

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 23, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

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

Absent: Councilor Tobey

Also Present: Former City Councilor Ab Khambaty; Former City Councilor Ann Mulcahey; Linda T. Lowe; Jim Duggan; Kenny Costa; Jeff Towne; Fire Chief Eric Smith; Mike Hale; Mark Cole

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Flag Salute & Moment of Silence: The City Council dedicated the Moment of Silence to the victims and the families and their friends affected by the Boston Marathon bombing.

Oral Communications: None.

Presentations/Commendations:**1 of 1: Presentation of Framed “Senate Adjournment” by Senator Bruce Tarr and Assistant Superintendent of Schools (Ret.) Brian Tarr to Lee Swekla honoring the Memory of Alphonse Swekla**

State Senator Bruce Tarr introduced his brother, Brian Tarr; Assistant Superintendent of Schools (Ret) said noted Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante was unable to join in this ceremony as she was involved in the State FY14 budget negotiations this evening. He remarked it was not long ago when the iconic municipal leader, Al Swekla passed away; a man who gave his heart and soul to the community and its students throughout his career. He said it is fitting to return to Kyrouz Auditorium to honor Mr. Swekla’s steadfast commitment to the City. He noted the Senate Adjournment is a distinctive honor reserved in the State Senate for special individuals whose service is recognized by the entire Senate. A session can be adjourned in honor of a distinguished member of the Commonwealth passes away with a member moving the adjournment in that person’s honor. The adjournment is part of the permanent record of the Commonwealth’s Senate. **Sen. Tarr** said he was pleased to do dedicate a Senate adjournment in Mr. Swekla’s honor and to present the framed adjournment to Mr. Swekla’s family for all he meant to the City. **Sen. Tarr** then read the dedication from the Journal of the Senate. He noted the Senate stood in a moment of silence just prior to the adjournment in Mr. Swekla’s honor.

Mr. Swekla’s widow, **Leanora Swekla** was then presented the framed documentation of the Senate adjournment.

Brian Tarr said if one looks around, there are many folks who were influenced by Al Swekla whether they became teachers or entered public life. He said Mr. Swekla always looked out to see what was good for the youth of the City. He asked that everyone keep in mind the lessons learned from Mr. Swekla. He then presented Mrs. Swekla with a bouquet of flowers.

Mrs. Swekla asked that the City keep Mr. Swekla in their hearts and thanked everyone for this honor to her husband’s memory.

The City Council recessed at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

- **CONFIRMATION OF REAPPOINTMENTS:** None
- **MAYOR’S REPORT**

1. Memorandum from Planning Director re: Land Disposition Applications-National Grid Requests for Easement (Refer P&D)
2. Memorandum & draft proposed Gloucester Bicycle Ordinance from Community Development Director (Refer O&A)
3. Memorandum from Harbormaster re: amendment to GCO Chapter 10, Waterways Board, Sec. 10-51(e) Fees re: fees for Use of the Gloucester Launch (Refer O&A & B&F)
4. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#2013-SBT-28) from Veterans Services (Refer B&F)
5. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#2013-SBT-29) from Police Department (Refer B&F)
6. Memorandum, Grant Application & Checklist from Police Chief re: request to apply for FY13 Bulletproof Vest Program Grant (Refer B&F)
7. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#2013-SBT-30) from Veterans Services (Refer B&F)

8. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#2013-SBT-31) from Treasurer's Department (Refer B&F)
9. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#2013-SBT-31) from Treasurer's Department (Refer B&F)
10. Letter from Director-Office of Coastal Zone Management in response to the Administration's request for a review of the City of Gloucester's Designated Port Area (Refer P&D)
 - **COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS**
1. Letter from Senator Tarr to the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts & Cultural Development re: support for Senate Bill 1633 "An Act relative to the Definition of a Cultural Facility" (Info Only)
2. Communication from Heather Stewart to Council President re: Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District (Info Only)
3. Communication from City Clerk to Council President re: Hiring Backup Person for Committee Minutes and Council Vote under MGL Chapter 268A, §20 (Refer O&A)
 - **INFORMATION ONLY**
 - **APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS**
1. Special Events Application: request from Fishtown Horribles Committee to hold Fishtown Horribles Parade on July 3, 2013 (Refer P&D)
2. Special Events Application: request from Gloucester Downtown Association to hold the 55th Annual Gloucester Sidewalk Bazaar On August 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2013 (Refer P&D)
3. Special Events Application: request from Cape Ann Business Incubator to hold the
4. Special Events Application: request from
 - **COUNCILORS ORDERS**
 - **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
1. City Council Meeting: 04/09/2013 (Approve/File)
2. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 04/18/13 (under separate cover), O&A 04/15/13 (no meeting), P&D 04/17/13 (Approve/File)

Items to be added/deleted from the Consent Agenda:

By unanimous consent the Consent Agenda was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance: April 18, 2013

Councilor McGeary said he was presenting a Consent Agenda to the Council for the business conducted by the B&F Committee at their March 7th regularly scheduled meeting, all of which he noted were intra- departmental transfers related to the State Special Election.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed to accept the unanimous recommendations of the Budget & Finance Committee dated April 18, 2013 as follows:

