

**GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

**-MINUTES-**

**Present: Present: Chair, Councilor Jacqueline Hardy; Vice Chair, Councilor Sefatia Theken; Councilor Joseph Ciolino; Councilor Melissa Cox; Councilor Steve LeBlanc, Jr.; Councilor Paul McGeary; Councilor Bruce Tobey; Councilor Greg Verga**

**Absent: Councilor Whynott**

**Also Present: Linda T. Lowe; Jim Duggan; Mike Hale; Fire Chief Phil Dench; Deputy Fire Chief Miles Schlichte; Rick Noonan; Sarah Garcia**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.**

**Flag Salute & Moment of Silence.**

**Council President Hardy** informed the Council that Councilor Whynott was still unwell and would not be in attendance this evening.

**Oral Communications: None.**

**Marlene Hodgkins**, 550 Essex Avenue spoke about handicapped access to City Hall. Her husband is handicapped, uses a cane because of difficulty walking. Two weeks ago, having parked on Dale Avenue, expressed it was a long walk between vehicles to get to the handicap entrance of City Hall, noting that entrance is dimly lit. They used the elevator which they found to be dingy and dirty, with an expired certificate of 1/22/12 noted this evening. The tunnel at night is unlit. She read in the Gloucester Daily Times that a great deal of money is being spent to finish the restoration of City Hall with no new handicapped access planned. She also read adding more ramp ways would not be in character with the historic nature of the building, and would be costly. She feels this building is the main center of government or for whatever it is used for ultimately, it must be available to all in a safe, reasonable way. If she were a handicapped woman, she would feel unsafe using the handicapped entrance alone in the evening. She challenged the Council to come up with a better way to meet the needs of the handicapped citizens.

**Susan Taormina**, 115 Essex Avenue expressed concern after trying to seek an answer from the Police Department regarding what she viewed as a “chronic traffic hazard” at and around the Causeway Restaurant in her neighborhood, which she felt was dangerous and unregulated parking by the restaurant’s patrons. She had brought this to the Police Department’s attention numerous times of vehicles parked on the shoulder on the State roadway. The Police Department does recognize the fact that there is a signage posted about no parking and that they were able to ticket such cars. She did follow up with Mass DOT to confirm it is illegal to park on a State highway. MA 720CMR Sec. 9.03 states as such. Enforcement of this part of the highway would fall under the jurisdiction of the local police department. She stated there were accidents there, and would appreciate a solution to this problem.

**Consent Agenda:**

- **MAYOR’S REPORT**

1. Request from Mayor to City Council re: confirmation of joint meeting of City Council and School Committee for February 7, 2012 on Fuller School (Refer to Council President)
2. Management Appointments:
 

City Engineer	Paul Keene	02/14/2013	
Harbormaster	James Caulkett	02/14/2015	(Refer O&A)
3. Memorandum from Assistant Director DPW re: Loan Authorization Request (up to \$130,000) to fund purchase of new Zamboni (Refer B&F)
4. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#2012-SBT-11) from Department of Public Works (Refer B&F)
5. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#2012-SBT-12) from Personnel Department (Refer B&F)
6. Request from Waterways Board to withdraw funds from Waterways Enterprise Free Cash account in the amount of \$12,000 (Refer B&F)
7. New Appointments:
 

Open Space & Recreation Committee	Heidi Wakeman	(TTE 02/14/2015)	
Capital Improvements Advisory Board	Michelle Sweet	(TTE 02/14/2015)	(Refer O&A)

- **COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS**

1. Letter from Mayor to Superintendent Director of North Shore Regional Vocational School District re: reappointment of Melissa Joy Teixeira as the City Representative
2. Request from Streamline Events for road closures for the 2012 Gloucester Triathlon on September 9, 2012 (Refer P&D)

- **INFO ONLY**

1. Communication from Senator Tarr to Secretary & CEO of Mass Department of Transportation re: Annisquam River Bridge (R.R.) (Info Only)

- **APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS**

1. RZ2012-001: Commercial Street #33, #47 and #65 to create a Hotel Overlay district (deferred from CCM 01/10/2012) (Refer PB &P&D)
2. SCP2012-001: Foster Street #9, GZO Sec. 2.3.1(6) Conversion to new multi-family or apartment dwelling, three units (Refer P&D)
3. SCP2012-002: Washington Street #834, GZO Sec. 1.8.3 and 5.13.7.1 (PWSF) Modifications (Refer P&D)

- **COUNCILORS ORDERS**

1. CC2012-004 (Ciolino/Cox) Amend GZO Sec. 22-287 "Disabled veteran, handicapped parking" re: adding two (2) spaces near Intersection of Middle and School Street and located near the apartment building at School Street #1 (Refer O&A)
2. CC2012-004 (Tobey) Salary for Mayor be set at \$100,000 per annum for the term beginning January 1, 2014 (Refer B&F)

