1,600 home inspections, and determined that smoke testing did not seem prudent. Recognizing the age of the neighborhood will determine what suits that best. Cameras in sewer lines will be done. There is no quick fix and the only answer to be had requires multi-seasonal testing and evaluations and to take the time to design it with the right data in mind. It is not just sticking a bigger pipe in the ground at a steeper slope. A good engineering report will look at all that. **Councilor Tobey** understood, despite this problem, good engineering practice would allow the connection of the hotel as long as it is appropriately managed. The amount is so small it will not inundate the line any more than it is now by managing their flows by off peak pumping. That was in the Stantec Report. **Councilor Whynott** asked if it was determined that the design showed no slope. **Mr. Hale** stated, "Yes". **Councilor Whynott** asked if they were reaching out to the people who worked at the City at the time the previous work on the lower Essex Avenue line was designed and constructed. **Mr. Hale**, noting no one from that time is still employed by the City, stated they will do the research and get to the bottom of it. **Councilor Hardy** asked what the plan was for immediate remedy for the people who live on lower Essex Avenue. **Mr. Hale** stated they get a number of calls regarding sewer odors which is not a result of the construction. They do make efforts to control the odors. Relaying the sewer at a great slope will not change some of the perceived issues. One of the sewer backups in that area was due to construction where side slopes failed and crushed a sewer line. There is not much you can do until the pipe is repaired. **Councilor Hardy** asked when they'd see the impact on the sewer rates. **Mr. Hale** thought it was too soon to tell. They need to come before the Council in the near future for a loan authorization for the construction and have yet to know what those dollars will be. He stated it would likely be the following year or later. But there will be an increase in sewer rates in the future. **Councilor Verga** thanked Mr. Hale for his report commenting that it is a disturbing situation they are in through no fault of this Council or those on City staff now. Believing that they can learn from the past mistakes, he would look forward to seeing this situation fixed. **Mr. Hale**, responding to **Councilor Hardy**, stated that all he can see is making progress and will work with the CIAB on the capital portion of the issue, and to work diligently towards collecting the necessary data. **Councilor Hardy** asked, based on the data collection, what would be a fair date to set for him to come back to report on the progress. **Mr. Hale** believed it would likely be in December before they would have solid information to report back with to the Council.

## **2 of 2: Status Report on School Roof Repairs – DPW Director, Mike Hale and Facility Manager, Jim Hafey**

**Mr. Hale** stated that the school roof repair project was now nearly completed. He introduced Jim Hafey, Facilities Manager. This roofing project has been one of the fastest projects he's seen managed in the City. Through the MSBA, they identified about \$6 million in school roofs that needed to be replaced within a very tight timeline. He felt it was amazing they got the school roofs designed, bid, awarded and almost completed prior to the first day of school next week. He felt it shows Mr. Hafey's commitment to his position and to the City as he is the driving force behind the project. **Mr. Hafey** stated there were five schools affected, broken down by three contracts: a single contract for the O'Maley Middle School, East Gloucester and Veteran's School, and Beeman and Plum Cove. The East Gloucester and Veteran's School was awarded to Stanley Roofing who was the low bidder at \$880,000 which was accepted with an alternate choice, an upgraded membrane for Veteran's School. That school is closest to the harbor and receives the most damage to a roof. The rubber is completely on at East Gloucester and completely ribbed. They are about 60% done at Veterans. With good weather they can finish by Saturday all the rubber and ribbing. The metal will lead into next week and will go into the school year by only four or five days at most. They had a delay with the upgraded membrane delivery. He was pleased to report there were very few change orders; they did do some extra waterproofing; deck replacement and to change some of the panels on the two penthouses on the East Gloucester School. O'Maley School's contract was for \$1.86 million awarded to Titan who he felt did an outstanding job on this project. The rink was done also for an additional \$477,000. All the rubber and ribbing is done for the school roof. The metal will be on by Thursday. Also the skylights will come in for O'Maley and the rink roof will be started then. They have a few change orders which are not adding up to much. They're having some extra high up windows fixed in the auditorium and hallways. Plum Cove and Beeman Schools was awarded to Built Up Roofing who he felt did a super job. They are all done at those two schools as of this afternoon. Everything came in under budget. **Councilor Verga** commented they didn't do West Parish School because of the thoughts at the time of rebuilding that school. He wanted to know what the City was doing to patch that school's roof. **Mr. Hafey** stated his maintenance personnel trained in-house, and they've been successfully patching that roof all summer long and have had no leaks, as well as at the High School, and at Fuller 80% of those leaks are arrested. **Councilor Ciolino** asked what the expected lifespan would be on these roofs. **Mr. Hafey** stated it is a 20