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent the appropriation 2013-SBT-21 in the amount of \$125.00 (One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars) from Treasurer/Collector, Debt Service, Principal/Debt, Account #101000.10.145.59100.0000.00.000.00.059 to Registration Supplies, Account #101000.10.163.54000.0000.00.000.00.054 for funds for supplies needed for two upcoming special State Elections on April 30 and June 25, 2013.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent the appropriation 2013-SBT-22 in the amount of \$850.00 (Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars) from Treasurer/Collector, Debt Service, Principal/Debt, Account #101000.10.145.59100.0000.00.000.00.059 to Registration, Salary/Wage-Overtime, Account #101000.10.163.51300.0000.00.000.00.051 for funds needed for anticipated overtime for City Clerk staff, including Assistant Registrar to perform election duties for two upcoming special State Elections on April 30th and June 25, 2013.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent the appropriation 2013-SBT-23 in the amount of \$858.00 (Eight Hundred and Fifty-Eight Dollars) from Treasurer/Collector, Debt Service, Principal/Debt, Account #101000.10.145.59100.0000.00.000.00.059 to Registration, Salary/Wage-Temporary Positions, Account #101000.10.163.51200.0000.00.000.00.051 for funds needed for estimated overtime costs for custodians at schools which serve as polling places for two upcoming special State Elections on April 30 and June 25, 2013.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent the appropriation 2013-SBT-24 in the amount of \$21,800.00 (Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) from Treasurer/Collector, Debt Service, Principal/Debt, Account #101000.10.145.59100.0000.00.000.00.059 to Registration Contractual Services, Account #101000.10.163.52000.0000.00.000.00.052 for costs needed for two upcoming special State Elections on April 30th and June 25, 2013 including poll workers and vendor costs related to election machines programming.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent the appropriation 2013-SBT-25 in the amount of \$400 (Four Hundred Dollars) from Treasurer/Collector, Debt Service, Principal/Debt, Account #101000.10.145.59100.0000.00.000.00.059 to Registration, Rental of Facilities, Account #101000.10.163.52700.0000.00.000.00.052 for funds for rental costs for polling places for two upcoming special State Elections on April 30th and June 25, 2013.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER:

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 1 (Whynott) in favor, 7 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent to RECONSIDER the vote on the Budget & Finance Committee recommendations dated April 18, 2013 for 2013-SBT-21, -22, -23, -24 and -25 pursuant to the City financial obligations due to the State Senatorial Special Elections on April 30th and June 25, 2013.

MOTION FAILS.

Councilor McGeary asked that the discussion and vote to fund an Elementary School Assessment (2013-SA-122) saying after consulting with Councilor Tobey who could not be at the Council meeting this evening as well as the School Department, he asked this matter be postponed with the Council President and Council's assent to their next regularly scheduled meeting in order that all Councilors may be present to have a complete discussion on the matter.

With Council assent, the Council discussion and vote to fund an Elementary Schools Assessment (2013-SA-122) is continued to May 7, 2013.

- ***Good Harbor Footbridge Repair Project & Three Supplemental Appropriation Budgetary Requests***

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council that in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the unexpended balances of funds borrowed to pay costs of the projects set forth below, which amounts are no longer needed to complete the projects for which they were initially borrowed, are hereby appropriated by the Gloucester City Council to pay costs associated with the Good Harbor Footbridge Repair Project, Fund #300086, including the payment of any and all costs incidental and related thereto:

<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Unexpended Balances</u>
West Gloucester/Little River Sewer Design	\$10,506.05
Barker/Gurden Sewer	\$25,914.31
Adams Sewer	\$36,214.58

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary said that this motion is to transfer unallocated funds and then the following motions are the distribution of those funds by transfer. This funding is for the reconstruction of the Good Harbor Beach Footbridge.

Mike Hale, DPW Director said that the portion of the bridge that connects Nautilus Road to the main steel truss bridge failed in a blizzard this winter. The failed section was removed by order of the Building Inspector because it was unsafe. The Conservation Commission (ConCom) gave permission to reconstruct that portion as well as to

make the some minor repairs on the remainder of the bridge. The DPW is prepared to start right away, and he said it is anticipated the bridge will be opened for Memorial Day.

Councilor Ciolino said he heard many action plans that included the concept that there will be a temporary fix to get the footbridge opened for Memorial Day weekend; and asked if it will be a complete fix by that time or will more money be needed for a permanent fix at a later date. **Mr. Hale** said the reason it is complicated is ConCom granted a permit to the City to make repairs to the footbridge one more time. After that ConCom wants reconsideration for the footbridge's redesign. The footbridge has had many failures over the last several decades, he noted, and the DPW made the last major improvement to it in 2007. The bridge repair work is on a 7 year cycle for major improvements, he noted. The repairs are intended to be made now is until the footbridge's next failure. The DPW, he said, wants to look proactively at a permanent solution for the footbridge. His department is looking at different materials for the ramp from the road to the bridge, perhaps, he suggested, an aluminum gangway that may be more appropriate for it, which does not rot or splinter and can be removed prior to a severe weather event such as hurricanes or Nor'easters. He pointed out it is a three-piece bridge – two ramps and a main bridge's center portion. The bridge in its center needs minor repairs as well as the ramp to the beach, but during this winter's storm event those two portions did not fail, **Mr. Hale** noted. This fix will get the City through the next few seasons, but he said the City should be looking at a permanent solution for the footbridge. **Councilor Ciolino** said there has been a discussion about an aluminum gangway. He suggested the neighbors in the area should have input and noted this area is popular with artists, with the footbridge being a prominent painted object. If the City goes forward with aluminum [gangway], it needs to be vetted as concerns for its aesthetics have been raised.

Councilor McGeary said he and Mr. Hale had a discussion earlier in the week, and that given this is not for a complete reconstruction, it was Mr. Hale's hope the repairs would come in under \$70,000 to do the repairs. **Mr. Hale** explained that the price proposal submitted through the Mayor's Report came from an inspection by a structural engineer this winter who gave a permitting, design and construction estimate. Depending on what work is done, he said he anticipates a fair amount of it can be done in-house as his department is experienced having repaired/rebuilt the footbridge a number of times before. As it close to beach season he did point out that it will take some time and staffing on his department to get this work done in time. He said he didn't think the price will be under \$70,000. **Councilor McGeary** suggested a complete redesign and rebuild would be considerably more expensive which **Mr. Hale** confirmed it would and be more in the range of \$700,000. That would also take, he said, 6 to 8 months to from permitting and constructing a new footbridge and would have to coincide with the off season.