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

1. City Council Meeting: 0110/12 (Approve/File)
2. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 01/19/12 (under separate cover), O&A (no meeting) P&D 01/18/12; O&A (no meeting) (Approve/File)

### **Unanimous Consent Calendar:**

1. CC2012-006 (McGeary) Resolution re: MBTA (Refer City Council)
2. Addendum to Mayor's Report re: Request from the DPW Director for funding for Phase 3 Public Water System Upgrades – DWSRF #3509 in the amount of \$9,032,500 (Refer B&F)

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

**Councilor Tobey** asked to remove Item #1 under Application/Petitions) from the Consent Agenda.

**Councilor Tobey** stated that Council has been advised in a letter addressed to the City Clerk through Attorney John Cunningham asking that RZ2012-001: Commercial Street #33, #47 and #65 to create a Hotel Overlay district (deferred from CCM 01/10/2012) be withdrawn. The Councilor then asked this matter be removed from the Consent Agenda and that no action is taken on it. The matter from the Consent Agenda was removed without objection of the Council.

**By unanimous consent the Consent Agenda was accepted as amended.**

**Councilor Ciolino** spoke to Item #2 on the Unanimous Consent Calendar, CC2012-006 (McGeary) Resolution re: MBTA stating his appreciation that the Councilor had moved forward on this. Their State representatives should be involved; in that it involves the entire Cape Ann community. **Councilor McGeary** believed there was language in the Resolution on just that and would speak with the City Clerk to see that Sen. Tarr and Rep. Ferrante were notified of any pending discussion.

**The Unanimous Consent Calendar was accepted as amended.**

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Budget & Finance: January 19, 2012**

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to set the fee for a Special Event Application of \$25.00 for not-for-profit organizations, and a fee of \$50.00 for for-profit organizations.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor McGeary** stated there is a lot of paperwork that goes into these Special Permit applications, a lot of staff hours to process the applications which are lengthy in an effort to protect the City's interests whenever any of these major events are held. The Committee thought these were reasonable fees; with a distinction between non-profit and for-profit organizations. They have a memo from the City Solicitor that the distinction is legal.

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Whynott) absent, to set the fee for a Special Event Application of \$25.00 for not-for-profit organizations, and a fee of \$50.00 for for-profit organizations.**

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate the Special Appropriation (#2012-SA-6) for

\$300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Dollars), from a reserve for expenditure account Unifund Account #610000.10.480.32620.0000.00.000.00.000 Water Construction Renewal Account, to Unifund Account #610000.10.450.52460.0000.00.000.00.052, Water Equipment Maintenance for the purpose to repair defective equipment at both the Babson Filtration Plant and the Haskell Reservoir Pump Station.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor McGeary** explained that these repairs were identified by a Mass. DEP sanitary survey; a new roof at the Haskell Reservoir pump station and to repair defective equipment at both the Babson filtration plant. The \$300,000 is coming from a special account that is maintained coming from water permitting, meter sales, water taping fees, and has no effect on the water rate. This work needs to be done.

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Whynott) absent to appropriate the Special Appropriation (#2012-SA-6) for \$300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Dollars), from a reserve for expenditure account Unifund Account #610000.10.480.32620.0000.00.000.00.000 Water Construction Renewal Account, to Unifund Account #610000.10.450.52460.0000.00.000.00.052, Water Equipment Maintenance for the purpose to repair defective equipment at both the Babson Filtration Plant and the Haskell Reservoir Pump Station.**

**Council President Hardy** stated that under MGL c.268A to avoid the appearance of impropriety, as she has a brother who is a proud member of the Gloucester Fire Department that there is a remote possibility that this funding may affect her brother she would recuse herself from the next discussion and vote and turned the chairmanship of the Council over to Council Vice Chair, Councilor Theken for the duration of the discussion and subsequent vote, leaving the dais at 7:18 p.m.

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate \$30,000 from General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to Fire Department Sal/Wage-Overtime, Unifund Account #101000.10.220.51300.0000.00.000.00.051 for Personnel Expenses to cover emergencies and manning to 14 firefighters.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor McGeary** explained this request from the Administration to fund approximately one month of overtime. The overtime as budgeted has been or will be exhausted shortly. This will maintain it approximately through February 14<sup>th</sup>; based on historical trends it should be enough money to maintain minimum manning of 14 which is required to keep the Central Fire Station and the West Gloucester Fire Station open. It is hoped that the firefighters and the City can come to an agreement in that time, but there are no guarantees. **Councilor Tobey** would support this and reiterated his remarks from the previous Council meeting that the community of 28,000 wishes to see this contract settled; and also wishes to see the Mayor at the table with the Fire Department through its union representatives doing the hard, necessary and fair bargaining required to get this done so that the outlying stations can be reliably opened. As the economic conditions gain momentum, they can restore the protection of open outlying stations. **Councilor Ciolino** stated out of this \$30,000, \$15,000 has already been spent. That will take them to February 14<sup>th</sup>. He expressed this was a short term fix, and that the Administration and firefighters union will have come to some kind of solution with negotiations regardless of who sits at the table; he would support this transfer of funds.