year warrantee on the materials which is an industry standard. Fuller's roof is about 30 years old; the high school is about 15 years old which is the reason they're not doing it as they can only do roofs older than 20 years with the MSBA reimbursement program. It is all about maintenance and staying on top of the repairs. If there was a material flaw in the rubber, up to 20 years old, they will replace that section. The contractors legally are liable only for a year. At Veteran's they went to a heavier reinforced membrane due to conditions the roof is exposed to. It was ripped down to the decking. They bumped up the insulation on that roof which should help somewhat with the utility bills. **Councilor Curcuru**, who was on the design selection committee, stated they did mention going a little over into the school year. **Mr. Hafey** stated any work remaining would not impact any activities at the schools. The only thing left is at Veterans and Plum Cove of peripheral metals and installing the skylights. **Councilor Curcuru** stated the rink has no bearing on the students because it is away from the school area, which will be addressed as soon as the O'Maley's roof over the school is finished. **Mr. Hafey** added they've staged in an area so that all the access will be on the back side so as not impact any student activities in and around the grounds. **Councilor Curcuru** commented he had seen the all new glass and boards now installed at the rink and was excited by the proactive protection and maintenance of the City's assets.

On a separate note, prompted by **Councilor Curcuru** regarding an issue on the Boulevard, **Mr. Hale** reported to the Council that the easterly section of the Blynman Canal, the harbor side of the bridge gate keeper's house has had significant settlement which was investigated two summers ago. That whole section of the canal wall turning onto the Boulevard south, there is no footing under that area. There will be a new railing fabricated which will cut off the area to pedestrians. He has called Vine Associates to come and identify issues on that peninsula; and there is a sink hole by the bridge gate house. **Councilor Curcuru** noted it was the second phase of the sea wall replacement which was already permitted for the design but there is no funding. **Mr. Hale** responded that a number of years ago they wrapped it into that portion of the canal to the remainder of the Stacy Boulevard improvements which is the western side of the canal all the way into Stage Fort Park. They permitted those under one project and have their ConCom permitting, Corps of Engineers, etc. It is a function of funding at that point. He commented he didn't think this was a small problem either. **Councilor Hardy** noted she called Assistant Superintendent Brian Tarr inquiring about National Grid (NG) work in the area that started at Reservoir Road and came down Cherry Street to the O'Maley School and asked if they knew of the completion date as it was supposed to be done before school opened. **Mr. Hale** stated National Grid was at O'Maley installing natural gas service to the rink as part of the energy efficiencies they're making for the dehumidification of the rink. NG got the gas service off the road two weeks ago. Cherry Street, other than striping, is complete. They are finishing up the tie in for the gas line to the rink early on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The dehumidifier will be installed the first week of October. He was unable to confirm the work on Reservoir Road was completed although he knew NG had some heavy equipment stored at the O'Maley School and had been told NG would have it out of there by next week. He will follow up on that for the Councilor on the status on Reservoir Road. He believed it to be safe for pedestrians and school buses. **Councilor Hardy** also noted there was large flatbed transport truck parked at the heliport and requested the owner be notified to move it from that area.

#### **Confirmation of New Appointments:**

**Councilor Theken** explained that the O&A Committee questioned Attorney Orlando and Ms. Goodall regarding their reasons for wishing to be appointed to their respective Board and Commission as well as touching upon their experience, background, and professional affiliations. The appointees expressed their familiarity with the Open Meeting Laws and filed proof of having taken the State Ethics Commission test and reviewed and signing the Open Meeting Law certificate. They did not have a conflict with any other board, committee or commission. The Committee expressed their appreciation at the appointees' willingness to step forward and volunteer on behalf of their City and thanked them for their commitment. [Note: Both Attorney Orlando and Ms. Goodall were present for this portion of the City Council meeting.]

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appoint Joseph M. Orlando, Esq. to the Planning Board, TTE 02/14/16. **Councilor Ciolino** wished Attorney Orlando good luck in his new position.

*Councilor Curcuru stepped away from the dais.*

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor Tobey, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuru) absent to appoint Joseph M. Orlando, Esq. to the Planning Board, TTE 02/14/16.

***Councilor Curcuru returned to the dais.***

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Tobey, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appoint Susan Goodall to the Council on Aging, TTE 02/14/2014.