Councilor Cox asked for clarification of a date for the completion of bridge repairs which coincide the upcoming summer season. **Mr. Hale** said the footbridge would be fixed and opened for Memorial Day weekend.

Council President Hardy asked how long a ConCom permitting will take if the bridge was destroyed again, and should a plan now be in place for the footbridge's complete replacement. **Mr. Hale** said a plan should be in place because it will be destroyed again, what with rising seas and the storm events cycles over the last several decades. He noted permitting would be more than just through the local ConCom and perhaps Coastal Zone Management and the Army Corps of Engineers, just two of such agencies who would have to weigh in on the matter. The construction would be done in the fall so it would be open for the spring season. **Council President Hardy** expressed her concern as to the time length it would take for the permitting process. **Mr. Hale** said design considerations, funding, and permitting do take time. **Council President Hardy** said she believed it was inevitable the footbridge will fail again and urged Mr. Hale to start the process as soon as possible. **Mr. Hale** said he thought there would be an interim request and that there would be some temporary forgiveness from the governmental permitting agencies pending the permanent fixture of the footbridge. He said he agreed it is a process that should be started now. As to the question of materials the City will have to come to some conclusion on, and as for the materials used, he noted there is a fair amount of wood that goes into the bridge construction. To spend \$25,000 on a fix that lasts for only a few years, he suggested, may not be wise. **Council President Hardy** reiterated her advice to be proactive rather than reactive as the City depends greatly on the beach revenues.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent, that in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the unexpended balances of funds borrowed to pay costs of the projects set forth below, which amounts are no longer needed to complete the projects for which they were initially borrowed, are hereby appropriated by the Gloucester City Council to pay costs associated with the Good Harbor Footbridge Repair Project, Fund #300086, including the payment of any and all costs incidental and related thereto:

Project Description
West Gloucester/Little River Sewer Design

Unexpended Balances
\$10,506.05

Barker/Gurden Sewer	\$25,914.31
Adams Sewer	\$36,214.58

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council that \$10,506.05 (Ten Thousand Five Hundred Six Dollars and Five Cents) be appropriated (2013-SA-119) from the West Gloucester Betterment-Undesignated Fund Balance, Account #330002.10.000.35900.0000.00.000.00.000 to Good Harbor Footbridge Repair Project-Transfers In-From Special Assessment Funds, Account #300086.10.994.49700.0000.00.000.00.040 for the purpose of funding a portion of the repair costs of the Good Harbor Footbridge Project.

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 (Tobey) absent, that \$10,506.05 (Ten Thousand Five Hundred Six Dollars and Five Cents) be appropriated (2013-SA-119) from the West Gloucester Betterment-Undesignated Fund Balance, Account #330002.10.000.35900.0000.00.000.00.000 to Good Harbor Footbridge Repair Project-Transfers In-From Special Assessment Funds, Account #300086.10.994.49700.0000.00.000.00.040 for the purpose of funding a portion of the repair costs of the Good Harbor Footbridge Project.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council that \$25,914.31 (Twenty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Thirty One Cents) be appropriated (2013-SA-120) from the Barker/Burden Betterment-Undesignated Fund Balance, Account #330003.10.000.35900.0000.00.000.00.000 to Good Harbor Footbridge Repair Project-Transfers In-From Special Assessment Funds, Account #300086.10.994.49700.0000.00.000.00.040 for the purpose of funding a portion of the repair costs of the Good Harbor Footbridge Project.

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 (Tobey) absent, that \$25,914.31 (Twenty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Thirty One Cents) be appropriated (2013-SA-120) from the Barker/Burden Betterment-Undesignated Fund Balance, Account #330003.10.000.35900.0000.00.000.00.000 to Good Harbor Footbridge Repair Project-Transfers In-From Special Assessment Funds, Account #300086.10.994.49700.0000.00.000.00.040 for the purpose of funding a portion of the repair costs of the Good Harbor Footbridge Project

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council that \$36,214.58 (Thirty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents) be appropriated (2013-SA-121) from the Adams Sewer-Undesignated Fund Balance, Account #330004.10.000.35900.0000.00.000.00.000 to Good Harbor Footbridge Repair Project-Transfers In-From Special Assessment Funds, Account #300086.10.994.49700.0000.00.000.00.040 for the purpose of funding a portion of the repair costs of the Good Harbor Footbridge Project.

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 (Tobey) absent, that \$36,214.58 (Thirty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents) be appropriated (2013-SA-121) from the Adams Sewer-Undesignated Fund Balance, Account #330004.10.000.35900.0000.00.000.00.000 to Good Harbor Footbridge Repair Project-Transfers In-From Special Assessment Funds, Account #300086.10.994.49700.0000.00.000.00.040 for the purpose of funding a portion of the repair costs of the Good Harbor Footbridge Project.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor McGeary, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent to recommend to the City Council the appropriation 2013-SBT-26 in the

