

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 29, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

-MINUTES-

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

Absent: Councilor Curcuru

Also Present: Linda T. Lowe; Kenny Costa; David “J.J.” Bell; Sandra Dahl Ronan, Dale Brown; Deborah Laurie; Miles Schlichte; Dave Sargent; Carol Gray; David Rhineland

Councilors-Elect: Steven LeBlanc; Melissa Cox

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Items were taken out of order.

Flag Salute & Moment of Silence.

Council President Hardy informed the Council that Councilor Curcuru was unable to attend this meeting.

Oral Communications: None.**Consent Agenda:**

- **MAYOR’S REPORT**

1. Special Budgetary Request (2012-SBT-10) from the Police Department (Refer B&F)
2. Special Budgetary Request (2012-SBT-11) from the Police Department (Refer B&F)
3. Special Budgetary Request (2012-SBT-12) from the Police Department (Refer B&F)
4. Special Budgetary Request (2012-SBT-13) from the Police Department (Refer B&F)
5. Special Budgetary Request (2012-SBT-14) from the Police Department (Refer B&F)
6. Special Budgetary Request (2012-SBT-15) from the Department of Public Works (Refer B&F)
7. Review & Recommendations for disposition of Real Property re: Maplewood School (Refer P&D & B&F)
8. New Appointment: Conservation Commission John Montoni (TTE 02/14/2013) (Refer O&A)
 - **INFORMATION ONLY**
 - 1. Department of Housing & Community Development re: 2011-2012 Fuel Assistance (Info Only)
 - **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
 - 1. City Council Meeting: 11/15/11 (Approve/File)
 - 2. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 11/17/11, P&D 11/16/11

Unanimous Consent Calendar:

1. Memorandum from Mayor: FY11 Certified Free Cash (Refer B&F)

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

By unanimous consent the Consent Agenda was accepted as was the Unanimous Consent Calendar.

Committee Reports:**Budget & Finance: November 17, 2011**

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to pay \$819.64 (Eight hundred nineteen dollars and sixty four cents) to John Madama, for an extraordinary reimbursement for classroom supplies and materials purchased outside of required procurement procedures of MGL Chapter 30B of the Uniform Procurement Act.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary stated Mr. Madama failed to follow the proper procurement procedures. He came before B&F and was reminded, as was his supervisor, that a purchase order has to be created going forward in advance. They agreed and understood this and so the Committee agreed in this case they would allow the payment.

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MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Sec. 64, to pay \$819.64 (Eight hundred nineteen dollars and sixty four cents) to John Madama, for an extraordinary reimbursement for classroom supplies and materials. The extraordinary expenses were incurred in the prior fiscal year by the School Department to be paid with funds from the current FY2012 Gloucester Education Foundation Revolving Fund #285030.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary explained this is a necessary follow up to the previous motion voted to make the payment because the funds are coming from the current fiscal year for expenses incurred in the previous fiscal year.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Theken, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuru) absent, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Sec. 64, to pay \$819.64 (Eight hundred nineteen dollars and sixty four cents) to John Madama, for an extraordinary reimbursement for classroom supplies and materials. The extraordinary expenses were incurred in the prior fiscal year by the School Department to be paid with funds from the current FY2012 Gloucester Education Foundation Revolving Fund #285030.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Hardy, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to transfer (2012-SBT-5) \$2,880.00 from Special Reserve, Contractual Services, Unifund Account #101000.10.900.52000.0000.00.000.00.052 to Civil Defense, Telephone Service, Unifund Account #101000.10.291.53410.0000.00.000.00.052.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary explained that this motion and the next motion are for a telephone hardware lease and telephone service for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Fuller School. During Hurricane Irene they used a great deal of cell phones, and this is to put permanent telephone equipment at the EOC. He also commended the people who worked there during that emergency event.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuru) absent, to transfer (2012-SBT-5) \$2,880.00 from Special Reserve, Contractual Services, Unifund Account #101000.10.900.52000.0000.00.000.00.052 to Civil Defense, Telephone Service, Unifund Account #101000.10.291.53410.0000.00.000.00.052.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Hardy, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to transfer (2012-SBT-6) \$2,520.00 from Special Reserve, Contractual Services, Unifund Account #101000.10.900.52000.0000.00.000.00.052 to Civil Defense, Telephone Hardware, Unifund Account #101000.10.291.52707.0000.00.000.00.052.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuru) absent, to transfer (2012-SBT-6) \$2,520.00 from Special

Reserve, Contractual Services, Unifund Account #101000.10.900.52000.0000.00.000.00.052 to Civil Defense, Telephone Hardware, Unifund Account #101000.10.291.52707.0000.00.000.00.052.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Hardy, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to transfer (2012-SBT-7) \$600.00 from Special Reserve, Contractual Services, Unifund Account #101000.10.900.52000.0000.00.000.00.052 to Civil Defense, Supplies, Unifund Account #101000.10.291.54000.0000.00.000.00.054.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary explained this is to purchase supplies for the EOC as part of their set up.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuru) absent, to transfer (2012-SBT-7) \$600.00 from Special Reserve, Contractual Services, Unifund Account #101000.10.900.52000.0000.00.000.00.052 to Civil Defense, Supplies, Unifund Account #101000.10.291.54000.0000.00.000.00.054.

Councilor Tobey commented on Item #2 from the 11/17/11 B&F meeting (on file) which was a Council Order referred to B&F regarding the Council's discussion with the Administration on the identification of a funding source to hire a local veteran from the Civil Service Firefighter's List. He inquired as to when an update on the matter could be expected by the Council. **Council President Hardy** responded she and Mayor Kirk have had a conversation on this matter as well as Jim Duggan, CAO. **Councilor Tobey** also understood it reflected a commitment on all sides to move ahead with such a hire. **Council President Hardy** expressed she was under the same impression and that the matter would be taken up at the December 8th B&F meeting.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council the transfer (2012-SBT-9) \$16,600 from Registrar's, Sal/Wage Tem Pos, Unifund Account #10100.10.51200.0000.00.000.00.051 to Registrar's, Contractual Services, Unifund Account #101000.10.163.52000.0000.00.000.00.052 for payment to Poll Workers who work as independent contractors during municipal, state and national elections and primaries during FY12.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary related this was the first of three motions having to do with hiring poll workers and leasing space for polling locations for the recently held Municipal Election. This year, unlike past years, they went to a contractor model as opposed to a salaried employee model. There was some confusion as to the required paperwork. The Assistant Registrar went to pay the poll workers, but hadn't submitted the proper paperwork and hadn't had a purchase order in place. She is now aware of the proper procedures; it was the first time and an easy mistake to make. The Committee believed everyone involved understood the proper procedures in place going forward.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuru) absent, to transfer (2012-SBT-9) \$16,600 from Registrar's, Sal/Wage Tem Pos, Unifund Account #101000.10.51200.0000.00.000.00.051 to Registrar's, Contractual Services, Unifund Account #101000.10.163.52000.0000.00.000.00.052 for payment to Poll Workers who work as independent contractors during municipal, state and national elections and primaries during FY12.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council in accordance with MGL Chapter 30B to pay \$7,500 without a purchase order being in place to pay poll workers who worked the November 8, 2011 Municipal Election as independent contractors; said payment to be made from Registrar's Contractual Services Account # 101000.10.163.52000.0000.00.000.00.052.

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MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council in accordance with MGL Chapter 30B authorization to pay \$200.00 without a purchase order being in place to pay for temporary rental of polling locations utilized during the November 8, 2011 municipal election; said payment to be made from the Registrar's Facilities Account #101000.10.163.52700.0000.00.000.00.052.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuru) absent, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30B authorization to pay \$200.00 without a purchase order being in place to pay for temporary rental of polling locations utilized during the November 8, 2011 municipal election; said payment to be made from the Registrar's Facilities Account #101000.10.163.52700.0000.00.000.00.052.