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor Tobey, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed to appoint Susan Goodall to the Council on Aging, TTE 02/14/2014.**

***With the unanimous consent of the Council, the O&A Committee Report came forward under Appointments.***

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Tobey, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appoint the following to the Lane's Cove Fish Shack Building Committee, with terms to expire upon completion of said project:

Citizens-At-Large:

Russell Hobbs, 1166 Washington Street  
Barbara Jobe, 8 Duley Street  
Damon Cummings, 1063 Washington Street

City of Gloucester Staff:

Jim Hafey, Facilities Manager, DPW  
William Sanborn, Building Inspector  
Lisa Press, Conservation Agent  
Jim Caulkett, Harbormaster

**Discussion:**

**Councilor Theken** explained this Committee is already on point, meeting regularly and enthusiastically working towards the restoration and preservation of the iconic and historic Lane's Cove Fish Shack. The O&A Committee voted to endorse the members of the Building Committee unanimously. There is no term on this committee, as it will disband upon completion of the project. All three Citizens-At-Large were at the O&A to be vetted; and their work with the City staff has been wonderful. They are glad to have them aboard. **Councilor Hardy** stated this committee is moving forward and is looking to report to the Lanesville community at the end of September. On inquiry by **Councilor Ciolino**, **Councilor Hardy** reported Jim Hafey was elected chairman of the Committee, and Damon Cummings is secretary.

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William Sanborn, Building Inspector  
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Jim Caulkett, Harbormaster**

**Consent Agenda:**

- **MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Administration's Request to form a search committee for a permanent Fire Chief (Refer to City Council President)
2. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#2012-SBT-2) from Legal Department (Refer B&F)
3. Memo from CFO-Gloucester Public Schools re: approval of FY2012 School Food Service Program Budget (Refer B&F)

- **COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS**

1. Letter from Citizens for Gloucester Harbor (Refer O&A)
2. Letter from Senator Bruce Tarr and Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante to President of Massachusetts National Grid (Info Only)
3. Letter from National Grid to Rep. Ann –Margaret Ferrante and Senator Bruce Tarr (Info Only)
4. Letter from Kenneth Hanover Pres/CEO of Northeast Health System to City Council (Info Only)
5. Letter from Gloucester Rotary Club to Council re: Stage Fort Park Playground (Info Only)

- **COUNCILORS ORDERS**

1. CC2011-038 (Mulcahey) Amend GCO Sec. 22-287 “Disabled veteran, handicapped parking” re: across from Prospect St. #122 (Refer TC&O&A)

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

1. City Council Meeting: 08/9/11
2. Standing Committee Meetings: O&A 08/15/11, P&D 08/17/11, B&F 08/18/11 (under separate cover)

### Unanimous Consent Calendar:

1. Request from Fish Box Derby Committee to hold Fish Box Derby on September 19, 2011 (Refer P&D)
2. Request for permit to hold the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Downtown Gloucester Christmas Parade on November 27, 2011 (Refer P&D)
3. Request from Gloucester Downtown Association for street closure on December 10, 2011 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Carnival/  
Gloucester Downtown Shopping Spree Drawing (Refer P&D)

### Items to be added/deleted from the Consent Agenda and Unanimous Consent Calendar:

**Councilor Ciolino** named the three matters of the Unanimous Consent Calendar listed above noting all were referred to P&D.

**By unanimous consent the Council agenda and calendar was accepted as amended.**

### Committee Reports:

#### **Ordinances & Administration: August 15, 2011**

**Councilor Theken** reported there were no action items for the Council came forward from this meeting.

#### **Planning & Development: August 17, 2011**

**Councilor Ciolino** moved that the City Council accept the City of Gloucester Special Events Permit Application as presented to the City Council in the August 23, 2011 agenda packet which was seconded by **Councilor Whynott**. **Councilor Ciolino** explained that there has been an explosion of special events in the City over the last couple of years, and this is a good step to making a clearer and smooth process for the applicants and the City departments. It takes a great deal of time and effort for the City staff to process these events leading them to the permitting of the City Council. **Council President Hardy** acknowledged that the P&D Committee had diligently worked on this four page document over the last several months to bring it to the Council. **Councilor Whynott** felt this document would become more important as time goes on for coordinating the scheduling of events in the City to make sure there is no overlapping and undue burden on the City’s services.