amount of \$25,000.00 (Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) from Treasurer/Collector-Debt Service-Interest Long Term Debt, Account #101000.10.145.59150.0000.00.000.00.059 to Fire Department-Vehicle Maintenance, Account #101000.10.220.52470.0000.00.000.00.052 to fund the repairs of Fire Department equipment.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary said there are the two older Fire Department vehicles that need frequent repairs, one which currently has engine issues. The Fire Chief is not scheduling this vehicle to be replaced until next year and didn't wish to be down one engine. The money requested will be used to keep this vehicle running until it can be replaced next year. This vehicle and one other are used as second-line vehicles. The goal is to get this engine up in time for the summer season as it is the department's the busiest time and use these vehicles to be stationed on a rotating basis in the Fort during the infrastructure work.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent the appropriation 2013-SBT-26 in the amount of \$25,000.00 (Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) from Treasurer/Collector-Debt Service-Interest Long Term Debt, Account #101000.10.145.59150.0000.00.000.00.059 to Fire Department-Vehicle Maintenance, Account #101000.10.220.52470.0000.00.000.00.052 to fund the repairs of Fire Department equipment.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor McGeary, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent to recommend to the City Council the appropriation 2013-SBT-27 in the amount of \$6,000.00 (Six Thousand Dollars) from Treasurer/Collector-Self-Insurance Auto, Account #101000.10.145.57460.0000.00.000.00.057 to Purchasing, Advertising, Account #101000.10.138.53480.0000.00.000.00.052 to fund City public notices and other advertisements in local newspapers.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary explained the Council has had a number of big projects that required a number of public hearings and the advertising account for FY13 is depleted. Advertising for public hearings is required by law. There were some where the lead time was short and so the City had to advertise in a more expensive paper. This transfer is anticipated to get the City through the end of the fiscal year and fill in any deficits created by the large amount of advertisements placed to date.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent the appropriation 2013SBT-27 in the amount of \$6,000 (Six Thousand Dollars) from Treasurer/Collector-Self-Insurance Auto, Account #101000.10.145.57460.0000.00.000.00.057 to Purchasing, Advertising, Account #101000.10.138.53480.0000.00.000.00.052 to fund City public notices and other advertisements in local newspapers.

Councilor McGeary said that the purpose of this transfer is to free up funds for the Purchasing Department to fund a large amount of public notices and other advertisements in local papers in FY13 that were not expected. The City has spent a great deal of money on advertisements for public hearings this fiscal year; it was almost double from last year. This transfer is anticipated to get the City through the end of the fiscal year.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor McGeary, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent to recommend to the City Council that \$250,000 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) be appropriated (2013-SA-123) from the Capital Project Stabilization Fund-Transfer to Trust & Agency Fund, Account #850000.10.995.59600.0000.00.000.00.059 to Record Management System Capital Project Stabilization Fund-Transfer from Trust Fund, Account #850003.10.995.49700.0000.00.000.00.040 to fund a newly created Record Management System Capital Project Stabilization Fund for the purchase and installation of a new Public Safety Records Management System.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary explained this is the first step to what will be an eventual revamping of the City's accounting and computer system. Studies of both public safety departments said that recordkeeping was fairly Dickensian, he noted, and recommended the City move to a computerized system that would track personnel records and other things like whether there is a weapon at the location Police are being dispatched to or any other special circumstances that the Fire Department might wish to know about. This will communicate with the eventual City accounting and records management system, but it was felt it was important to start with the City's public safety departments because that is where the need was seen as the greatest, he said.

Council President Hardy said she believed this is an extension of a discussion that she and Councilor McGeary had with Police Chief Campanello and was the beginning to get all the departments to talk to one another through computer software. **Mr. Towne** said this is a good step for the Fire and Police Departments, even if the City did nothing else. Those departments' report-writing capabilities, attendance record capabilities, and how they document calls is archaic, he noted. Instituting this new Records Management System, he said, brings those departments to where they should be. To be sure this new system would tie into the City's anticipated new software system, Mr. Towne and Kenny Costa, City Auditor, contacted the company the City will be using for their General Ledger accounting package who recommend this other company for the Police and Fire Department systems which would seamlessly tie into their software package the City would be purchasing for their General Ledger accounting. **Mr. Towne** also said both Chiefs highly support this new system. **Council President Hardy** asked if this software was already used by other public safety agencies. **Mr. Towne** said he believed it was used by over 150 departments in the Commonwealth, and said he felt sure members of NEMLEC are already using this type of system too. In response to further questioning by **Council President Hardy**, **Mr. Towne** said the transition should be smooth from one department to another as well as in and out of the City if records had to be shared. **Mr. Towne** said he was unsure whether there could be record sharing between other Police and Fire Departments, that there was great capability is there for the City to pull up any type of report in case there was an incident in the City. An agency responding from outside to the City would have access to that technology when assisting the City's public safety agencies also within the police cruisers and on the fire equipment was well.

Councilor McGeary noted this software is not made by the vendor the City is considering to purchase its new computer General Ledger accounting system. It was their recommendation the City look at this software from another vendor. **Mr. Towne** said it was the case, and the recommendation was this was great software package public safety departments use and is more in line with their software for Massachusetts municipalities.

Kenny Costa, City Auditor reminded the Council that this vote requires six votes because the funding is coming from a Stabilization Fund.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent, that \$250,000 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) be appropriated (2013-SA-123) from the Capital Project Stabilization Fund-Transfer to Trust & Agency Fund, Account #850000.10.995.59600.0000.00.000.00.059 to Record Management System Capital Project Stabilization Fund-Transfer from Trust Fund, Account #850003.10.995.49700.0000.00.000.00.040 to fund a newly created Record Management System Capital Project Stabilization Fund for the purchase and installation of a new Public Safety Records Management System.

Councilor McGeary said the P&D Committee referred to B&F the communication of J. Michael Faherty to the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection about the City's request to use of the I4-C2/65 Rogers Street property as a temporary parking lot. The B&F Committee discussed a concern that if the parking lot is permitted by MDEP, and the City goes forward for its use as a parking lot, is there some way to track the revenue derived from that parking lot and also to track how it will be used both to defray the costs associated with acquiring the lot and perhaps using some of that revenue in part to develop the lot. There was discussion of establishing a Revolving Fund but was determined not to be the way to go. The Committee was told by the City Auditor and CFO there was a way to identify the funds and track them so the City would know what funds are derived from that temporary parking lot. The B&F Committee asked that the CFO and City Auditor through the Mayor's Report prepare a memo outlining exactly how the process would work. The matter is closed for now in anticipation of that memo to be referred to the B&F Committee. **Council President Hardy** inquired when the Council could expect that memo. **Mr. Towne** confirmed the memo would be to the Council towards the end of May.