Planning & Development: November 16, 2011

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Whynott, seconded by Councilor Hardy, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to grant a permit to Gloucester Blues Festival LLC for the purpose of holding a one day blues festival at Stage Fort Park on Saturday, August 11, 2012 with the following conditions:

1. Road Closure:

Hough Avenue will be closed with appropriate signage directing the general public as well as concert goers as to the road closure, its duration and alternates to parking for concert goers and general public in order to maintain the park and beach access not being used for the concert event. A detailed traffic and parking plan and police detail information must be signed off by the Police Chief and on file with the Office of the City Clerk and the DPW Director no later than July 20, 2012, close of business.

2. Refuse and Comfort Stations:

All refuse and recycling generated due to this event is to be cleaned up and removed at the expense of the organizer. Portable toilets are to be provided by the organizer at their expense, placed the morning of the event and removed by 12:00 PM, August 12, 2012 with appropriate maintenance during the event.

3. Emergency Services:

A first aid station, with appropriate signage making it highly visible to concert goers must be in place in an easily accessible location within the concert area from the start to the end of the event with certified personnel with appropriate first aid equipment and supplies.

4. Staffing:

All event staff is to have cell phones and be easily identified by the public with t-shirts that are distinct or the like. A list of all event staff and their cell phone numbers are to be submitted to the DPW, Police Department and Fire Department.

5. Noise:

There is to be a staff member whose sole responsibility is to field any complaints related to noise and to be the point person with authority to control volume to alleviate the situation on the day of the event. That person's name and cell phone number is to be on file with the Police Department in order to facilitate cooperation.

6. Overall Event Approvals:

Written event approvals signed by the Police Chief and Fire Chief or their respective designees must be on file by July 20, 2012 approving the overall event separate from any other permits or plan approvals. A Certificate of Insurance with the City of Gloucester named as the certificate holder must be on file in the Office of the City Clerk by the close of business, July 20, 2012. Day of event contact information, including name and telephone numbers for the organizer must also be on file with the DPW Department, the Fire Department, the Police Department and the City Clerk's office. Further, while this City Council approval is needed, the applicant still is required to obtain any necessary approvals from the Licensing Board and the Licensing Commission as well. It is the sole responsibility of the Gloucester Blues Festival LLC or their designated representative to ensure that all required documentation is filed with the appropriate City departments by the deadlines imposed by the City Council as indicated.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Ciolino explained to the Council that this was a new event next summer at Stage Fort Park. He believed it was something that as a City Council and a city would want because it has the potential of being a great draw for the City and a revenue maker as well. The City will be charging their regular rates for parking at the event; as they do for other events held at the park. He recommended it highly to his fellow Councilors.

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Scheduled Public Hearings:**1. PH2011-072; SCP2011-009: Main Street #186, GZO Sec. 5.13.7.2 (PWSF) Modifications**

Council President Hardy opened the public hearing and continued it to December 13, 2011 by request of the attorney of the applicant.

This public hearing is continued to December 13, 2011.

2. PH2011-081: Recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for FY2012

Council President Hardy explained that on September 29th and October 6th the B&F Committee held special meetings to hear the ten CPA applications. **Council President Hardy** moved, **Councilor McGeary** seconded and the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Special B&F meetings of October 29, 2011 and October 6, 2011.

This public hearing is open.

Sandra Dahl-Ronan, Co-Chair, noting her fellow Co-Chair David "J.J." Bell of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) stated that this is the second round of CPA applications. She explained by popular vote in 2008 Gloucester voters adopted the Community Preservation Act with a 1% surcharge on real estate taxes. Funds raised by this surcharge may be used to acquire and preserve open space; preserve and restore historic buildings and artifacts; create, preserve and support affordable housing and investments in public recreation. The applications had to fit into at least one of these three categories and meet both general evaluation criteria and category specific criteria. The CPC consists of nine members formed in 2009 in the terms of the CPA. They make recommendations regarding the allocation of CPA funds to be reviewed by the Mayor and voted on by the Council. The CPC members consist of four at-large members - herself and Mr. Bell, Stacy Randall, Scott Smith; Karen Gallagher representing the Planning Board; Charles Crowley representing Open Space and Recreation; Stephen Philips representing the Conservation Commission; Tom O'Keefe representing the Historic Commission; and Bill Dugan representing the Gloucester Housing Authority. Their first job was to create the Community Preservation Plan, completed in 2010 and is a requirement of the Act (The information and criteria is on the City's CPA website.) and serves as a guide to the types of projects that would be eligible. This round of funding applications began with fifteen eligibility determination forms being submitted to the Committee on June 1st. These projects totaled over \$730,000. Ten were deemed as eligible to complete the full applications for requests totaling \$406,000. Full applications were submitted by July 15th. After careful review by the CPC and site visits, and attempting to keep a balance between open space and recreation, historic preservation and community housing as well as having some money available for the next round of applications, the CPC voted to recommend all ten applications to the Mayor and onto the Council for their consideration. The Council referred the CPC recommendations to the B&F

Committee who then reviewed each application, and also made site visits and over several meetings discussed the projects with the applicants. The Council this evening is conducting the public hearing on the 10 applications. On behalf of the CPC, Ms. Ronan thanked the citizens of Gloucester for their “civic-mindedness and fiscal prudence when they voted in the CPA”. For the cost to the average homeowner for a few dollars a month, they’ll be able to fund many qualified projects each year helping to improve the quality of live in Gloucester for everyone.

Application #2: White Ellery House (1710) Window Restoration – Project Sponsor: Cape Ann Museum

Ms. Ronan stated Mr. Bell recused himself from any consideration on this project as he is a member of the Cape Ann Museum board. The CPC recommends the appropriation of \$25,000 to the Cape Ann Museum for the leaded glass window replacement at the 1710 Ellery House in order to restore an historic resource. The CPA spending purpose for this appropriation is to restore historic resources. In the past three years the Cape Ann Museum (CAM) has made substantial progress in restoring and stabilizing the Ellery House. They now need to replace 28 failing casement windows with historically appropriate leaded glass sashes. The total project cost is \$80,000. This building is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. **Martha Oakes**, Curator stated the White-Ellery House (1710), located just off of Grant Circle at the intersection of Poplar and Washington Streets. The museum has owned the building since 1947. For many years it was opened as an historic house museum, and then closed for many years. Since 2007 they’ve been able to reopen it, stabilize it, and giving it a new use for the museum. Their restoration work has been over multiple years. The museum consists of the house and small barn on the property. They have put a roof on, new siding, new wiring, a burglary system; and also stabilization work inside the barn which dates to 1740. They are now ready to replace 28 failing casement windows on the Ellery House which are of various sizes put in place in 1950. They are letting water into the building. Both buildings are protected by a preservation easement held by the MA Historical Commission, assuring all the work will be historically accurate and the CAM will maintain the building inside and out in perpetuity. They will be seeking additional funds due to the great expense to make these historic renovations. She noted it is their intention to continue to use the Ellery House as a “study house”. It is not now, nor will it ever be furnished. They do use it for their educational and artistic programs as they use the rest of their facility on Pleasant Street.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions:

Councilor McGeary asked about the house’s use for public gatherings during the daytime. **Ms. Oakes** responded it is primarily used in the summer as it is unheated; and has been opened in the last three years on a regular basis.