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Whynott the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed to accept the City of Gloucester Special Events Permit Application as presented to the Council in the August 23, 2011 agenda packet.**

**Councilor Ciolino** then expressed that the P&D Committee felt it was appropriate to attach a modest fee for the filing of this Special Events permit; and voted unanimously to refer the matter of a Special Events Permit fee to the City Council and moved that the City Council refer the matter of the Special Events Permit Application fee to the Budget & Finance Committee which was seconded by **Councilor Verga**. **Councilor Tobey** discussed the way by which the fee came to the Council, stating he believes the Council that fee requests must come from the Administration as a recommendation per the City Charter; the City Council does not initiate fees. **Councilor Ciolino** expressed the opinion that having had input from the Administration, he believed this came under the Council’s purview. **Councilor Whynott** agreed with Councilor Ciolino noting other fees which did not come from the Administration. However, **Council President Hardy** stated she would discuss this matter with the Mayor the

following day in order to obtain her recommendation for a fee and ask that it be forwarded by the Mayor through such a memorandum to the B&F Committee.

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed to refer the matter of the City of Gloucester Special Events Permit Application Fee to the Budget & Finance Committee.**

**Budget & Finance: August 18, 2011**

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Hardy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council the transfer (2012-SA-1) for \$56,000.00 from ES-APP Conservation fees transfer out, Unifund Account #295030.10.991.59600.0000.00.000.00.059 to Community Dev. Sal/Wages, Unifund Account #101000.10.181.51100.0000.00.000.00.051.

**Discussion:**

**Councilor Curcuru** explained this was a request by the City Auditor more appropriate way to pay these types of fees out of the General Fund to better track funds in the General Fund. They'll know the staff wages are being paid out of the General Fund, and they'll be able to see that they're being reimbursed by the fees. This transfer and the one that follows, both having to do with Conservation fees for Community Development.

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Curcuru, seconded by Councilor Verga, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed to the transfer (2012-SA-1) for \$56,000.00 from ES-APP Conservation fees transfer out, Unifund Account #295030.10.991.59600.0000.00.000.00.059 to Community Dev. Sal/Wages, Unifund Account #101000.10.181.51100.0000.00.000.00.051.**

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Hardy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council the transfer (2012-SA-2) for \$3,000.00 from ES-APP Conservation fees transfer out, Unifund Account #295030.10.991.59600.0000.00.000.00.059 to Community Dev. Other charges and expenses, Unifund Account #101000.10.181.57000.0000.00.000.00.057.

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Curcuru, seconded by Councilor Verga, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed to transfer (2012-SA-2) for \$3,000.00 from ES-APP Conservation fees transfer out, Unifund Account #295030.10.991.59600.0000.00.000.00.059 to Community Dev. Other charges and expenses, Unifund Account #101000.10.181.57000.0000.00.000.00.057.**

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Hardy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council the transfer (2012-SA-3) for \$50,000.00 from the Highway Force Account #294015 to Public Services Small Paving, Unifund Account #101000.10.470.58415.0000.00.000.00.058.

**Discussion:**

**Councilor Curcuru** explained this transfer is for various paving and road improvement activities on-going in the City. Of the \$50,000, about 50% will go to the Crowell Avenue paving which is a 50:50 agreement with the abutters. The rest of the balance of funds will go to guard rail replacements, Goose Cove bridge wall repair and line painting.

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Curcuru, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed to transfer (2012-SA-3) for \$50,000.00 from the Highway Force Account #294015 to Public Services Small Paving, Unifund Account #101000.10.470.58415.0000.00.000.00.058.**

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Hardy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to allow the Gloucester Council on Aging to apply for a grant after the fact from SeniorCare, Inc. – Area Agency on Aging for Project Contract – Under Title III-B of the Older American's Act to fund the partial salary for the Outreach Coordinator/Social Worker for \$18,990.00.

**Discussion:**

**Councilor Curcuru** explained that this Council On Aging grant they have put before the Council is an annually awarded grant with only a small match involved which is about \$7,000 and consists of in-kind.

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**Scheduled Public Hearings:**

1. PH2011-036: Decatur Street #14, GZO §5.2 Earth Fill and Removal Regulations

**This public hearing is opened. Council President Hardy** announced this public hearing is continued by agreement of all parties.

**The public hearing is continued to September 27, 2011.**

**By unanimous consent, the City Council referred the matter of Decatur Street #14, GZO §5.2 Earth Fill and Removal Regulations back to the Planning & Development Department.**

2. PH2011-048: SCP2011-005 Dory Road #11, GZO §5.22 Commercial Land-Based Wind Energy Conversion Facilities

**This public hearing is opened. Council President Hardy** explained that this public hearing is continued by agreement of all parties.