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Whynott) absent, 1 (Hardy) recused to appropriate \$30,000 from General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to Fire Department Sal/Wage-Overtime, Unifund Account #101000.10.220.51300.0000.00.000.00.051 for Personnel Expenses to cover emergencies and manning to 14 firefighters.**

**Council President Hardy** returned to the dais at 7:21 p.m.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council under MGL c. 44, Sec. 53A to accept an EPA Congressionally Mandated Project Grant CFDA #66.202 (STAG Grant) in the amount of \$485,000 to be applied to design services for the Phase I Waste Water Treatment Plant Project

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor McGeary** stated this grant for \$485,000, which came in through the efforts of Congressman Tierney, funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The bulk of this project is going to be paid out of the Mass. Water Pollution Abatement Trust (MWAT) which provides low interest loans. A certain amount of the design phase couldn't be paid out of that. Money had been expended to pay for that phase, and this grant will now pay for that expenditure to offset non-eligible costs related to the project retroactively, helping to defray the costs of the project. **Councilor Ciolino** asked for the DPW Director, Mike Hale to further clarify this grant. **Mr. Hale** explained the projects at the Waste Water Treatment plant are generally funded through the MWAT's SRF program. Those eligible costs are construction and construction administration, not design. This STAG (State and Tribal Assistance Grant) grant will be used towards the design, the non-eligible part of that project. It will offset the local share of what the City bonds. **Councilor Ciolino** stated this grant is also helping with future plans for renovations of the sewer system. **Mr. Hale** added this is \$485,000 that the ratepayers won't be absorbing. **Councilor Tobey** expressed these are difficult times to receive water and waste water grants from the federal government. He felt the City owes Congressman Tierney their thanks for this effort on their behalf. **Councilor Theken** also asked if this was a matching grant which **Councilor McGeary** confirmed there no match.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Whynott) absent under MGL c. 44, Sec. 53A to accept an EPA Congressionally Mandated Project Grant CFDA #66.202 (STAG Grant) in the amount of \$485,000 to be applied to design services for the Phase I Waste Water Treatment Plant Project.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council transfer (#2012-SBT-10) for \$9,600 from Special Reserve, Contractual Services, Unifund Account #101000.10.900.52000.0000.00.000.00.052 to Civil Defense, Unifund Account #101000.10.291.52001.0000.00.000.00.052.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor McGeary** stated this money will fund a position through an RFP that will be issued for the administrative support of the Emergency Management Director (EMD). That position has been held by Carol McMahon for the last two years. The Councilor expressed Ms. McMahon has done a "wonderful" job in getting additional funds for the City; a substantial amount of MEMA aid last year to offset the costs of snow removal. In addition she does a number of planning activities to prepare for emergencies in advance of their occurring, as well as acting as the assistant to the EMD. This is to fund an RFP for that position so it is not necessarily for that person but is to advertise for the position. The position itself, he thought, is justified and was why the Committee voted in favor of it. **Councilor Cox** supported this funding of the RFP for this position acknowledging it takes a lot of work to research and proactively goes after these grants feeling it was a small amount of money to possibly bring in a lot of money to the City. **Councilor Ciolino** would support also. At some point in time they need to formalize the position by putting in a line item budget for the position for Civil Defense. However, they need to wait for the new Fire Chief to come in to review it. **Council President Hardy** asked about the RFP and contractual services; had this funding been designated strictly to the salary for the assistant to the EMD. **Councilor McGeary** further expressed this was for the position. **Council President Hardy** reiterated her question for the benefit of **Deputy Chief Schlichte** who is also the EMD, were these funds to be used for any other purpose under any other type of contractual services to which **Schlichte** responded, "It is not". **Councilor McGeary** added that Councilor Cox pointed out in Committee that she had worked as a Red Cross volunteer, as well as being involved in the CERT program as was the Council President and knew the amount of work involved in preparing the City for emergencies. It was important to find and apply for these grants. **Council President Hardy** drew the attention of the public that there were not two but three females at the Council table this evening that have gone through the CERT program and/or the Red Cross program - their Clerk of Committees was one of those who had also. She expressed her thanks to both Councilor Cox and Ms. Jorgenson for their participation.