Councilor Tobey complimented Ms. Oakes stating the CAM has done a great job in stabilizing the house which is a “treasure” to the community for its cultural resources.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$25,000 (Twenty five thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of the Cape Ann Museum leaded glass window replacement at the 1710 Ellery House in Gloucester, Massachusetts in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275004.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary endorsed the application commenting it is a wonderful resource. **Council President Hardy** made note of the B&F Committee’s site visit to the White Ellery House. She felt the historic renovation of the building is a great improvement to the neighborhood and extended her support of the application. **Councilor Ciolino** would also support the application. He noted it was a historic moment for the CPC and the B&F Committee as well as for the applicants, stating it is a good thing for the City they’re doing this evening.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted **BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuro) absent, to appropriate up to \$25,000 (Twenty five thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of the Cape Ann Museum leaded glass window replacement at the 1710 Ellery House in Gloucester, Massachusetts in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be**

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Application #3: Save the Adventure – Project Sponsor: The Gloucester Adventure, Inc.

David “J.J.” Bell, Co-Chair of the CPC stated the CPC recommends the appropriation of \$25,000 to the Gloucester Adventure towards the purchase and installation of five (5) spars in order to restore an historic resource. The funds would go towards the purchase and installation of spars. The eight spars and required hardware to sail the schooner, a National Historic Landmark, is a total cost of \$135,600.

Those speaking in favor:

Joanne Souza of the Project Adventure stated 2011 has been a “huge” year for the Schooner Adventure. Major projects have been recently: the windlass with CPA funds from last year; 70 feet of new floats and dock and access system allowing for people on board for the first time in 10 years; the restored original wheel and steering gear is on board; and sailcloth is at the sail makers awaiting the sail plan. The organization has changed and is pushing forward to get the ship sailing. With this approval of funding, they have a matching source set. The Dusky Foundation has been a generous contributor. **David Rhinelander**, Chair of the Historical Commission stated the Commission reviewed all the seven historic preservation applications and approved of all the historic preservation applications. He commended the fine job of the CPC. He also made note of the fact he is on the board of the Adventure.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions:

Councilor McGeary noted that the minutes of the September 29th Special B&F meeting make note that there are four spars and are listed as the main boom, the main gaff, fore boom and fore gaff, yet the application states five. **Ms. Souza** stated four spars was correct. They have to obtain Coast Guard approval for a top mast. They are not going to purchase that at this time, and that brings the total to four not five. **Councilor Ciolino** asked for a target date for sailing. **Ms. Souza** stated they have a tentative target date, but did not share that target date. They are going to a two-phase program to get the boat sailing and then certified by the Coast Guard and hope for sooner. She also stated they haven’t discussed it with their board yet and was unsure if she could discuss it publicly. **Councilor Tobey** expressed they had this discussion last year as well where he had asked for a sail date. He had not heard a date in the answer to Councilor Ciolino’s inquiry. **Ms. Souza** explained this was something that had just come up schedule-wise; and reiterated that they had yet to discuss it with their board; only one of the committees has discussed it. **Councilor Tobey** expressed that while many members of the community respect the “vision and the dream” of the Adventure, but they see a great expenditure of money, much of it of public grant money being spent for decades on the project. **Ms. Souza** stated they have had a reorganization of their organizational structure. The last three projects have made strides forward towards the goal [of sailing]. They have a lease with the Gloucester Marine Railways which is going to be their permanent home. They are now working with a new marine architect and doing projects that will get them closer to sailing. The schooner will not carry passengers the first year as the Coast Guard has them go through many tests for certification. **Councilor Tobey** stated then they couldn’t say when the schooner would sail; and after one year they don’t appear to be any closer to sailing the vessel. **Ms. Souza** felt they are a lot closer to sailing. Having the steering gear on, the windlass is built; an engine has been donated and will be installed and with the booms, gaffs and sails they are reaching that goal. **Councilor Tobey** noted the Thomas E. Lannon, another restored schooner (docked at Seven Seas Wharf) has a business plan; and asked what the Adventure’s business plan is. **Ms. Souza** stated their main goal is education and to bring programs in the schools. Most of the education work they do is grant funded. As to the public sails, they’ll do a great deal dockside which makes them money. Sailing two hours only like the Lannon wouldn’t be profitable for them; but four hour sails, they believe would be. They can also carry 80 passengers as they are a much bigger vessel [than the Lannon]. They do have plans for other events like overnight sails and weekend sails. Noting the schooner, Highlander, berthed next to the Adventure, it will be doing similar charter sailing events shortly. They do have a business plan in place and could send it to the Council. **Council President Hardy**, as she had the previous year, stated as a vessel there is nothing to stop them from pulling up anchor and moving to another community or state. She asked what assurances Gloucester had that the Adventure will stay in the City, fly a Gloucester flag, and call it their home port. **Ms. Souza** reiterated they signed a lease with the Gloucester Marine Railways for three years and are working with them to make it an historic area. They’ve made an investment of \$20,000 into the docking system there and to maintain it. This has always been a Gloucester vessel. **Council President Hardy** asked if they could put it on the record that they are planning on calling Gloucester their hometown and that they are planning on staying in

Gloucester. **Ms. Souza** responded “Yes”. And responding to a further inquiry by the **Council President, Ms. Souza** stated they still have office space at the Fitz Henry Lane House and pay no rent. **Councilor McGeary** asked if they can have people on board the vessel at the dock and are certified to do so. **Ms. Souza** confirmed they could.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$25,000 (Twenty Five thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of allowing the Gloucester Schooner Adventure which is a Historical Schooner/vessel berthed in Gloucester, Massachusetts, to purchase and installation of five (5) spars in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275005.

At this time **Councilor McGeary** asked by friendly amendment to change the number of spars as stated in the motion from five (5) to four (4) to which the Council consented. **Council President Hardy** confirmed with Ms. Souza the funding would stay at \$25,000 even though the number of spars to be purchased was now reduced to four.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Ciolino would support the application. He believed Gloucester is also defined by its boats and ships. He expressed he was an advocate of the Adventure; that the ‘crew’ heading the organization is composed of good people. **Councilor Tobey** would vote no on the application. He believed the vessel needs to sail, with a business plan in place where activities offset expenses. He pointed out it has been decades, and they’re not there yet. While respecting the sentiment, he felt there has been a lot of public money invested and that it was time to make it work as a business. He hoped to hear next year from Ms. Souza, should she be back before them, that it would be the last time, as the boat would now be able to sail.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted **BY ROLL CALL 7** in favor, 1 (Tobey) opposed, 1 (Curcuru) absent to appropriate up to \$25,000 (Twenty Five thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of allowing the Gloucester Schooner Adventure which is a Historical Schooner/vessel berthed in Gloucester, Massachusetts, to purchase and installation of four (4) spars in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275005.

Application #4: Phyllis A. Hull and Mast Restoration – Project Sponsor: The Phyllis A. Marine Association

Ms. Ronan stated the CPC recommends the appropriation of \$20,000 to the Phyllis A. Marine Association towards the hull and mast restoration in order to restore an historic resource. The Phyllis A. is a 60’ gill net fishing vessel built in 1925 built by Captain Albert Arnold. The vessel was fished by the Arnold family until the year 2000. The project consists of a haul out, to rehabilitate and preserve the hull and restore the main mast and associated rigging to its original configuration with a total cost of \$30,115.00.