**This matter is continued to September 27, 2011.**

3. PH2011-049: Amend GCO Chapter 2 “Administration”, Article V by **adding** new Division 15, §2-555 to 2-558 Entitled “Magnolia Woods Oversight and Advisory Committee

**This public hearing is opened.**

**Those speaking in favor: None.**

**Those speaking in opposition: None.**

**Communications: None.**

**Questions: None.**

**This public hearing is closed.**

**The Council by unanimous consent waived the reading of the body of the ordinance attached to the motion.**

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Tobey, seconded by Councilor Mulcahey, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND the Gloucester Code of Ordinances by ADDING the following:**

Chapter 2 Administration, Art. V Boards, Commissions, Councils and Committees,  
Division 15, Magnolia Woods Oversight and Advisory Committee

Section 2-555 - Purpose.

In recognition of the continuing need for oversight in the city’s ownership, operation and maintenance of Magnolia Woods so its full recreational utilization can be sustainably realized and its integrity as an environmental

remediation project and as a natural resource for the entire community can be fully protected, the Magnolia Woods Oversight and Advisory Committee is hereby created and established.

The committee shall undertake but not be limited to the following activities:

- (1) Recommend an overall and coordinated program for the use of the recreational facilities at the Magnolia Woods that balances the competing needs for the various recreational and sports programs seeking to use those facilities.
- (2) Review and make recommendations upon plans for proposed maintenance of or capital improvements to any of the facilities or property contained within the Magnolia Woods and provide advisory oversight to the execution of any such plans.
- (3) Recommend programs and activities which can generate revenue streams which can be dedicated to the maintenance or improvement of any of the facilities or property contained within the Magnolia Woods.

Section 2-556 – Tenure; composition; requirements.

The Magnolia Woods Oversight and Advisory Committee shall consist of nine (9) members, three of whom one will be the Gloucester School System Athletic Director (or his/her designee), two of whom shall be the Director of Public Works (or his/her designee) and the ward councilor representing Ward 5, who shall serve so long as they hold the aforementioned positions. The six remaining members shall initially be appointed by the mayor of the city and approved by the city council under §2-10 of the city charter for the terms listed below and shall be residents of Gloucester:

- (1) Two(2) member for one (1) year;
- (2) Two (2) members for two (2) years; and
- (3) Two (2) members for three (3) years.

The successors to these initial appointees shall serve for a term of three years. The six appointed members shall represent the following interests:

- (1) The Cape Ann Youth Soccer Association;
- (2) The Cape Ann Youth Lacrosse Association;
- (3) The Cape Ann Model Airplane Flying Association;
- (4) The neighborhood abutting the Magnolia Woods; and
- (5) The Magnolia community at large provided, however, that this member shall be a resident in Ward 5 of the City;
- (6) A representative from the community at large, provided that this member, however, will be a registered voter of the City.

Section 2-557 – Vacancies.

In case of resignation, death or disqualification of any member of the commission, or for the purpose of filling a vacancy for any other reason, the appointment of a new member to fill the unexpired term of such previous member immediately shall be made by the mayor and forwarded to the city council for its approval.

Section 2-558 – Assistance of city officials, boards and employees.

The commission shall receive regular support and assistance from the Department of Public Works.

**Councilor Tobey** wished to make an amendment to the main motion. This Committee will have six members with staggered terms of three years each. One of the six appointed members is to represent the Magnolia community at large whereas another is to represent the abutting neighborhood. He proposed amending subsection 5 which currently reads "...The Magnolia community at large, provided, however, that this member shall be a resident in Ward 5 of the City;" to then add, "and, provided, further, that the member initially appointed to represent this

interest shall have been a member of the Magnolia Woods Ad Hoc Committee, as indicated in the records of the City Clerk;”. The amendment was seconded by **Councilor Verga**. **Councilor Tobey** stated on the motion to amend that it was pointed out by folks who were active on the Ad Hoc Committee, which was vital to reaching consensus of the reuse of the landfill and overseeing the construction project as it proceeded that their voice continue to be a part of this new committee as it gets up and running. He noted the work of the late John Crowningshield, and didn’t feel Wilma Hunt would be interested in serving at this point; and suggested that Jane Porter, Jim Cooke, and Christine Rasmussen from that original group would be appropriate to fill that slot which he agreed with.