Councilor Verga said a key factor discussed at P&D was that the revenues derived from the temporary parking lot be used to pay down the principal on the borrowing debt for the property. **Councilor McGeary** said unlike a home mortgage, the City can't prepay the principal on a municipal debt; the City can only pay what the City owes. Because it is paid out of the General Fund, the money goes into the General Fund. This is a tracking mechanism to

learn if the lot paying for itself. He said anything over and above what is required to pay the principal and interest costs of acquiring that parcel, the City needs to know what it is and have a discussion how to use those funds, he said; and that there have been suggestions to the use of the funds for doing environmental testing with any surplus over and above the debt payment, for instance. The first step, he said, was to find out how much the lot will be making where it is going.

Council President Hardy said it was her understanding that the School Department can pay bills ahead of time, and asked why the City can't pay in the same manner. **Mr. Towne** said he pays all the school debt and that school debt is not paid ahead of time. He noted that Special Education tuition can be paid three months in advance, but that is special state law. After 10 years there could be 'callable' debt. He said there is nine years left on the 65 Rogers Street debt. The City cannot prepay the debt; once it is locked in it is locked in, he said. Before the debt goes long term debt the City tries to do it as much as possible to pay down the short-term debt, as the City is doing with Newell Stadium. He said can read every transaction on a kiosk daily once it is activated when the lot is authorized by MDEP, and won't know until the machine is turned on at the lot what would be the average daily revenue.

Councilor Ciolino asked if the Administration has worked on figures to make I4-C2 into an acceptable parking lot if the City is to charge for its use, he noted it is currently unpaved and floods in severe storm situations and that there is no drainage on the lot currently and once the City starts charging there will be certain liabilities. **Jim Duggan**, CAO said once they have a better understanding of the DEP ruling for the temporary permit once it is in hand, the City will look at what to invest in the creation of a parking lot. **Councilor Ciolino** said if the money is tracked in its first year, it should go back into the property to make it useable as a parking lot. **Mr. Duggan** said the City would have to be environmentally sensitive to the lot being close as it is to the water, and so it would not be a paving situation.

Ordinances & Administration: April 15, 2013 – No Meeting

Planning & Development: April 17, 2013

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor McGeary, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to allow the 2013 annual St. Peter's Fiesta, commencing on Wednesday evening, June 26, 2013 through Sunday, June 30, 2013, the use and control of St. Peter's Park on Rogers Street; the streets and sidewalks of Rogers Street from Mansfield Way to the entrance of Commercial Street; Commercial Street up to Fort Square to include the use of the Beauport Gloucester LLC property (if made available by written agreement with the owner); and from the intersection of Main and Washington Streets to St. Peter's Park; and on Friday, June 28th, Saturday, June 29th and Sunday, June 30th on only the water side of Stacy Boulevard from "The Tavern" to the Fishermen's Memorial (to the extent allowable by law) and the Ciaramitaro/Gemellaro Playground at Fort Square for the purpose of conducting the St. Peter's Fiesta on the days and dates mentioned herein. Further, vendors are not allowed on the southwesterly side of Commercial Street nor on the streets and sidewalks from Tally's to the Chamber of Commerce (33 Commercial Street). In addition, all hawkers, peddlers, or vendors, who conduct their business on June 26th through June 30th in these areas must have the express consent of the St. Peter's Fiesta Committee; and with the following conditions:

1. That the kiddie rides (those restricted to children of a height of 42 inches or under) be kept at the St. Peter's Square Park and not at the Beauport Gloucester LLC property, should that property be used;
2. That the footprint of the Fiesta be drawn out on a plan showing locations of, but not limited to, comfort stations and first aid stations to be placed on file with the City Clerk's office no later than 14 days in advance of the start of the 2013 St. Peter's Fiesta;
3. That the music is to be shut down at the opening and closing ceremonies on the closest rides to the altar area;
4. If the Beauport Gloucester LLC property is used, that a temporary fence be erected at the very back of the area known as the "Birdseye Parking Lot" to prohibit entrance to Pavilion Beach;
5. Temporary lighting shall be placed illuminating the area used as a crossing between St. Peter's Park and the Beauport Gloucester LLC parking lot should that property be used;
6. That Fiesta Shows, Inc. contribute \$3,000 for the added police coverage due to the expansion of the rides to the Beauport Gloucester LLC property payable to the City of Gloucester c/o of the Police Chief to be paid 14 days in advance of the opening of the 2013 St. Peter's Fiesta.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Verga informed the Council that there are no changes from the previous year's permitting of the St. Peter's Fiesta. He noted regarding the Beauport site if it is made available by written agreement with the amusement company, as it stands the amusement company is working out that agreement now with Beauport. If they do not reach consensus, the amusement company they would have to compress the rides to the St. Peter's site. **Council President Hardy** asked if this would create a safety issue with the rides being compressed into St. Peter's Park. **Councilor Verga** confirmed there would be less rides.

Councilor Ciolino noted he sat in on the P&D Committee meeting and told of the discussion on Condition #3 regarding the shutting down the music of rides closest to the altar during opening and closing ceremonies. At the meeting it was discussed about one particular ride, he said that the music may be shut down but the ride still runs and makes a racket which is offensive during the ceremonies. The St. Peter's Fiesta Committee agreed to have that particular ride completely shut down and it was not, he pointed out, incorporated into that #3 condition. **Council President Hardy** said it did need incorporation into the condition as the Police and Fire Departments would be receiving copies of the Certificate of Vote so that they were aware of the conditions for enforcement purposes. The Council agreed to a friendly amendment to Condition #3 to shut down the ride completely closest to the altar area during opening and closing ceremonies.