Those speaking in favor:

Doug Parsons, President of the Phyllis A. Marine Association stated that this will give them a better opportunity to stabilize the hull. This is a first step in further work they plan to do. The mast is a steel replacement mast in now untouched for over 25 years and is unsafe. T put a wooden one back in as it was originally. This vessel currently is the oldest former commercial fishing vessel in Gloucester harbor, built in Kennebunkport, ME, and having fished for 75 years for one family. Their mission statement is to promote the history of gill netting in Gloucester through the display and preservation of the fishing vessel the Phyllis A. Many small vessels exist today because of gill netting and can continue to fish, outnumbering the draggers. They wish to “put their mark” on gill netting. **John Hinckley**, 9 Riverside, Board member of the Phyllis A. Marine Association spoke in favor of the application. By preserving the vessel it will introduce educational opportunities to the community. They’ll be able to show how fish goes from the sea to the table. It will bring tourists in. They are berthed next to the Adventure at the Gloucester Marine Railways. It is part of the history and is an asset to the community. **Richard Arnold**, 20 Marble Street,

former Coast Guardsman and last working skipper of the Phyllis A. spoke in favor of the application commenting made his first fishing trip at 12 years old on this family vessel.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions:

Councilor asked

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$20,000 (Twenty thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of The Phyllis A. Marine Association to restore the Phyllis A. which is a Historical vessel berthed in Gloucester, Massachusetts, use of funds towards the hull and mast restoration in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275006.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary felt gill netting is an important part of the City's history; and the Phyllis A. is a founding vessel for that fishery and it was worth the investment. **Councilor Ciolino** would support the application; and that it is part of the maritime economy. Folks need to come and see boats like the Phyllis A. and the Adventure. He encouraged them to apply again next year for CPA funds. **Council President Hardy** commented this could also pull up anchor and leave. **Mr. Parsons** stated emphatically the Phyllis A. would stay in Gloucester.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuru) absent, to appropriate up to \$20,000 (Twenty thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of The Phyllis A. Marine Association to restore the Phyllis A. which is a Historical vessel berthed in Gloucester, Massachusetts, use of funds towards the hull and mast restoration in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275006.

Application #5: WPA Murals Restoration Project – Project Sponsor: Gloucester Committee for the Arts

Mr. Bell explained that the CPC recommends the appropriation of \$15,000 to the Gloucester Committee for the Arts (GCA) towards the restoration of the WPA murals in the first floor common areas of City Hall in order to preserve an historic resource. These murals are historically and culturally significant national treasures and are examples of Gloucester's cultural heritage. The murals showcase artists' works from the 1930's, depicting the founding of Gloucester, the role of arts in civic institutions and society and Gloucester's fishing industry. The total cost for the restoration of these six murals is \$42,000.

Those speaking in favor:

Dale Brown, Treasurer of the Gloucester Committee for the Arts member explained the proposed preservation work proposed for the murals are all on the first floor all done by Charles Allen Winter. With the exception of the one in the Mayor's office, all the rest are in public spaces. They feel the project will be a great educational tool and help them generate more interest in the murals and let the public know more about them. The six murals to be preserved will cost \$42,000, and they have asked for \$15,000 from CPA funds. They have already secured another grant for the rest of the money from the Bruce J. Anderson Foundation as well as pursued other funding sources for the rest of the money. Several years ago a professional conservator examined the murals. His assessment and recommendations was the basis for this work. It is primarily to clean the murals and do some 'in-painting' on some of them, preserving them all for future generations to view and enjoy.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions:

Councilor Tobey commented this was a great project and is important to preserve this artwork. He commented there was a Mulhaupt not on the list that was also important; but **Ms. Brown** stated it was not on the list at this time

to be restored in this first phase, explaining they are breaking up the murals restorations into several phases which are more manageable. The mural the Councilor was referring to was in a public space, a hallway outside the City Clerk's office.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$15,000 (Fifteen thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of the Gloucester Committee for the Arts (GCA) to restore WPA murals in the first floor common areas of City Hall, 9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, Massachusetts in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275007.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary stated he wished they could do all the murals. He felt they are a real resource to the City depicting a piece of the City's history. He supported the appropriation of funds to preserve the murals. **Councilor Whynott**, having spent many years at City Hall, stated many people from the U.S. and other countries all want to know what the stories of the murals are and that they are so valuable to the City. **Councilor Tobey** "seconded" Councilor Whynott's comments and the connection made by people to the murals. Building on this project, it is making City Hall part of the cultural constellation of the City. **Councilor Ciolino** would vote for the application. He encouraged the Committee to come forward again the next year to look at other murals in storage. Many of new buildings may be interested in some of the murals stored under the Kyrouz Auditorium stage for them to display in their larger public spaces and thought there might be an opportunity for a partnership in that for those murals' restoration. **Council President Hardy** expressed her appreciation of the Committee for the Arts and hoped to see them come forward the following year for more CPA funding.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted **BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuro) absent, to appropriate up to \$15,000 (Fifteen thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of the Gloucester Committee for the Arts (GCA) to restore WPA murals in the first floor common areas of City Hall, 9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, Massachusetts in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275007.**

Application #6: Magnolia Historical Society Archival Preservation - Project Sponsor: Magnolia Historical Society

Ms. Ronan stated the CPC recommends the appropriation of \$10,000 to the Magnolia Historical Society (MHS) towards the digitization of their archives in order to preserve an historic resource. The MHS manages the artifacts and information housed within their museum in the community center in Magnolia. They hold a large collection of Magnolia's most precious items. In order to preserve these items, there is a need for an all in one printer/scanner to accomplish this goal.

Those speaking in favor:

Lisa Ramos, 463 Western Avenue, President of the Magnolia Historical Society (MHS) stated the MHS manages the art, artifacts and information housed within the Fran Hines Historical Museum located in the Community Center known as the Magnolia Library Center. Their collection consists of mainly information and photographs. In order to completely index, file, preserve and make readily available all of the information in their archives, the MHS would like to organize, digitize, promote and grant easy access to their collection of history while simultaneously protecting those resources. They wish to take what they have, which isn't organized, to scan, digitize it, protect it and refile it. The benefit to the public is to have it at their fingertips. They have purchased a computer system and program which is installed. They can then share this information once they have this scanner. **James Cooke**, 622 Western Avenue, Past President of the MHS expressed his support for their application. Most importantly they hold the information; photos, journals, etc. They have a limited area of work. This system would allow everything to be scanned and recorded and copied so that should something happen to the collection they would have the discs that contain all the information backed up and preserved.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions: None.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of the Magnolia Historical Society (MHS) digitization of their archives in order to preserve an historic resource and to be used to purchase an “all-in-one” printer/scanner. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275008.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary expressed his support of the application noting there is a rich resource at the MHS. By digitizing this information it will be preserved for years to come. **Councilor Verga** noted the MHS and their love of Magnolia, and expressed that the historical stockpile has to be preserved. He lauded the efforts of the MHS and asked the Council to support the request. He hoped the MHS would be back again for more funding. **Councilor Whynot** would support the application. He commented regarding the use of microfilming as well for possible back up of their information. **Council President Hardy** would also support the application stating the MHS does wonderful work. She also was aware they have plans for a bigger facility and hoped to see them before the Council on that matter soon.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuro) absent, to appropriate up to \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of the Magnolia Historical Society (MHS) digitization of their archives in order to preserve an historic resource and to be used to purchase an “all-in-one” printer/scanner. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275008.

Councilor Ciolino declared that his wife was a former Director of the Sargent House Museum and he was also a former member which would not impede his ability to vote on the matter now before the Council.

Application #7: Sargent House Museum Fence Replacement Project-Project Sponsor: Sargent Murray Gilman Hough House Association

Mr. Bell explained the CPC recommends the appropriation of \$15,000 to the Sargent House Museum (SHM) towards the restoration of their Main Street fence in order to preserve an historic resource. This house is on the National Historic Register. The museum will replace the fence with a wooden version.

Barbara Silberman, Board Chair of the Sargent House Museum (SHM) stated that the Sargent House was built as a high-style Georgian house in 1782, part of the Gloucester Historic District, and on the National Register, the SHM proposes to replace the cast-iron fence that fronts on Main Street as well as stabilize the underlying wall, the total cost of which is \$36,500. This fence, with its peeling black and white paint is rusted beyond repair. It is on the west end of Main Street. The fence is not repairable. The original historic fence was wood, and they wish to replace with a wooden fence; lower the height making it more attractive, as well as creating open space for the public. There will be signage out front to welcome the public to use the lawn as an open public space. They have unlocked the gate to the property from Main Street. The fence will be a replica of what is there and match the fence on Middle Street which has been already been repaired. They will be raising the rest of the funds needed for this project.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions: None.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$15,000 (Fifteen thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of the Sargent House Museum (SHM) restoration of their Main Street fence in Gloucester, Massachusetts in order to

restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275009.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary felt the museum is an asset to the City; and that they have now opened their lawn to the public. He recommended the application to the Council. **Councilor Ciolino** also supported the application; commenting that by the Council doing so they are supporting not only historic preservation but the tourist economy. He felt the fence replacement will be a great improvement to the downtown.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuro) absent, to appropriate up to \$15,000 (Fifteen thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of the Sargent House Museum (SHM) restoration of their Main Street fence in Gloucester, Massachusetts in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275009.