MOTION TO AMEND THE MAIN MOTION:

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Tobey, seconded by Councilor Verga, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed to the City Council to AMEND the main motion at subsection 5 in §2-556 Tenure; composition; requirements after the statement “...The Magnolia community at large, provided, however, that this member shall be a resident in Ward 5 of the City;” and hereto add: “and provided, further, that the member initially appointed to represent this interest shall have been a member of the Magnolia Woods Ad Hoc Committee, as indicated in the records of the City Clerk;”.**

MAIN MOTION IN WHOLE AS AMENDED:

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed to AMEND the Gloucester Code of Ordinances by ADDING the following:**

**Chapter 2 Administration, Art. V Boards, Commissions, Councils and Committees,  
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**Section 2-555 - Purpose.**

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**Section 2-556 – Tenure; composition; requirements.**

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#### **Section 2-557 – Vacancies.**

**In case of resignation, death or disqualification of any member of the committee, or for the purpose of filling a vacancy for any other reason, the appointment of a new member to fill the unexpired term of such previous member immediately shall be made by the mayor and forwarded to the city council for its approval.**

#### **Section 2-558 – Assistance of city officials, boards and employees.**

**The committee shall receive regular support and assistance from the Department of Public Works.**

4. PH2011-050: Amend GCO §22-270 “Parking Prohibited at All Times” re: Eastern Avenue

**This public hearing is opened.**

**Those speaking in favor:**

**Larry Ingersoll**, member of the Traffic Commission stated the Commission was unanimous in its recommendation for the change in the ordinance. The area of Hartz Street and Eastern Avenue has had few accidents. Cars do not park in this area for a very long time. The crosswalk was not replaced by the State and was later put back at the insistence of the store owner. This change would not affect the safety of this area. **Jeff Tarr**, owner of Jeff’s Variety located at 71 Eastern Avenue, and resident of 49 Hartz Street agreed this was a good change. The old sign was obscured by a telephone pole. The sign was put in place several weeks ago. He positioned a security camera to view it. In a 14 hour span there were less than 3 cars per hour in front of the store. There are not always cars parked in front of it. He has been there for 19 years, and during that time when a car is parked in front a vehicle does have to pull out of Hartz Street carefully. When no one is parked in front of the store, people tend to pull out ignoring the stop sign at the top of Hartz Street. When there is parking in front of the store people have to use caution which he thought was a good thing. He was in favor of the proposed change.

**Those speaking in opposition:**

**John Wheeler**, 42 Hartz Street felt the sign at 40 feet gave drivers entering from Hartz Street onto Eastern Avenue extra clearance. People did still park in front of the store. With the sign at 20 feet and with a car is parked there, it is hard to pull out of Hartz Street. You are coming up to the top of a hill onto Eastern Avenue; drivers can’t see vehicles coming out of Hartz Street. The issue is drivers’ not paying attention. The 40 foot mark, he felt, was a safer distance. The sign indicating no parking 20 ft. from the corner was placed earlier than it should have been, on or around June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The crosswalks were not put back by the State when the road was paved. There are a lot of children around the store during school time; and it comes down to visibility. With a 30 mph speed limit on Eastern Avenue, it is difficult to come out of Hartz Street. He believed this change of ordinance was to gain a parking spot; and that there was enough parking within 100 ft. of the store.

**Communications:** **Jeff Tarr**, owner of Jeff's Variety, in favor of the ordinance amendment.

**Questions:**

**Councilor Mulcahey** asked if there had been a car count out of Hartz Street onto Eastern Avenue. When she was on the Traffic Commission they put that sign 40 feet from the corner because no one paid attention to the sign at 20 feet. She suggested they might wish to leave it at 40 ft., where it was. **Councilor Ciolino** noted that as a former Ward 1 Councilor, this corner has been problematic and would support the amendment; but asked if the Traffic Commission would review this matter in six months and report back to the Council. He thought the current Ward Councilor would have a report also. **Councilor McGeary** made clear this ordinance amendment was not to give Jeff's Variety an extra parking spot; it was because the sign placed at 40 ft. was frequently ignored. He felt Mr. Tarr's research bore that out. He agreed they should revisit the issue in six months to see that the ordinance change is working, as he believed it would. **Councilor Whynott** agreed with Mr. Tarr also and would support the ordinance. **Councilor Theken** stated that the Traffic Commission recommended this to make sure people don't park 20 ft. to the corner and to also have yellow lines painted on the street showing no parking. She felt this would also indicate clearly not to park there and help that corner's visibility issue to prevent accidents.

**This public hearing is closed.**

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Tobey, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to recommend to the City Council to AMEND the GCO §22-270 (Parking Prohibited at All Times) by DELETING "Eastern Avenue southerly side, from Hartz Street westerly for a distance of 40 feet.