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Whynott) absent transfer (#2012-SBT-10) for \$9,600 from Special Reserve, Contractual Services, Unifund Account #101000.10.900.52000.0000.00.000.00.052 to Civil Defense, Unifund Account #101000.10.291.52001.0000.00.000.00.052.**

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council the acceptance under MGL c. 44, §53A a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations Communities (PARC) grants for the restoration of the athletic field at Newell Stadium in the amount of \$500,000.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor McGeary** explained these grant funds will be used for the renovation of the Newell Stadium field. There is a match required of \$392,857 which comes from already authorized bond funds. For the Council's information, the GFAA is also raising money towards this and are within \$350,000 of their fundraising goal according to Stephen Winslow (Project Manager, Community Development Department).

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed to accept under MGL c. 44, §53A a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations Communities (PARC) grants for the restoration of the athletic field at Newell Stadium in the amount of \$500,000.**

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council the following Resolution:

A resolution to file and accept a grant with and from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations Communities (PARC) Grant Program for improvements to Newell Stadium in the City of Gloucester, Massachusetts as follows:

- Whereas: Newell Stadium provides important recreational facilities to Gloucester residents including an Athletic field and track facilities, the improvements to this facility are a City priority as evidenced In the most recent Open Space and Recreation Plan; and
- Whereas: Newell Stadium (Assessor's Map 4 Lot 1: Essex South Registry of Deeds Book 1821 Page 356) was Taken by the City of Gloucester Board of Park Commissioners on May 7, 1906 for the Establishment of a public park under Chapter 28 of the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth (1906) (predecessor statute to MGL Chapter 43, Section 3) and is permanently dedicated to park and recreation purposes;
- Whereas: The Newell Renewal Project will install durable field turf, an 8-lane track, field venues and Accessible paths and bleachers, etc.; and
- Whereas: The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) is offering reimbursable grants to cities and towns to support the preservation and restoration of urban parks through the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations Communities (PARC) Grant Program; and
- Whereas: Site preparation and installation of the durable field turf will cost a total of \$1,463,646 (One Million Four Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Six Hundred Forty Six Dollars) and the City has Allocated \$963,646 in Bond Funds for site preparation and installation of the durable field turf; and
- Whereas: The Budget & Finance Committee of the Council has reviewed and approved this Resolution As required by City Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for a \$500,000 PARC grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to fund site preparation and installation of durable field turf at Newell Stadium; and
2. That the City Council, in the event of the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs offers the City the grant, hereby agrees to accept such grant and dedicates \$963,646 in Bond Funds previously

authorized by vote of the Gloucester City Council on February 2, 2011 towards site preparation and installation of the durable field turf to serve as a match; and

3. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of this grant to be administered by the Community Development Department; and
4. That this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Verga** noted at the Newell Stadium Building Committee meeting that day, they talked about a six lane track not an eight lane track, and the resolution reads "eight lane track". He offered a friendly amendment so that the resolution reads "6- to 8-lane track". The friendly amendment was accepted by the maker of the motion. **Councilor Ciolino** spoke briefly on the funding of the renovation of the stadium. He noted it is a work in progress and congratulated the Newell Stadium Building Committee for putting the Newell Stadium renovation project together in a difficult economy.

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Whynott) absent the following Resolution:**

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3. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of this grant to be administered by the Community Development Department; and
4. That this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to approve the following Resolution:

“Resolved: That in order to facilitate a community dialogue on whether and how to fund cost items for which it is estimated there will be inadequate revenue in FY13, the City Council requests that the Mayor, in preparing the City’s budget for FY13 prepare as well a list of expenses in priority order that she was unable to fund within the current budget constraints, but which were requested by the heads of the various city departments during the budget preparation process. The list may include operating expenses and capital requests as well as interest on borrowing that could not be accommodated within the Mayor’s budget proposal.”

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor McGeary** acknowledged he introduced this Resolution in partnership with **Councilors Verga, Tobey and Whynott**. They felt, having been through a number of budgets now, by the time they get the Mayor’s prepared budget it is very to act to amend that budget to add to it. Adding to the budget is not part of the Council’s purview. The thought was not necessarily to have an override but to know what is on offer; what they could do if there were additional monies available. In the past when they’re presented with a budget, they don’t know what was left out. This is a request for information for the voters of the City to know what is at risk, if anything is at risk, once the budget is submitted to the Council. He and his fellow Councilors feel this makes a more transparent and effective budgeting process. **Councilor Tobey** explained he had joined Councilor McGeary on the Council Order for reasons similar to what he had stated, but with a slightly different viewpoint. When he was first on the Council, for three years, he chaired B&F; and as Mayor over nine years, he observed what happened during the budget review process. The budget comes to the Council Committee who works very hard, many folks are involved; the budget is disassembled and on Day 44 (the budget having 45 days for passage from the day it is introduced to the Council) folks tend to realize they have to put it back together, usually in the form it appeared in initially. They can do better, the Councilor believed; if there is additional data is brought forward for a broader community-based conversation. It is about the things they might do if there were more resources available. He further believed that kind of dialog could lead to dramatic changes in a budget. He hoped the Administration embraces this proposal. **Councilor Verga** agreed with Councilors Tobey and McGeary, expressing this is not to second guess the Mayor. The School Committee does this very thing with their budget by submitting one budget based on the funds the Mayor indicates they’re going to get as well as their “adequate” budget. He felt this to be a good exercise, and that the City could do the same. It would be helpful for the public to have this information so they could set their priorities. If they find there are extra funds in the budget, items are already identified to be put back into the fiscal budget. He “applauded” Councilor McGeary for putting this Resolution forward.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Whynott) absent to approve the following Resolution:

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**Ordinances & Administration: No meeting due to holiday.**

**Planning & Development: January 18, 2012**

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Verga, seconded by Councilor Hardy, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to permit the Gloucester Fishermen’s Athletic Association (GFAA) 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Run Gloucester 7 Mile Road Race on Sunday, August 19, 2012 with a temporary parking ban and/or restrictions along the following areas and roads indicated in the submitted race plan

for the purpose of road closures as deemed necessary at the discretion of the Gloucester Safety Officer assigned to the event and the Fire Chief or his designee:

Known Road Closures: 6:00 a.m. to Noon water side of Stacy Boulevard.

Race Route: As per schedule submitted and approved with this motion.

With the following conditions:

1. Certificate of Insurance:

A Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Gloucester as an additional insured party is to be filed with the City Clerks Office by the close of business July 20, 2012.

2. Road Closure Plans:

Memoranda from the Gloucester Police Department and the Gloucester Fire Department giving their approval of the plans for the G.F.A.A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Run Gloucester 7 Mile Road Race on August 19, 2012 be on file with the City Clerks office by the close of business July 20, 2012. Any roads to be closed are to be marked with appropriate signage directing the general public as well as to the road closure, its duration and alternate routes in order to maintain traffic flow. 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. Any substantial changes, as determined by the Chief of Police or his designee and the Fire Chief or his designee, to the route or related to safety issues come back to the Council for amendment and approval.

3. 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 evening before the day of the event and removed by 2:00 PM, August 19, 2012 with appropriate maintenance during the event.

4. Emergency Services:

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

5. Staffing:

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

6. Responsibility of Gloucester Fishermen's Athletic Association:

While City Council approval is needed, the applicant is required to obtain any necessary approvals from the Licensing Board and the Licensing Commission as well. It is the sole responsibility of the GFAA 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: None.**

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**Memoranda from the Gloucester Police Department and the Gloucester Fire Department giving their approval of the plans for the G.F.A.A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Run Gloucester 7 Mile Road Race on August 19, 2012 be on file with the City Clerks office by the close of business July 20, 2012. Any roads to be closed are to be marked with appropriate signage directing the general public as well as to the road closure, its duration and alternate routes in order to maintain traffic flow. 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. Any substantial changes, as determined by the Chief of Police or his designee and the Fire Chief or his designee, to the route or related to safety issues come back to the Council for amendment and approval.**

**3. 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 evening before the day of the event and removed by 2:00 PM, August 19, 2012 with appropriate maintenance during the event.**

**4. Emergency Services:**

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

**5. Staffing:**

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

**6. Responsibility of Gloucester Fishermen's Athletic Association:**

**While City Council approval is needed, the applicant is required to obtain any necessary approvals from the Licensing Board and the Licensing Commission as well. It is the sole responsibility of the GFAA 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.**

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Verga, seconded by Councilor Hardy, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to permit Pursuit Racing LLC to run the Twin Lights Half Marathon on City streets on Saturday, May 12, 2012 with a temporary parking ban and/or restrictions along the designated areas and roads for the purpose of road closures as deemed necessary at the discretion of the Gloucester Safety Officer assigned to the event and the Fire Chief or his designee:

Race Route: As per schedule submitted and approved with this motion.

With the following conditions:

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6. Responsibility of Pursuit Racing LLC:

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**DISCUSSION: None.**

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**Councilor Tobey** noted the only other matters that came before the P&D Committee at that meeting were the re-permitting of the Procaccini Parking Lot at Long Beach which will go to public hearing before the Council at a later date. There was an initial conversation focusing on process regarding the Fuller School reuse matter. The Committee was joined by School Committee Chair, Jonathan Pope and the School Committee's Building & Finance Chair, Kathy Clancy. He felt they had a productive conversation, a useful preface to the Joint Council/School Committee Workshop on February 7<sup>th</sup>. He thought there was a "broad" consensus that the agenda of that workshop would focus on the issue of process and the School Committee point of view with one element being the MDFA report (on file) previously shared with the Council.