Councilor Ciolino stated his wife, Joan is a Vice President of the Board of the Library and that he is a member of the Incorporators of the Library and will not affect his vote.

Application #8: The Sawyer Free Library Landscaping Project – Project Sponsor: Sawyer Free Library

Mr. Bell expressed the CPC recommends the appropriation of \$75,000 to the Sawyer Free Library (SFL) toward ADA code compliant accessibility improvements on the exterior of the library complex, which includes the 1764 Saunders House, in order to rehabilitate an historic resource. Over 150,000 visit the SFL annually. The heavily trafficked access to the library has caused a lot of damage and distressed the appearance. The total project is over \$250,000 and will improve the exterior of the library and restore it.

Those speaking in favor:

Joan Ciolino, 28 High Popples Road Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Sawyer Free Library stated they've completed work on the Saunders House and the 1976 addition. The CPA funds are for only one portion of the landscaping. The need is to redo this path as ADA compliant as well as to do landscaping. The only two handicapped accesses to the library are through the back and side doors of the library. The cost of the ramp construction is "enormous". It is done seamlessly so that those using the handicapped access do not feel any different than those without handicaps. They are adjacent to Central Grammar and many elderly and mothers with strollers use the building needing such access. Many meetings take place in the evening. It is dark and steep for those two access points. They've tried to address all this with this project. **Carol Gray**, Library Director stated their Board has done a great job restoring the beauty of the 1976 addition. She stated her support of this landscaping project with handicapped access is and as something she wished to have come forward for quite some time. This is the first time they have come before the Council for assistance.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions: None.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$75,000 (Seventy five thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of the Sawyer Free Library (SFL) Gloucester, Massachusetts, ADA code compliant accessibility improvements on the exterior of the library complex, which includes the 1764 Saunders House. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded by up to \$56,000 from Historic Preservation Reserves in Fund #270300, and funded by up to \$19,000 from the Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275010.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary stated the library is a “jewel” and encouraged his fellow councilors to vote for it. **Councilor Tobey** felt the institution exceeds what they invest in it. He acknowledged the benefactor who is enabling the garden to proceed. **Councilor Verga** thought many of them take the library for granted. And those without mobility issues take easy access for granted as well. He would support the application. **Councilor Ciolino** noted exiting meetings from the Friend Room at night is difficult because it is so dark there and footing unsure. He thought it a good use of funds. He mentioned the City civic center as a City resource of which the library was a part of. **Councilor Theken** congratulated all the applicants coming forward, and the CPC for their work. Some folks can’t afford to give money during fundraising events, but they know their tax dollars do contribute to these projects through the CPA. She congratulated them all taking part so everyone can enjoy these City resources. She would support all the applications.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuro) absent, to appropriate up to \$75,000 (Seventy five thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of the Sawyer Free Library (SFL) Gloucester, Massachusetts, ADA code compliant accessibility improvements on the exterior of the library complex, which includes the 1764 Saunders House. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded by up to \$56,000 from Historic Preservation Reserves in Fund #270300, and funded by up to \$19,000 from the Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275010.

Application #1: Sheedy Building Roof Replacement – Project Sponsor: Gloucester Housing Authority

Mr. Bell explained the CPC recommends the appropriation of \$86,453 to the Gloucester Housing Authority toward the Sheedy Building roof replacement in order to preserve community housing. The existing roof is over 30 years old and has caused the GHA to shutter several units because of leaks. The Community Preservation Act spending purpose is to support community housing.

Those speaking in favor:

David Holden, Executive Director representing the Gloucester Housing Authority, 259 Washington Street stated they’re asking for \$86,453 in funds to supplement a grant they are receiving from the State Dept. of Housing & Community Development to replace the roof of the Sheedy building on Pleasant Street on the site of the old Babson School. Built in 1981 with 81 units for elderly households, the building usually remains fully occupied. The roof is original to the building. This is a single ply membrane roof meant to last about 15 years, and they’ve had it on now 30 years. Sections have become brittle; the seams can no longer be repaired. It is affecting the living areas of the development. Water is going down into the stairwells and into the electrical room and into three units. One tenant had to be removed because the leaks had become so bad. The replacement roof is a modified bitumen system which will be easier to maintain in the long term. The Sheedy building is a vital community resource. By awarding these funds they will be preserving this housing for future generations of the elderly in the City.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions: None.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$86,453 (Eighty six thousand four hundred fifty three dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of the Gloucester Housing Authority’s Sheedy Building roof replacement in order to preserve community housing. The appropriation will be allocated to the Community Housing category and funded by up to \$56,000 from Community Housing Reserves in Fund #270200, and funded by up to \$30,453 from the Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing Projects Fund #272003.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary commented about the site visit the B&F Committee made to the Sheedy building and felt it needs to be preserved as it is an important service to residents. He encouraged the Council to support the application. **Councilor Verga** pointed out as they saw from the school roof issues, he felt if they don’t take care of

what is on top of the building, they'll see great damage. This is a key asset to the community and the elderly population, and would support the application. **Councilor Ciolino** would also support this. However, he asked why CPA money is being used for a building owned by the State. **Mr. Holden** stated the building is owned by the Gloucester Housing Authority. The CPA allows for funds to be used to be used for existing community housing such as State-aided affordable housing and is the reason they've applied for these funds. They are a State agency and receive funding from the State to maintain the building. But the funding they received was insufficient to replace the roof. The State has started a new system of funding this year to get continuing annual funds but their funds now in hand are insufficient to cover this work. They replaced the Clark building roof last year through an emergency grant from the State last year. Those funds are no longer available. **Councilor Tobey** would support this application and the last two applications as well. He remarked regarding affordable housing asking the CPC Co-Chairs to think about a new direction for affordable housing funding next year; as to whether Section 8 Housing counted towards their 10% Chapter 40B (allows for developers to come in and get expedited approval on projects if there is prescribed percentage of an affordable housing component) threshold for the City. If they hit 10% they're exempt from that. Section 8 housing doesn't count. If all the Section 8 affordable housing in the City were added to the affordable housing inventory, they'd be well above that 10%. The key to Sec. 8 housing counting is if the owners will do permanent grants of easement stating that the housing will remain affordable which is something that could be purchased and something that affordable housing trust monies could be used for. He asked the Co-Chairs to join in the effort. He knew the Mayor, Sarah Garcia (Community Development Director), Mr. Duggan and he would be working together on this; and would be a different direction to move forward on. To preserve it would be beneficial to the community and also because it gets them "out from under the threat" of Chapter 40B.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuro) absent, to appropriate up to \$86,453 (Eighty six thousand four hundred fifty three dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of the Gloucester Housing Authority's Sheedy Building roof replacement in order to preserve community housing. The appropriation will be allocated to the Community Housing category and funded by up to \$56,000 from Community Housing Reserves in Fund #270200, and funded by up to \$30,453 from the Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing Projects Fund #272003.

Application #9: Little River Stream Habitat and Restoration Project – Project Sponsor: City of Gloucester, Community Development

Ms. Ronan explained that the CPC recommends the appropriation of \$15,000 to the City of Gloucester Community Development Department toward legal work and conservation easement in connection with the protection of the wildlife habitat for the Little River in West Gloucester in order to preserve open space. The Community Preservation Act spending purpose for this appropriation is to preserve and protect open space.