**Discussion:**

**Councilor Theken** reiterated a request that the DPW have yellow diagonal lines be painted on the street indicating "no parking here to corner" denoting the 20 ft. No Parking area on Eastern Avenue in front of Jeff's Variety as it would help with visibility. **Councilor McGeary** thanked Mr. Wheeler for coming forward to testify this evening and that they will revisit this matter in six months and will look for his input and advice at that point.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor Tobey, the voted BY ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed to AMEND the GCO §22-270 (Parking Prohibited at All Times) by DELETING "Eastern Avenue southerly side, from Hartz Street westerly for a distance of 40 feet.

**The Council asked that a request be forwarded to the Mayor to have the DPW paint diagonal lines from the 20 ft. mark to the corner of Hartz Street on Eastern Avenue and also requested that this item be placed this item back on the O&A agenda for six months hence for review by unanimous consent.**

*[Note: At the request of Council President Hardy, two public hearings were taken out of order by the unanimous consent of the Council.]*

5. PH2011-051: Amend GCO §22-290 "Same – Off street parking areas" by deleting under Harbor parking lot, "for the entire year" "spaces one through 65" and **add** "spaces one through 2" and deleting "spaces 66 through 71" and **add** "spaces 63 through 68"
7. PH2011-053: Amend GCO §22-288 "Off Street parking areas) by **adding** under "Harbor Lot" as further amended to 68 parking spaces as shown on the drawing entitled "Harbor Lot" prepared by Cambridge Seven Associates, Inc. dated August 1, 2011

**These public hearings are opened.**

**Council President Hardy** reminded those present they are dealing with proposed ordinance changes as they relate to Section 22 of the Gloucester Code of Ordinances.

**Those speaking in favor:**

**Gregg Cademartori**, Planning Director spoke to the proposed amendments on behalf of the Administration making note of the presentation several council meetings ago by Cambridge Seven Associates, designers of the Harbor Walk, showing numerous changes along the waterfront including proposed changes on the perimeter of the Harbor parking lot, through the Gus Foote Park, and then to the expansion of the sidewalk portion of this lot. The impact of the changes on the ground results in the loss of three parking spaces in this lot. They're associated with the southernmost spots on the two aisles that come back towards Rogers Street and one space that is lost behind those

aisles. Because of the expansion of the sidewalk in that area for the Harbor Walk, the island's width is reduced and the three parking spaces lost are a consequence of adding amenities to the area. They weren't able to locate the former plan that is referenced in the ordinance along with the previous proposed amendments to the St. Peter's Parking Lot. Again, that plan reference was inaccurate. And because of outreach and a lot of different stakeholders involved, the proposal for the St. Peter's Parking Lot was withdrawn. They currently have a plan prepared and numbered dated August 1, 2011 by Cambridge Seven Associates showing the future layout with the reduction of the three parking spaces in the Harbor Lot (on file).

**Those speaking in opposition: None.**

**Communications: Linda Lowe, City Clerk** stated the Council was in receipt of several communications regarding the Harbor Walk, but only one submitted by Catherine Ryan (who sent a 22-page power point letter) identifying herself as a Gloucester resident but with no address shown, was in favor of the parking lot changes as well as the Harbor Walk. The other communications made no mention of the parking lot.

**Questions: None.**

**These public hearings are closed.**

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Tobey, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-290 (Same – Off street parking areas) by DELETING under Harbor parking lot, for the entire year “spaces one through 65” and ADD “spaces one through 62” and DELETING “spaces 66 through 71” and ADD “spaces 63 through 68”.

**Discussion: None.**

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor Tobey, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-290 (Same – Off street parking areas) by DELETING under Harbor parking lot: “for the entire year “spaces one through 65” and ADD “spaces one through 62” and DELETING “spaces 66 through 71” and ADD “spaces 63 through 68”.**

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Tobey, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-288 (Off-street parking areas) by ADDING under “Harbor Lot”: “as further amended to 68 parking spaces as shown on the drawing entitled Harbor Lot prepared by Cambridge Seven Associates, Inc. dated August 1, 2011, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk.”

**Discussion: Councilor Theken** stated no handicapped spaces are lost. This is to make sure that this is all put in order in the ordinance. **Councilor Hardy** added during the O&A Committee meeting, when asking about the loss of the spaces, the DPW Director explained that recently there had been a re-delineation through line painting of parking spaces on Main Street and that he was able to ‘find’ four more parking spaces there; and so the Councilor did not view this as a loss of parking overall and would vote in favor to support this ordinance change.