**Scheduled Public Hearings:**

**1. PH2012-003: Loan Authorization: Memorandum from Environmental Engineer re: request for the remainder of funding and expanded Pipeline work for Phase 3 Public Water System Upgrades and Additional Contingency- DWSRF #3509**

**This public hearing is opened.**

**Linda T. Lowe, City Clerk**, in response to an inquiry by **Council President Hardy** stated there has been a notice of withdrawal of this loan authorization from the Administration received by her office.

**Council President Hardy** declared this public hearing is closed without comment. The applicant will make a decision as to whether or not to come back to the Council to recycle a new request.

**2. PH2012-004: SCP2011-019: William Road #4, GZO Sec. 5.5.4 Lowlands**

**This public hearing is opened.**

**Those speaking in favor:**

**Alan Roscoe**, Hancock Associates, Danvers, MA appeared before the Council representing the applicant, Laurie Horne (who was present), for a Special Council Permit under GZO Sec. 5.5.4, lowlands. **Mr. Roscoe** explained they have an Order of Conditions from the Conservation Commission (ConCom) for the dock construction. They met recently with the P&D Committee who recommended this application favorably. The plan (on file) before them is the drawing also presented to the Conservation Commission (ConCom). He noted the proposal consists of a pier, dock and seasonal float. The outline of the property appeared on this plan shaded in gray; the high water mark shaded in blue; the brown feature is the proposed dock consists of a pier, a seasonal dock and float. Through discussions with ConCom, they asked the applicant to provide for two pilings; one pair at the landward edge and then a single column or piling placed at the high water mark, which was at the suggestion of the Shellfish Warden, David Sargent, to minimize impact to clam beds.

**Those speaking in opposition: None.**

**Communications: None.**

**Questions:**

**Councilor McGeary** confirmed with Mr. Roscoe that the float and dock would be removed in the wintertime which **Mr. Roscoe** and the float and dock would be brought up onto the bank on the property and stored there for the winter. **Councilor Ciolino** asked if anyone else would be docking their boats or dinghy's at this dock that is not part of the residence. **Mr. Roscoe** confirmed it was a private residential dock for recreational purposes. Councilor Ciolino asked, for the record, if they had any intent of renting out dock space to someone else; that it was not a commercial enterprise which **Mr. Roscoe** confirmed it was not.

**This public hearing is closed.**

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Hardy, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to grant a Special City Council (SCP2011-019) Lowlands Permit pursuant to §5.5.4 of the Gloucester Zoning Ordinances for the property at William Road #4 as shown on Assessors Map #101, Lot #3 & 4 owned by Laurie Horne, for the purpose of constructing a pier, ramp and seasonal float with dock; and further, the Committee finds that the application complies with Sec. 1.8.3 of the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance are as shown on Site Plan by Hancock Associates of Danvers, MA, drawn by Alan D. Roscoe dated 08/12/11 and is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the ordinance.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Tobey** stated the elements of the ordinance have been established by the presentation before the Council and expressed his appreciation on the brief but concise nature of Mr. Roscoe's presentation.

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Tobey, seconded by Councilor Verga, the City Council voted **BY ROLL CALL 8** in favor, **0** opposed, **1** (Whynott) absent to grant a Special City Council (SCP2011-019) Lowlands Permit pursuant to Sec. 5.5.4 of the Gloucester Zoning Ordinances for the property at William Road #4 as shown on Assessors Map #101, Lot #3 & #4 owned by Laurie Horne, for the purpose of constructing a pier, ramp and seasonal float with dock; and further, the Committee finds that the application complies with Sec. 1.8.3 of the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance are as shown on Site Plan by Hancock Associates of Danvers, MA,

**drawn by Alan D. Roscoe dated 08/12/11 and is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the ordinance.**

**3. PH2012-005: SCP2011-020: Columbia Street #5, GZO Sec. 2.3.1(6) Conversion to multi-family, 3 units**

**This public hearing is opened.**

**Those speaking in favor:**

**Stephen C. King**, owner of Columbia Street #5 and resides there. He explained he went before the ZBA regarding parking relief for this non-conforming structure which was granted, and went before the P&D Committee following that on the Special Council Permit application. He recently purchased the property approximately two years ago as a two-family house. He wishes to legally convert this from a two unit domicile to a legal three-family house. It is a three story house with each floor essentially the same; each a two bedroom one bathroom unit with a common room. The two legal units have a kitchen. The third floor has no kitchen although it is plumbed for it. There is a central interior stairwell on the front and back of the dwelling, giving two egresses to each unit. He is proposing to convert the third floor into an apartment which would legalize the home as a three-family dwelling. He is before them to follow the law. All the work will be done to the interior of the home only no exterior construction to be done. There is just a kitchen to be installed on the third floor with all the plumbing there but capped.