Those speaking in favor:

Gregg Cademartori, Planning Director for the City stated that the Community Development and Shellfish Departments staff has been working with the Department of Environmental Restoration on this stream habitat restoration project for the better part of 10 years. Also, in the past there have been requests before the Council for grants for approval to apply for regarding design funding. To date there has been about \$100,000 allocated for the design and some program funding from the Dept. of Ecological Restoration for the construction as well. This \$15,000 will allow them to secure an easement that will encompass the entire footprint of the project. In the initial stages of the development of the project, survey plans, plans of record that were used were slightly inaccurate; such that some of the project is more on the Wellspring property than was originally conceived. They would utilize this funding to secure footprint of the project and can be used as a leveraged match towards the grant funds available of the construction. This project would end up at over \$300,000. The project is located immediately adjacent to the City water treatment plant where the fish ladder resides that connects the estuary of the Little River all the way up to the Lily Pond which is one of the City's water supplies; as well as provides the passage of the important fish species that trigger the other funding sources for restoration; alewife, smelt and American eel. **Dave Sargent**, Shellfish Warden expressed his support of the application. He commented when the water flows are very strong they can't get the alewife up the ladder. As a result of climate change, they are having more rain events. Not only can't fish go up and spawn, but that flooding in this area occurs more frequently.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions: None.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$15,000 (Fifteen thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of City of Gloucester Community Development Department toward legal work and conservation easement in connection with the protection of the wildlife habitat for the Little River in West Gloucester, Massachusetts. The appropriation will be allocated to the Open Space category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Open Space Projects Fund #271001.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary stated his support of the application noting it is a chance to restore a natural habitat and facilitate the breeding of important fish species.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuro) absent, to appropriate up to \$15,000 (Fifteen thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of City of Gloucester Community Development Department toward legal work and conservation easement in connection with the protection of the wildlife habitat for the Little River in West Gloucester, Massachusetts. The appropriation will be allocated to the Open Space category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Open Space Projects Fund #271001.

Application #10: Tompson Street Reservation Gateway – Project Sponsor: Essex County Greenbelt Association

Mr. Bell stated the CPC recommends the appropriation of \$120,000 to the Essex County Greenbelt Association (ECGA) towards their purchase of the 6.75 acres Tompson Street Gateway site in West Gloucester in order to preserve open space, upon the condition that the ECGA conveys a conservation restriction to the City of Gloucester or its designee. The Community Preservation Act spending purpose for this appropriation is to preserve open space. It would preserve 6.76 acres of land on Bray Street in West Gloucester that directly abuts ECGA 300 acre Tompson Street Gateway which is under the threat of development. ECGA has the property under agreement to the end of 2011 at a price of \$220,000 for a total project cost of \$241,250. **David Santomenna**, Director of Land Conservation for the ECGA stated this is the key to “untapping” the potential of their Tompson Street Reservation, ECGA single largest reservation across the county. It has been under-utilized because they don’t have good access; parking. Through the acquisition of this 6.75 acres of land on Bray Street which he indicated on a topographical map before the Council (on file in the application) they would be able to put in a public parking area, install a public information kiosk; provide information about trails and natural resources; and make it open and friendly for the public to use. It is a \$220,000 purchase price; the property has been appraised at \$270,000. They are also seeking State grant funding and from private donations to cover the balance of the purchase price. **Mr. Cademartori** pointed out this project funding connects this property to the City’s open space plan with gateways to some of these large open space areas as a key element of that plan. He encouraged the Council’s support of this project.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions:

Councilor Ciolino understood with the acquisition they have access to a larger parcel. If not, they have to cross private property to reach it. **Mr. Santomenna** responded they do have access. However, there aren’t good designated ways to access the property and this acquisition would enhance public access. **Councilor Ciolino** stated if they are successful, they’ll explain to the neighbors what will be happening. **Mr. Santomenna** stated they already do know and that they will continue to keep them informed.

This public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$120,000 (One hundred twenty thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of the Essex County Greenbelt Association (ECGA) purchase of the 6.75 acres Tompson

Street Gateway site in West Gloucester, Massachusetts upon the condition that the ECGA conveys a conservation restriction to the City of Gloucester or its designee. The appropriation will be allocated to the Open Space category and funded by up to \$56,000 from Open Space Reserves in Fund #270100, and funded by up to \$64,000 from the Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Open Space Projects Fund #271002.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary noted he had gone to view the property with the B&F Chair, Councilor Curcuru and CPC members. He believed it will be an asset for all residents and asked the Council to support it also. **Councilor Ciolino** would support this application also and had dealt with the ECGA previously as a ward Councilor for East Gloucester Seine Fields and found them to be very responsive. He stated the ECGA does more than what they promise and are a “first class operation”.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuru) absent, to appropriate up to \$120,000 (One hundred twenty thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of the Essex County Greenbelt Association (ECGA) purchase of the 6.75 acres Tompson Street Gateway site in West Gloucester, Massachusetts upon the condition that the ECGA conveys a conservation restriction to the City of Gloucester or its designee. The appropriation will be allocated to the Open Space category and funded by up to \$56,000 from Open Space Reserves in Fund #270100, and funded by up to \$64,000 from the Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Open Space Projects Fund #271002.

Councilor McGeary thanked the voters of Gloucester for establishing the CPA Fund. He made the following statement: “These being difficult economic times, he felt without the resource of this fund they’d be hard pressed to preserve and protect and serve the community in the way they had tonight. Without the CPA fund, vital pieces of the fabric of our City might deteriorate or be lost through the exigencies of the moment. The establishment of this fund gives us the flexibility and ability to invest in preserving what is special about Gloucester. It’s history, its natural beauty, and to give the people who live and work here a good place to live.” He then commended the work of J.J. Bell and Sandra Ronan as well as that of their committee “for the great efforts they put forth to weigh and assess and encourage applications for the betterment of our City and the benefit of all who live here.”

The Council recessed at 9:07 p.m. and reconvened at 9:16 p.m.

3. PH2011-074: SCP2011-014: Dory Road #34, GZO Sec. 5.13.7.1 (PWSF)

This public hearing is opened.

Those speaking in favor:

Attorney Michael Dolan, Brown Rudnick LLP, Boston, MA spoke to the application of New Cingular Wireless, AT&T regarding SCP2011-014, Dory Road #34, GZO Sec. 5.13.7.2 (PWSF Modifications). He explained his client operates a wireless network nation-wide including Massachusetts and in Gloucester. They have an existing network infrastructure they wish to upgrade service to their customers with what is commonly known as 4G or LTE. At the Dory Road #34 location, they currently have a wireless antenna facility consisting of six antennas on a 184 foot lattice tower. They are looking to add three antennas to its existing three sectored array at the same mount height of 184 feet and related radio equipment, as shown in the filed plans, together with a couple of equipment cabinets that will go inside the existing equipment shelter and not be visible. He expressed this is a slight modification; a de minimus increase in the visual impact at this location. There will be no increase in noise; the impact to the neighborhood or on traffic in the area is very minimal and asked for the Council’s approval for the permit. He also submitted a signed Radio Frequency Report which he believed may not have been previously signed when submitted with the application.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions:

Councilor McGeary asked if these three antennas increase the distance or the coverage area or just 3G to 4G. Mr. Dolan stated it was just the upgrade.