Councilor McGeary said he, too, sat in on the P&D Committee meeting, and recalled the discussion about the location of the pump out truck. He said he did not see anything in the conditions in that regard as to where the pump out truck was to be stationed and asked how it was left. **Councilor Verga** said it was a big part of the discussions and that the St. Peter's Fiesta Committee agreed to move the location of the pump out truck away from residential areas, but it was not made a condition. **Council President Hardy** pointed out that the location of the pump out truck should be included in a condition so the Police Department will have something enforceable. **Councilor Cox** said it was agreed that it not be in residential areas. She said she did not want it anywhere near the residential buildings. She said when the pump out truck was needed, she said she wanted assistance from the Police detail there to go in and take care of it and the pump out truck then leaves the area.

Council President Hardy asked if this matter could be continued to the Council's next meeting so that an agreement of the location for the pump out truck could be made a part of the conditions as well which Councilor Cox said she would take care of by contacting the St. Peter's Fiesta Committee to see that a location is found off site until needed. **Councilor LeBlanc** added that the pump out truck could be stationed at the freezer section of the Beauport property near the loading dock of the Birdseye building and that would be close enough and could be worked out

Councilor Whynott said he believed there were to be no kiddie rides at the Beauport Gloucester site. **Councilor Verga** said the kiddie rides are to not be placed on the Beauport property, and it is a condition in the motion which gives weight to enforcement. **Councilor Ciolino** said it is an industry standard to use a height of 42 inches to determine who can and cannot ride on the kiddie rides. **Councilor Theken** said kiddie rides should be defined further. **Councilor McGeary** said usually kiddie rides are not defined, but the height limit sets as to whom cannot partake on a particular ride, and understood this to be an industry standard also. **Councilor Whynott** said also in past years it was said that there be no cash prizes and no tokens turned in for cash. It is not a condition in this motion. He asked this be checked to see if it is in an ordinance and if not it could be placed as a condition.

This matter is continued to May 14, 2013.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to permit the Cape Ann YMCA on Friday, May 10, 2013 to hold the Backshore 5 Mile Road Race 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 Clerk's office on or before April 30, 2013.
2. Road Closure Plan:
Memoranda from the Police Department and the Fire Department giving approval of the plans for the Backshore 5 Mile Road Race on May 10, 2013 are to be on file with the City Clerk's office on or before April 30, 2013. Roads to be closed are to be marked with signage directing the public as to the duration of closure and alternate routes. Traffic and parking plan and police detail information by the Police Chief or his designee is to be filed with the City Clerk and the DPW Director or his designee on or before April 30,

2013. Any substantial changes, as determined by either the Police or Fire Chief or their designees to the route or related to safety issues will require City Council approval.
3. **Refuse and Comfort Stations:**
All refuse and recycling due to this event must be removed by the organizer. Any portable toilets (with two handicapped accessible) are to be provided and maintained by the organizer, placed the evening before the event or early in the morning of the day of the event and be removed by 8:30 p.m., May 10, 2013.
 4. **Emergency Services:**
Emergency Medical Services plans are to be approved by Sander Schultz, Fire Department EMS Coordinator and filed with that department by April 30, 2013.
 5. **Staffing:**
Event staff is to have cell phones and be identified by distinct shirts. A list of event staff and their cell phone numbers is to be submitted to the Police, Fire and DPW Departments in advance of the event.
 6. **Notification of Immediate Abutters and Businesses to Race Course:**
Notice shall be made by the event organizers by hand or by mail no later than 7 days in advance of the event to function halls, motels and hotels and other businesses along the race route.
 7. **Use of the Good Harbor Beach Footbridge:**
That race organizers advise participants and onlookers that the footbridge at Good Harbor Beach is closed.
 8. **Responsibility of the Cape Ann YMCA:**
The Cape Ann YMCA is also required to obtain any necessary approvals from the Licensing Board, the Health Department and the Licensing Commission. It is the sole responsibility of the Cape Ann YMCA to ensure that all required documentation is timely filed with the appropriate City departments as indicated. Failure to comply with any conditions precedent may result in permit revocation.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Verga said that the race is the same as last year. **Council President Hardy** asked if there had been a time when a race organizer had not submitted a Certificate of Vote. **Ms. Lowe** said that there is not a tracking system for this purpose. **Councilor Verga** pointed out that the Special Events Advisory Committee has made it much easier to permit these events for both the Council and for the various events organizers. At those meetings, all the various City departments are in the room giving their input and are then made aware of what these events are and when they will take place. **Ms. Lowe** said the Advisory Committee has met three times to create more of a system so everyone on the Committee has knowledge of the events coming forward, and would discuss the Council President's concern about the completion of event organizers' requirements with the Advisory Committee at their next meeting.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Verga, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent, to permit the Cape Ann YMCA on Friday, May 10, 2013 to hold the Backshore 5 Mile Road Race with the following conditions:

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Scheduled Public Hearings:

1. **PH2013-023: Loan Order # 2013- 002: A. Loan Authorization in the amount of \$3,075,000; B. Loan Authorization in the amount of \$1,225,000; C. Loan Authorization in the amount of \$2,200,000 re: Commercial Street/Fort Square Infrastructure Project**

Linda T. Lowe, City Clerk informed the Council that it is in receipt of a memo from Jim Duggan, CAO dated today requesting on behalf of the Administration for the Council to continue this public hearing to the regularly scheduled Council meeting of June 24, 2013. **Council President Hardy** said that the Council tries to avoid scheduling such matters for the last week of June. After polling the Council, she said this matter would be taken up at the Council's special meeting on June 18th and would start that meeting 6:30 p.m. to accommodate the continuance of this matter.

Council President Hardy declared the public hearing is opened and continued to June 18, 2013.

This public hearing is continued to June 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

2. **PH2013-024: Proposed amendment to the Beach and Stage Fort Park Regulations pursuant to Sec. 7-16 of the City Charter and any amendments to relevant sections in the Gloucester Code of Ordinances**

This public hearing is opened.

Those speaking in favor:

Mark Cole, Assistant DPW Director said that the revisions pertain to the first several sections of sticker eligibility to make it easier to understand for those selling the stickers and the people to buy the stickers. He met with the O&A Committee.