**Those speaking in opposition: None.**

**Communications: None.**

**Questions:**

**Councilor Theken** reiterated Mr. King is changing the inside of the dwelling not the outside. **Mr. King** stated the only actual change he needs to do is to put in a kitchen sink in the third floor unit; everything else is there. There is no construction or will there be any changes to the outside. The kitchen needs to be reinstalled in that unit. He lives on the first floor. He has a tenant living on the second floor. The third floor has been vacant since he purchased the property. **Councilor Ciolino** asked about parking. **Mr. King** explained went before the ZBA on the parking issues. When he purchased the house there was no parking on the property at all. He understood per the ordinance 1.5 spaces are required per unit. His proposal was to put one space for the third floor unit parallel to the front of the house which is large enough to put a vehicle (which he pointed to on the diagram of the dwelling on display before the Council and on file). When he purchased the house he was informed it was a legal spot; but he found it was not the case when he going through this process. He has been parking there since he has owned the property with no issues. **Councilor Ciolino** asked if the applicant did a "cut away" would he be taking away parking from the street. **Mr. King** responded if the third floor unit becomes a legal apartment with a renter who would take up an additional parking space, in his opinion the economic benefits to the City by having a family move into the third unit would outweigh any loss of a parking space on the street by a cut away into the sidewalk. There is a great deal of street parking available regardless. The next street down has a public parking lot, which used to be a church parking lot, and that there are plenty of parking spaces on the side streets there. This building is in walking distance to the area's amenities. Every day this family would be putting money into the local economy and reiterated his belief this third unit, should it take up a street parking space, would be of benefit to the City in the long term. **Councilor Verga** asked for clarification on the parking as to where the former church lot was located. **Councilor Theken** confirmed with Mr. King that there is a City lot on Proctor Street which was formerly owned by the Trinity Congregational Church. **Councilor Cox** thanked Mr. King for his efforts to purchase and renovate this multi-family home in Ward 2 and mentioned a vacant home on Columbia Street which is in the process seeking answers for the neighbors on that matter. **Mr. King** expressed his appreciation to Councilor Cox for her efforts, knowing that the neighborhood is very concerned about that situation. **Council President Hardy** reiterated her comments at the P&D meeting that Mr. King should make sure to check with the Building Inspector before he begins any construction in case further permits are required.

**This public hearing is closed.**

**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Hardy, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to grant a Special Council Permit (SCP2011-020) to Stephen C. King to convert an existing two unit multi-family dwelling located at Columbia Street #5, (Assessors Map #15, Lot #22 ) zoned R-5 (High Density Residential), pursuant to Sec. 1.8.3 and Sec. 2.3.1(6), to a three unit multi-family and as shown on Existing Conditions Site Plan for Columbia Street #5, received by the City Clerk's office dated December 7, 2011.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Tobey** expressed that the P&D Committee found the applicant has met the requirements of Sec. 1.8.3 of the Zoning Ordinance as well as Sec. 2.3.1(6).

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Tobey** noted the requirements of the ordinance have been satisfied. The matter of the parking situation has been ruled on by the ZBA which determined a literal enforcement of the zoning ordinance would involve substantial hardship and as a result relief was granted for the parking on the property. That decision is on file in the City Clerk's office. **Councilor Verga** would support this application; that it was a reasonable request. There were many examples across the City of multi-family homes that are not necessarily properly permitted. This is the opportunity to place the property be on the books correctly and legally, especially when properties are sold. He felt many other properties like this one are assessed at the incorrect amount as they are on the Assessor's books as a two-family dwelling. He thanked Mr. King for coming forward to do what is right and wished him well. This is adding yet another housing unit to the City's housing stock. **Councilor Theken** also would support it. She reconfirmed it is Proctor Street behind Trinity Congregational Church. She, too, was glad Mr. King came forward. She was pleased that they are a more user friendly City; that an owner is coming forward without the aid of an attorney and can be comfortable doing so. She noted the house is big enough. There is adequate space around it. The fact that the owner is living there is good for the neighborhood. **Councilor Ciolino** would support the application also. He saw the plans and approved of them. He was pleased the owner was living there and believed that was the best type of multi-family housing. He congratulated Mr. King for investing in the City and wished him luck.

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Tobey, seconded by Councilor Verga, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Whynott) absent, to grant a Special Council Permit (SCP2011-020) to Stephen C. King to convert an existing two unit multi-family dwelling located at Columbia Street #5, (Assessors Map #15, Lot #22 ) zoned R-5 (High Density Residential), pursuant to Sec. 1.8.3 and Sec. 2.3.1(6), to a three unit multi-family and as shown on Existing Conditions Site Plan for Columbia Street #5, received by the City Clerk's office dated December 7, 2011.**

**For Council Vote:**

**1. Decision to Adopt: SCP2011-009: Main Street #186, GZO Sec. 5.13.7.2 (PWSF) Modification**

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Tobey, seconded by Councilor Verga, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Whynott) absent, to adopt the SCP2011-009 decision for Main Street #186 pursuant to Sec. 5.13.7.2 of the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance.**