This public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Verga, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to grant New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC by AT&T Mobility Corporation a Special Council Permit (SCP2011-014) for an existing Wireless Communications Facility pursuant to GZO Sections 5.13.7.2 and 1.8.3 to install three (3) new panel antennas (one antenna per sector), together with related amplifiers, cables, fiber and other associated antenna equipment including remote radio heads, surge arrestors and global positioning system antennas, for new network service upgrades with associated electronic equipment within AT&T's equipment shelter located at 34 Dory Road, Gloucester, MA (Assessors Map #262, Lot #25) , as shown on the site plan prepared by Bradford A. Mills, PE signed 9/21/11.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Ciolino explained that it was the P&D Committee's determination that the applicant has met the requirements of Sec. 1.8.3 and Sec. 5.13.7.2. He would vote in favor of the application and asked his fellow Councilors to do so as well. **Council President Hardy** asked for a confirmation of the Assessor's Map number and lot which **Attorney Dolan** confirmed according to his records was Map #262, Lot #25.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Verga, the City Council voted **BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuru) absent, to grant New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC by AT&T Mobility Corporation a Special Council Permit (SCP2011-014) for an existing Wireless Communications Facility pursuant to GZO Sections 5.13.7.2 and 1.8.3 to install three (3) new panel antennas (one antenna per sector), together with related amplifiers, cables, fiber and other associated antenna equipment including remote radio heads, surge arrestors and global positioning system antennas, for new network service upgrades with associated electronic equipment within AT&T's equipment shelter located at 34 Dory Road, Gloucester, MA (Assessors Map #262, Lot #25) , as shown on the site plan prepared by Bradford A. Mills, PE signed 9/21/11.**

4. PH2011-076: Amend GCO Sec. 22-270 "Parking Prohibited at all Times" re: Green Street
5. PH2011-077: Amend GCO Sec. 22-291 "Tow Away Zone" re: Green Street

These public hearings are opened.

Those speaking in favor: None.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions: None.

These public hearings are closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND GCO §22-270 (Parking Prohibited at All Times) BY DELETING: Green Street, northeasterly side, beginning at a point 163 feet from its intersection with Perkins Street in a northwesterly direction thence in a northeasterly direction for a distance of 50 feet; and ADDING "Green Street, northeasterly side, beginning at a point 113 feet from its intersection with Perkins Street for a distance of 100 feet.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Theken stated this had previously been recommended unanimously by the Traffic Commission at their September 29, 2011 meeting, the Commission; and O&A also voted unanimously in favor of making this change.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor Tobey, the City Council voted **BY ROLL CAL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuru) absent, to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-270 (Parking Prohibited at All Times) BY DELETING: Green Street, northeasterly side, beginning at a point 163 feet from its intersection with Perkins Street in a northwesterly direction thence in a northeasterly direction for a distance of 50 feet; and ADDING "Green Street, northeasterly side, beginning at a point 113 feet from its intersection with Perkins Street for a distance of 100 feet.**

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuro, the Ordinances & Administration voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND GCO §22-291 (Tow Away Zone) BY DELETING Green Street, northeasterly side, beginning at a point 163 feet from its intersection with Perkins Street in a northwesterly direction thence in a northeasterly direction for a distance of 50 feet; ADDING “Green Street, northeasterly side, beginning at a point 113 feet from its intersection with Perkins Street for a distance of 100 feet.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor Tobey, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuro) absent, to AMEND GCO §22-291 (Tow Away Zone) BY DELETING Green Street, northeasterly side, beginning at a point 163 feet from its intersection with Perkins Street in a northwesterly direction thence in a northeasterly direction for a distance of 50 feet; ADDING “Green Street, northeasterly side, beginning at a point 113 feet from its intersection with Perkins Street for a distance of 100 feet,

6. PH2011078: Amend GCO Sec. 22-269 “Stop Intersections” by DELETING re: Raymond Street & Shore Road Intersection
7. PH2011-079: Amend GCO Sec. 22-269.1 “Yield Intersections” re: Raymond Street & Shore Road Intersection

These public hearings are opened.

Those speaking in favor: None.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications:

Ms. Lowe stated Councilor Verga received and forwarded communications to the Council from **Carol Olsen, James O’Hara Jr., and Randy Isaac** in support all noting it is a matter of public safety and endorsed the changes. **These public hearings are closed.**

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuro, the Ordinances & Administration voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND GCO §22-269 (Stop Intersections) by DELETING Raymond Street where it meets Shore Road.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Theken stated this matter came back before O&A after the Council had instituted a four way stop at this intersection. Once it was in place, it was found there was a need to remove this stop sign and create a yield portion to the intersection for better traffic flow. **Councilor Verga** noted this is a “do over”. O&A made this a four-way stop. It didn’t work quite as it should, and it just took folks speaking up to make this change to remedy the situation, which he would support.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor Tobey, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuro) to recommend to the City Council to AMEND GCO §22-269 (Stop Intersections) by DELETING Raymond Street where it meets Shore Road.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Theken, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent, to recommend to the City Council to AMEND the GCO Sec. 22-269.1 (Yield Intersections) by ADDING “Raymond Street on the southwest corner at its intersection with Shore Road.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuro) absent, to AMEND the GCO Sec. 22-269.1 (Yield Intersections) by ADDING “Raymond Street on the southwest corner at its intersection with Shore Road.

8. PH2011-080: Amend GCO Sec. 1-15 – “Penalty for violation of certain specified sections of Code”

This public hearing is opened.

Those speaking in favor:

Dr. John Wolfe, 3 Old Salem Road noted having lived there 40 years, about 1,000 feet from the bandstand at Stage Fort Park where activities have been increasing. They’re seeing private events with amplification and public events with announcing heard as far away as a mile. They are concerned that something needs to be done about the decibel level of amplification. They have measured the sound level with a decibel meter. He and his wife brought this to the attention to the O&A Committee regarding noise amplification. Those who live in the neighborhood of the park experience it almost every weekend in good weather, an impediment to their enjoyment of their own spaces.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions:

Councilor McGearry clarified they’re not asking for changes in the noise amplification in the ordinance but that this is for enforcement. **Councilor Verga** stated this amendment allows the police to enforce the ordinance as well as other City personnel. **Ms. Lowe** stated this allows for civil ticketing under Sec. 1-15 of the Code of Ordinances which previously didn’t exist thereby adding to the enforcement of the ordinance. **Councilor Mulcahey** commented about groups who go to the park with large amplification systems and are eligible to be ticketed.

Councilor Theken stated this is for people who don’t obey the law. There was no mechanism to fine appropriately. Only the Building Inspector could ticket. The O&A Committee, working with neighbors and City staff, are now able to have other City staff be able to respond and ticket for violations for the ordinance whether there it is a permitted event or not. The decibel levels are set within the ordinance. Previously police were unable to ticket violators but this will change it. There was a need for better procedures. **Councilor Whynott** felt this change was a long time coming. Because of the weakness in their ordinance, they were unable to properly enforce the law. This is an appropriate change to the ordinance, giving the police more flexibility. **Council President Hardy** asked how many decibel meters there are in the City, which was confirmed to be one, and believed it was kept in the Building Inspector’s office. She suggested that those enforcement officers should have it available at the Police Department and recommended that it be moved there. **Councilor Theken** suggested that perhaps there was a need to obtain another one. **Councilor Theken**, responding to **Councilor Ciolino’s** inquiry noted the DPW personnel can now be enforcement personnel with this ordinance amendment. **Ms. Lowe** stated in order to issue civil tickets; the ticket has to include a ticket for Chapter 13, the noise ordinance. That would have to be printed on the ticket as a possible violation. **Councilor Whynott** thought most towns let the police use their judgment. They can use a decibel meter if they want. **Councilor Ciolino** thought there was a blank space on the ticket to write in the kind of violation.

Councilor Theken confirmed that was the case.