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor Mulcahey, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-288 (Off-street parking areas) by ADDING under Harbor Lot: “as further amended to 68 parking spaces as shown on the drawing entitled “Harbor Lot” prepared by Cambridge Seven Associates, Inc. dated August 1, 2011, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk.”**

6. PH2011-052: Amend GCO §22-288 “Off-Street parking areas” by **adding** new sentence after the introductory Phrase as follows: “all parking lot plans shall be filed with the City Engineer and the Office of the Clerk”

**This public hearing is opened.**

**Those speaking in favor: None.**

**Those speaking in opposition: None.**

**Communications: None.**

**Questions: None.**

**This public hearing is closed.**

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Tobey, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-288 (Off-street parking areas) by ADDING a new sentence after the introductory phrase as follows: "All parking lot plans shall be filed with the City Engineer and the Office of the City Clerk".

**Discussion:** None.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor Mulcahey, the City Council voted **BY ROLL CALL 9** in favor, **0** opposed to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-288 (Off-street parking areas) by ADDING a new sentence after the introductory phrase as follows: "All parking lot plans shall be filed with the City Engineer and the Office of the City Clerk".

**FOR COUNCIL VOTE:**

**1 of 1: CC2011-037 (Hardy) Letters to Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, State Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante and State Senator Bruce Tarr in support of H1769 re: removal of double telephone poles**

**Councilor Hardy** explained that she filed the order after having read the summer 2011 edition of the MMA newsletter about a bill that would strengthen double pole laws which would allow communities to issue substantive fines to the owners of the poles. Previously to this it was not allowed and was always overturned in court. She asked for the Council to vote to ask the City Clerk, Linda Lowe, to send a letter to the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante and State Senator Bruce Tarr in support of Senate Bill H1769 that would strengthen the law. **Councilor McGeary** asked if there was an inventory of double poles in the City. **Council President Hardy** informed the Councilor there was and it was kept by the Electrical Inspector, and advised the Councilors to note any new double poles and to advise him as he kept a tracking spread sheet on them.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Hardy, seconded by Councilor McGeary, the City Council voted **9** in favor, **0** opposed to have letters composed by City Clerk, Linda T. Lowe to be signed by the City Council and sent to the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante and State Senator Bruce Tarr in support of H1769 re: removal of double telephone poles.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**Individual Councilors' Discussion including Reports by Appointed Councilors to Committees:** None.

**Councilors' Requests to the Mayor:**

**Councilor Verga** reminded the Council about the joint meeting of the City Council and School Committee the following night. On the agenda is the advisory ballot question of the disposition of Fuller School. **Councilor McGeary** announced that on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> the Gloucester Overdose Vigil Committee will hold a vigil on Stacy Boulevard near the "Cut" bridge from 7 p.m. on to call attention to the problem of overdose deaths. Between 2002 and 2008, 3,859 people died of overdoses in the Commonwealth. It is a first annual event intended to raise awareness of the issue, and encouraged the public to attend. **Councilor Ciolino** asked that the Mayor request the lights be fixed in Kyrouz Auditorium. He thanked the citizens who came to the Rotary breakfast which served over 600 breakfasts which was record breaking. It benefits the Senior Center, the North Shore Health Project and Senior Home Care. They're appreciative of all the support they received. The Downtown Block Party last Saturday night was terrifically successful and is becoming a Gloucester tradition. The last Block Party is in September. **Councilor Mulcahey** noted previously she had asked the Council to go over the charter on August 25<sup>th</sup> but now they will have that review for the Council on September 6 at 6 p.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Council Committee Room. She also thanked those who participated in the "Bark for Life" fundraiser. **Councilor Theken** extended her condolences to the family of former City Councilor Astrid AftKlinterberg at the loss of her brother, and to the Mark Antonio family. She reminded the public to have a safe Labor Day weekend. She noted the Fireworks Committee does a fantastic job but that the fireworks are not City funded. She urged the public to make donations. Finally, she urged seniors to be aware of open enrollment which is October 15<sup>th</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Shine Director will be at the Rose Baker Senior Center at 10 a.m. on October 18<sup>th</sup> to explain it in detail. The Councilor will only see seniors from October 18<sup>th</sup> onward by appointment. The third Tuesday of every month she will be at the Rockport Council on Aging from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. **Councilor Whynott** noted the passing of Gino Mondello that day and extended his condolences.

**A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Dana C. Jorgensson, Clerk of Committees**

**DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.**