Councilor Ciolino asked if these changes should take care of recurring issues. **Mr. Cole** said it should. **Councilor Ciolino** said if the person owns property in the City and leases a car can they get a beach sticker. **Mr. Cole** said that as long as a copy of the actual lease is in hand along with the car registration at the time the person comes for a beach sticker and is in the rules and regulations; a tax bill will not do for a leased car.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions:

Councilor McGeary asked about vehicles with dealer plates. **Mr. Cole** said dealer plates are not eligible, and the regulation also spells this out clearly.

This public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion of Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council approval of the proposed changes to the DPW Beach & Stage Fort Park Regulations concerning Beach Parking/Sticker Eligibility Regulations as on file with the City Council of March 27, 2013; and are hereby amended based on the proposed March 27, 2013 regulations and shall be filed permanently in the City Clerk's Office as DPW Regulations as approved by the City Council and pursuant to Sections 7-16 and 10-4 of the City Charter.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Theken said these changes will assist in the clarification of the rules and regulations governing beach stickers and who is eligible as Mr. Cole outline. She said these changes will make clearer to all who come to purchase beach stickers and to those whom the City hires to sell them.

Councilor Cox noted in the Rules and Regulations related to beach and park rental fees that it doesn't indicate rental of the gazebo at Stage Fort Park is free of charge to residents. **Mr. Cole** said it is not listed because it is not a fee. The appendix is just for fees charged. If a person inquires as to the use of the gazebo and is a resident they are informed it is free of charge. The fees are voted by the City Council through the Code of Ordinances. The location for fees is the back two pages of the rules and regulations, he said.

MOTION: On motion of Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted by **ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent, to approve the proposed changes to the DPW Beach & Stage Fort Park Regulations concerning Beach Parking/Sticker Eligibility Regulations as on file with the City Council of March 27, 2013; and are hereby amended based on the proposed March 27, 2013 regulations and shall be filed permanently in the City Clerk's Office as DPW Regulations as approved by the City Council and pursuant to Sections 7-16 and 10-4 of the City Charter.**

3. PH2013- 025: Amend GCO, Chapter 22, Sec. 22-287 (Disabled veteran, handicapped parking) re: Perkins Street #39

This public hearing is opened.

Those speaking in favor: None.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions: None.

This public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion of Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-287 (Disabled veteran, handicapped parking) by ADDING one (1) handicapped parking space at Perkins Street #39."

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Theken informed the Council that the Traffic Commission reviewed this matter and approved it.

MOTION: On motion of Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted **BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed to "AMEND GCO Sec. 22-287 (Disabled veteran, handicapped parking) by ADDING one (1) handicapped parking space at Perkins Street #39."**

4. PH2013- 026: Amend GCO, Chapter 22, Sec. 22-287 (Disabled veteran, handicapped parking) re: Harold Avenue #8

This public hearing is opened.

Those speaking in favor:

Janelle Puopolo, one of the owners of the home at Harold Avenue #8, said the parking space was requested on behalf of her father who had been ill, and that this spot is for him to get in and out of their home without being hurt and is more accessible access now that he is getting better. **Council President Hardy** asked if was explained that a handicapped space is for anyone on a public way with a valid handicapped placard which Ms. Puopolo said it had.

Those speaking in opposition: None.
Communications: None.
Councilor Questions:
This public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion of Councilor Whynott, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-287 (Disabled veteran, handicapped parking) by ADDING one (1) handicapped parking space in front of Harold Avenue #8.”

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Theken said that the Traffic Commission also approved this creation of a handicapped space.

MOTION: On motion of Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed to “AMEND GCO Sec. 22-287 (Disabled veteran, handicapped parking) by ADDING one (1) handicapped parking space in front of Harold Avenue #8.”

5. PH2013- 027: Amend Sec. 22-287 (Disabled veteran, handicapped parking) by Deleting Granite Street #9

This public hearing is opened.
Those speaking in favor: None.
Those speaking in opposition: None.
Communications: None.
Councilor Questions: None.
This public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent, to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-287 by “DELETING one (1) handicap parking space at Granite Street #9.”

- 6. PH2013- 028: Amend Sec. 22-270.1 (Resident Sticker Parking Only) by ADDING Fort Square for its entire length (from #2 to #59)**
- 7. PH2013- 029: Amend Sec. 22-271 (Parking Prohibited from May 1 to September 15-Generally) by DELETING Beach Court for its entire length; and Amend Sec. 22-270.1 (Resident Sticker Parking Only) by ADDING Beach Court for its entire length**
- 8. PH2013-030: Amend Sec. 22-271 (Parking Prohibited from May 1 to September 15-Generally) by DELETING Commercial Street #17-21 westerly side in a southerly direction to its intersection with Beach Court; and Amend Sec. 22-270.1 (Resident Sticker Parking Only) by ADDING Commercial Street #17-21 westerly side in a southerly direction to its intersection with Beach Court**

These public hearings are opened.
Those speaking in favor: None.
Those speaking in opposition: None.
Communications: None.
Councilor Questions:

Councilor Whynott noted more and more of these types of changes are coming forward and asked if the residents understand the ramifications of making such changes. **Councilor Cox** said she flyer'd the entire area with the notice of the Traffic Commission meeting to which numerous residents showed up. It was communicated to those in attendance that anyone with a resident sticker or beach sticker is allowed to park in the affected areas. The Ciamartaro/Gemellaro playground parking area is not included so that is opened to any visitor to it. If there is someone parking on the street from out of town they run the chance of getting a ticket. All the residents present understood the consequences and benefits, she said.

Council President Hardy asked if angle parking is still an issue with these changes and was the area in front of the café, Chamber of Commerce and Dental Office affected. She was informed by **Councilors Cox** and **Theken** that it was not.