**2. Decision to Adopt: SCP2011-012: Pearce Island/Durney's Island, GZO Sec. 5.5.4 Lowlands**

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Tobey, seconded by Councilor Verga, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Whynott) absent, to adopt the SCP2011-012 decision for Pearce Island/Durney's Island pursuant to Sec. 5.5.4 of the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance.**

**3. Decision to Adopt: SCP2011-013: Dale Avenue #10 (Central Grammar Apartments), GZO Sec. 1.10.1 and Sec. 3.2.2(a)**

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Tobey, seconded by Councilor Verga, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Whynott) absent, to adopt the SCP decision for Dale Avenue #10 (Central Grammar Apartments) pursuant to Sec. 1.10.1 and Sec. 3.2.2(a) of the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance.**

**4. Decision to Adopt: SCP2011-014: Dory Road #34, GZO Sec. 5.13.7.2 (PWSF) Modification**

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Tobey, seconded by Councilor Verga, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Whynott) absent, to adopt the SCP2011-0014 decision for Dory Road #34 pursuant to Sec. 5.13.7.2 of the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance.**

**5. Decision to Adopt: SCP2011-015: Cleveland Street #33, GZO Sec. 2.3.1(6) Conversion to new multi-Family or apartment dwelling, three units**

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Tobey, seconded by Councilor Verga, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Whynott) absent, to adopt the SCP2011-009 decision for Main Street #186 pursuant to Sec. 5.13.7.2 of the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance.**

**6. Decision to Adopt: SCP2011-016: River Road #23, GZO Sec. 5.5.4 Lowlands**

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Tobey, seconded by Councilor Verga, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Whynott) absent to adopt the SCP2011-017 decision for River Road #23 pursuant to Sec. 5.5.4 of the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance.**

**7. Decision to Adopt: SCP2011-017: Atlantic Street #63, GZO Sec. 5.5.4 Lowlands**

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Tobey, seconded by Councilor Verga, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Whynott) absent to adopt the SCP2011-017 decision for Atlantic Street #63 pursuant to Sec. 5.5.4 of the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance.**

**Unfinished Business: None.**

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

**Councilors' Requests to the Mayor:**

**Councilor Verga** pointed out the inadequate lighting in Kyrouz Auditorium which they'd asked several weeks ago to be addressed and asked that the Administration ask the Facilities Director to look at replacing the bulbs that are needed to fully illuminate the auditorium. The Dog Park is having a fundraiser at Stone Pub Eatery at 242 Main Street on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to closing with a portion of each customer's bill will go to support the dog park. For more information please go to: [gloucesterdogpark.org](http://gloucesterdogpark.org).

**Councilor Theken** asked they not wait two weeks to do something regarding handicapped access to the City Hall. She wished to have the Facilities Manager to look into it immediately. She asked that those 110 people at Good Harbor Filet to understand there are complications from going from one transition to another. They'll be bombarded about their insurance. She will help individual people who come to them. If they are retiring or the person carrying the insurance and going to be laid off there is an 8 month window for spouses to get Medicare Part B. Then you're penalized for all the years you don't take it. Once you or your partner has Medicare, you have to apply under that person. If you're turning 65, when you go to social security. and if you have enough quarters under your spouse/partner, you don't have to purchase Medicare A. She asked the those who could be affected to come and speak with her at her office at the Addison Gilbert Hospital.

**Councilor LeBlanc** reached out to Ward 3, Precinct 1 advising there is a lot of gas line work now being done there. He asked those residents to be patient. If they smell gas, call the gas company right away. They could also call the fire department but to call the gas company first. He wished Councilor Whynott a return to good health.

**Councilor Ciolino** stated even if they don't have gas in a home, they could still have gas back up into their homes through water/sewer lines. Should those residents detect a gas odor, it is also a reason to call the gas company. He also felt the tunnel leading to the handicap entrance to City Hall should be lit properly. He wished a quick recovery to Councilor Whynott.

**Councilor McGeary** mentioned tomorrow evening the destination marketing organization, Discover Gloucester will hold its annual meeting upstairs at the Franklin Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. This free meeting is open to the public.

**Councilor Theken** added that the buoys which decorated the Lobster Pot Christmas Tree downtown are to be auctioned this Friday evening at Cruiseport, tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door with all proceeds going to Art Haven. The event begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Council President Hardy** spoke of an email from the Board of Health that each year an estimated 1 million adults suffer from shingles, the risk increasing with age and underlying health conditions. They are offering it free on a limited supply basis to Gloucester residents. If interested, residents should call Chassea Robinson at the Health Department at 978-281-9771.

**A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dana C. Jorgenson**  
**Clerk of Committees**

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