

SPECIAL GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – 6:00 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 Jamie O’Hara; Councilor Tracy O’Neil; Councilor Jeff Worthley

Also Present: Mayor Greg Verga; City Clerk, Joanne Senos; General Counsel, Suzanne Egan

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

Meeting called to order at 6:01 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 to be recognized to speak.”

“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 members of the City Council, as well as City staff, in attendance.

Councilor Gilman explained that Oral Communications are not allowed at Special City Council meetings.

● **MAYOR’S REPORT**

1. Management Reappointment of Suzanne Egan as General Counsel, TTE 2/14/25 (Cont. from 2/14/23)

Summary of Discussion: The **City Clerk, Joanne Senos**, explained that in the City Charter, under Sec. 2-10 “Appointments to City Offices,” the last line reads as follows: “*The provisions of section 2-11(c) shall not apply to this section.*” She stated that it does not apply to management reappointments which is why a Special City Council meeting was called.

The **City Clerk** provided a summary of the vote on this matter at the February 14, 2023, City Council meeting. She explained that **Councilor Grow** called the question, seconded by **Councilor Memhard**, with the roll call vote being 6 in favor, 3 (O’Neil, Worthley, O’Hara) opposed, to the question. She stated the debate ended since the vote was two-thirds in favor of calling the question on the pending proposal prior to the 2-11(c) being declared, which did not apply to this reappointment per the Charter.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve the management reappointment of General Counsel, Suzanne Egan, TTE 2/14/25.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gross, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Submitted by: Sherry White, Clerk of Committees

Items submitted at the meeting: None.