This public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Tobey, seconded by Councilor Mulcahey, the Ordinances & Administration voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to Amend Sec. 1-15 – “Penalty for violation of certain specified sections of Code” by inserting “Chapter 13, §13-5 “Prohibited Sound” and §13-6 “Maximum permissible sound levels-Enumerated”; Penalty: “For violation of §13-5 and §13-6, a minimum of \$100 per violation, not to exceed \$300 per violation. Enforcing persons: Police Officers, Building Inspector, DPW personnel, Health Agents and Health Inspectors”.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Theken commented this change was long overdue. The beaches and parks of the City are now more heavily utilized, and this is a way to keep down noise pollution. **Councilor Tobey** noted O&A spent a lot of time on this matter; it was about balance so as not to infringe on the folks who live nearby. He suggested O&A will keep an eye on this to make sure there is a good process on the matter.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor Tobey, the City Council voted **BY ROLL CALL 8** in favor, **0** opposed, **1** (Curcuro) to Amend Sec. 1-15 – “Penalty for violation of certain specified sections of Code” by inserting “Chapter 13, §13-5 “Prohibited Sound” and §13-6 “Maximum permissible sound levels-Enumerated”; Penalty: “For violation of §13-5 and §13-6, a minimum of \$100 per violation, not to exceed \$300 per violation. Enforcing persons: Police Officers, Building Inspector, DPW personnel, Health Agents and Health Inspectors”.

9. PH2011-073: Amend GZO Sec. 1.5.3 pursuant to MGL c. 40A, §5 and Gloucester Zoning Ordinance Sec. 1.22 and 1.11.2(e) and “Appendix A-Rule 25: Rules of Procedure Special Permit Procedures” Part I & II

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 Tobey, seconded by Councilor Mulcahey, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND pursuant to MGL c. 40A, §5 and Gloucester Zoning Ordinance Sec. 1.11 and Sec. 1.11.2(e) by DELETING in Sec. 1.5.3(a) references to “11 copies thereof”; and Sec. 1.5.3(b) “five (5) full size sets and eleven (11) 11” x 17” sets” and Sec. 1.5.3 (c) “five (5) full size sets and eleven (11) 11” x 17” sets of”; and ADDING “one original and one copy thereof providing that the applicant also provides the application and all required submissions in digital form. Digital submission is strongly preferred, otherwise eleven (11) 11” x 17” (11x17 inches) and five (5) copies 2’ 3’ (2 feet x 3 feet) must be provided”; and by AMENDING Gloucester Zoning Ordinance “Appendix A – Rule 25: Rules of Procedure Special Permit Procedures” – Part I and Part II to be consistent with Sec. 1.5.3 as amended.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Whynott seconded by Councilor Verga, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND pursuant to MGL c. 40A, §5 and Gloucester Zoning Ordinance Sec. 1.11 and Sec. 1.11.2(e) by DELETING in Sec. 1.5.3(a) references to “11 copies thereof”; and Sec. 1.5.3(b) “five (5) full size sets and eleven (11) 11” x 17” sets” and Sec. 1.5.3 (c) “five (5) full size sets and eleven (11) 11” x 17” sets of”; and ADDING “one original and one copy thereof provided that the applicant also provides the application and all required submissions in digital form. Digital submission is strongly preferred, otherwise eleven (11) 11” x 17” (11x17 inches) and five (5) copies 2’ 3’ (2 feet x 3 feet) must be provided”; and by AMENDING Gloucester Zoning Ordinance “Appendix A – Rule 25: Rules of Procedure Special Permit Procedures” – Part I and Part II to be consistent with Sec. 1.5.3 as amended.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Verga stated this started when he was first became a Councilor and saw huge stacks of paper that involved the Special Council Permits and felt this revision is the right way to go. **Councilor Ciolino** stated this proposal originally brought forward by Councilor Verga was to stop the excessive amount of paper that comes forward to the Council with each Special Council Permit. Up to now an applicant was required to submit 11 sets of the application, five full size sets of locus maps and plans, and eleven 11” x 17” sets of locus plans and maps, a very expensive proposition for the applicant, and was unwieldy for the Council. The P&D Committee, the O&A Committee are recommending and the Planning Board confirmed that in reality nowadays with electronic transfer of information being so accurate it is appropriate to amend the Zoning Ordinances to be reflective of that – to have one original copy of all and one copy of all, and a digital version be submitted upon making an application for a Special Council Permit. If an applicant cannot supply the information digitally, then they are required to provide all the paper copy as had been done prior to these amendments proposed now. He urged the Council to pass these changes. **Council President Hardy** inquired of the City Clerk which motion was more prominent and whether the Council should vote one motion or both (one coming out of the O&A Committee and one from thee P&D Committee). **Ms. Lowe** expressed the opinion the Council could combine the motions and vote only one. Without objection, the Council then took up a combined motion of both Committees.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor Verga, the City Council voted **BY ROLL CALL 8** in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuru) absent, to AMEND pursuant to MGL c. 40A, §5 and Gloucester Zoning Ordinance Sec. 1.11 and Sec. 1.11.2(e) by DELETING in Sec. 1.5.3(a) references to “11 copies thereof”; and Sec. 1.5.3(b) “five (5) full size sets and eleven (11) 11” x 17” sets” and Sec. 1.5.3 (c) “five (5) full size sets and eleven (11) 11” x 17” sets of”; and ADDING “one original and one copy thereof provided that the applicant also provides the application and all required submissions in digital form. Digital submission is strongly preferred, otherwise eleven (11) 11” x 17” (11x17 inches) and five (5) copies 2’ 3’ (2

feet x 3 feet) must be provided”; and by AMENDING Gloucester Zoning Ordinance “Appendix A – Rule 25: Rules of Procedure Special Permit Procedures” – Part I and Part II to be consistent with Sec. 1.5.3 as amended.

10. PH2011-075: Amend GCO Sec. 22-287 “Disabled veteran, handicapped parking” re: deleting one space Riggs Street #7A

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 Theken, seconded by Councilor Mulcahey, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Curcuru) absent, to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-287 (Disabled veteran, handicapped parking) BY DELETING one handicapped parking space at Riggs Street #7A.

Unfinished Business: None.

Individual Councilor’s Discussion including Reports by Appointed Councilors to Committees: None.

Councilors’ Requests to the Mayor:

Councilor Whynott commended everyone involved with the Santa Parade and especially Councilor Ciolino.

Councilor Tobey congratulated the Fire Department for their efforts at the Cleveland Street fire recently. **Councilor McGeary** also commended Councilor Ciolino on the Santa Parade and all who participated. He also recommended the Reverend Bret Hays to St. John’s Church. **Councilor Ciolino** requested the facilities manager to change light bulbs to the auditorium. He thanked everyone who participated in the parade and tree lighting ceremony which seemed to grow each year. **Councilor Mulcahey** thanked those who participated with Relay for Life in the Santa Parade. She enjoyed driving Mrs. Claus. **Councilor Theken** echoed Councilor Tobey’s sentiment regarding the firefighters. She commented she enjoyed per participation in the Christmas parade acting as a judge which was her honor. She mentioned the Tarr brothers’ efforts and the turnout of the community. She accepted the Christmas tree on behalf of the City. She also reminded the public the Councilors are here for everyone of all cultures and religions. She noted December 7th is the last day for open enrollment for switching drug coverage. There are many appointment times available. She spoke of those folks turning 65 years of age and suggested advice regarding spousal participation in Medicare. She pointed out some increases in costs also regarding prescriptions. She also thanked everyone involved in the recent Department of Commerce Summit. **Council President Hardy** thanked Councilor Ciolino for the donation of Christmas Cards for soldiers and the efforts of Lucia Amero and Jeff Williams of the Veteran’s Services office in seeing that the cards were signed by parade goers and those that attended the tree lighting. She also mentioned the Soldier’s Wish List and that anyone who wished to assist in that effort should call the Veteran’s Services office at 978-.281-9740.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgensson
Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING:

- **Radio frequency Report for SCP2011-014 Dory Road #34 by Attorney Michael Dolan**