Council President Hardy asked where the restricted beach parking begins. **Councilor Cox** noted #17 through 21 Commercial Street is on the border of Tally's property. That is the residential portion of Commercial Street that is currently year round residential only parking; the entire length of Beach Court both sides and then Fort Square. Commercial Street that is for commercial businesses is not involved. Beach Court both sides is already residential parking only, but it is seasonal. This action will take the parking from seasonal resident sticker parking to year round resident sticker parking. There are resident stickers available at the Treasurer's Office for \$5 each or a beach sticker is the equivalent which proves a resident's vehicle.

Ms. Lowe said a year or two ago the Council passed an ordinance that it is a beach sticker which shows the vehicle belongs to a resident for these restricted areas which was further refined by the Council that a resident sticker was created that costs \$5 to show residency for a vehicle owner. The resident sticker does not allow the resident sticker holder to park at the beach areas. **Councilor Cox** also clarified the residential sticker that costs \$5 is multi-year and those residential stickers are available year round for purchase. There still must be proof of residency and the vehicle registration has to also be presented. **Councilor Theken** noted the resident sticker is free to seniors.

Councilor Cox reiterated both sides of Beach Court are residential year round. Commercial Street is only being changed for 17-21 Commercial Street and is to Beach Court. It is only 8 parking spaces on Commercial Street. She confirmed this action is very much in favor by the residents. **Councilor Theken** said the O&A Committee worked with Councilor Cox and that these changes were by mutual agreement and that they did work with the residents of the area to come to consensus.

Councilor Ciolino asked how these ordinance changes would be enforced. This is not on the parking enforcement route. **Councilor Theken** said the residents will call the police if there is a parking issue. It will work the same way it does in Magnolia, Lanesville and East Gloucester, she said. **Councilor Ciolino** said this is a drop a dime situation. **Councilor Cox** reiterated the residents are in favor of this. **Councilor Whynott** said he would vote for this and that the Fort has a great deal going on; but he noted Gloucester is a tourist destination and that this will limit visitor parking and narrow it severely as movements like this continues neighborhood by neighborhood. **Councilor McGeary** asked some of this change on Commercial Street is where Tally's park their towing vehicles; and **Councilor Cox** said it was but illegally.

Council President Hardy asked if the fines are defined in the Code of Ordinances. **Councilor Cox** said this is not the first street to be given this designation but that she would look into how the Police ticket such situations.

This public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion of Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-270.1 (Resident Sticker Parking Only) by ADDING "Fort Square for its entire length (from #2 to #59)."

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On motion of Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent, to "AMEND GCO Sec. 22-270.1 (Resident Sticker Parking Only) by ADDING "Fort Square for its entire length (from #2 to #59)."

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DISCUSSION:

Councilor Theken said these changes to the Code of Ordinances have been vetted by the Traffic Commission and that the O&A Committee has discussed these matters extensively and knows the neighbors are in favor of these changes.

MOTION: On motion of Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent, to "AMEND GCO Sec. 22-271 (Parking Prohibited from May 1 to September 15-Generally) by DELETING Beach Court for its entire length and AMEND Sec. 22-270.1 (Resident Sticker Parking Only) by ADDING Beach Court for its entire length."

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DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On motion of Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Tobey) absent, to “AMEND GCO Sec. 22-271 (Parking Prohibited from May 1 to September 15-Generally) by DELETING Commercial Street #17-21 westerly side in a southerly direction to its intersection with Beach Court; and AMEND Sec. 22-270.1 (Resident Sticker Parking Only) by ADDING Commercial Street #17-21 westerly side in a southerly direction to its intersection with Beach Court.”

For Council Vote: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

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

Councilors’ Requests to the Mayor:

Councilor Whynott noted the traffic motions just passed in the last three public hearings that the fines should be looked into; and that it should be defined and suggested all fines for traffic violations should be looked into. He also noted there are three lights out on the Rotary Circle. These are the same ones out before but had been fixed. He asked they be fixed promptly.

Councilor Cox thanked Ambie Orlando for organizing Saturday’s clean up of Burnham’s Field. She also thanked Patti Amaral for cleaning up around the Emerald Forest and to those who did anything for Earth Day.

Councilor McGearry noted Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Rose Baker Senior Center there will be a forum on underage drinking attended by District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett to go over Social Host Liability Law. He also noted Saturday night at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Essex will have a fundraiser to benefit featuring the Kent School Choir. The money raised will support the Grace Center Program for the homeless in Gloucester’s downtown shared by three City churches.

Councilor Ciolino said the Pride Stride is this Sunday at Stage Fort Park and encouraged everyone to come down and participate. The event starts at 11 a.m. He said he will be the official hamburger flipper.

Councilor LeBlanc noted the water project is back in action on Governors Hill area at the Hampton Hill, Hovey Street, and Babson Court area. **Contacts:** Field Engineer, Rick Spaulding can be reached at 978-500-8490; the DPW Engineer, Paul Keane can be reached at 978-281-9725 and also the Councilor’s phone number is 978-283-3360. There is also a link on website www.waterworksgloucester.com which has updated information periodically about water shut-offs and other notices. He also updated the work on Newell Stadium. The bleachers are going up and the scoreboard is going up also. The field should be installed by June 1st. The stadium is on target for a September 6th first Friday night under the lights, and is coming in under budget. He also noted he is submitting a Request to the Mayor to immediately fix a leak in the ceiling of the American Legion building’s kitchen. The roof has been leaking, and if it is not fixed soon, he said, it would cost twice as much to repair. He said this situation has been going on for some time and that the damage is increasing daily and needs to be fixed immediately.

Councilor Theken thanked the other Councilors for their websites and updating the Council on their ward’s information. She also noted under Medicare all cancer medications and nausea medications are supposed to be under Part B. Six oral cancer medications are under Part B. She said please have someone to call her at the Addison Gilbert Hospital at 978-283-4001x623.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgenson
Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.