

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

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Present: Chair, Councilor Paul McGeary; Vice Chair, Councilor Robert Whynott; Councilor Joseph Ciolino; Councilor Melissa Cox; Councilor Steve LeBlanc, Jr.; Councilor Greg Verga; Councilor Paul Lundberg; Councilor William Fonvielle

Absent: Councilor Stewart

Also Present: Mayor Sefatia Theken; Linda T. Lowe; Kenny Costa; Jim Destino

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. The Council President, in accordance with state Open Meeting Law, announced that the meeting is recorded by video and audio.

Council President McGeary pointed out hanging on the Kyrouz Auditorium balcony the latest of what will be a total of 15 quilts exemplifying the city's neighborhoods. This one, unveiled earlier in the day by Mayor Theken and a number of City Councilors who were also present, shows the city's downtown, with the Legion Building, City Hall, the Joan of Arc Statute, churches. This is the work of seniors of the Rose Baker Senior Center under the direction of Juni Van Dyke, and it is done all by volunteers. He said this is a wonderful addition to the city's rich artistic heritage. A list of those who participated in creating the quilt was displayed at the dais.

Flag Salute & Moment of Silence.

Oral Communications: None.

Presentations/Commendations: Presentation by the Gloucester High School Sailing Team

William Gleckner, 25 Brier Road, a former captain of the Gloucester High School Sailing Team said that the team is competing in its most native element, Gloucester Harbor, and pointed out he has continued to sail with the program even though has graduated high school. He said that this program benefits the community in a special way, providing the young people a tangible way of connecting with the city's heritage. He added that the GHS sailing gets young people sailing in a more accessible and open way than any other sailing program he's experienced. This program keeps the harbor full of active boats, he said, and expressed his appreciation to those members of the community who support the team, as well as Gloucester's Mayor.

Sarah Gallagher, 22 Howe Street, Ipswich, a member of the GHS sailing team for five seasons, captain -- fall of 2014 and spring of 2015, said that while attending Ipswich High School she has met through the program many wonderful people, learned many racing techniques and skills being involved in a unique team sport. The program is fortunate to have the staff, resources, extensive equipment, coaching staff, dock and harbor space to run the program. She pointed out she'd be unable to sail at all during the year were it not for this program.

Connor Prisby, 5 Beachview Road, Ipswich, reiterated that the GHS Sailing Team program is open and accessible to all area high schoolers. He pointed out that many sailing programs are prohibitive financially and some are not as accessible, unlike the GHS sailing program. He noted he had improved his sailing skills through the spring and fall.

Mark Bos, 24 Langsford Street, said he has participated in the GHS Sailing Team program -- helping with the program and as an experienced former internationally competitive sailor which he gave up due to injuries. He noted last year he was working with the sailing program saying that the sailing students have been helpful to him to learn to solo sail in a Laser class sailboat. He said the students inspired and motivated him, helping him to re-learn his sailing skills and in turn he hoped he could help the students learn from his past experiences. He said the program is an asset to the community and very inspirational. He thanked the Mayor for her support.

Patti Page, 3 Tidal Cove Way, also thanked Mayor Theken, and Jim Destino, Chief Administrator, for their support of the GHS Sailing Program and extended her thanks to the City Council. She then described the GHS program composed of middle and high school students, and listed the team of instructors supporting the program. The program offers a learn-to-sail program and a high school race team as members of the Mass. Bay League in a coed setting. The program has the largest fleet of sail boats of any high school program in the area. She noted the program has a state-of-the-art floating dock for sailboats thanks to former Mayor Kirk anchored off of the State Fish Pier. She also noted that the sailing venue for the program hosts many high school competitions. Maritime

Gloucester supports the sailing summer program by opening their facilities to them and winter storage. Mortillaro Lobster has also supported the program during the cold months of the year.

Ms. Page highlighted the collaborative community efforts of many community sponsors, but pointed out the generosity of Linzee Coolidge, Maritime Gloucester, Peter Bent of Brown's Yacht Yard, the Eastern Point Yacht Club and the Annisquam Yacht Club. She also highlighted the need secure an adequate and permanent shore side facility and waterfront access for the program to continue and grow.

Councilor Ciolino asked about the sailing program structure and who heads it. **Ms. Page** said she originally formed the sailing team with the assent of then Mayor John Bell, the City Council and the Principal of the High School and holds documentation that they are a club activity at the High School and not part of the MIAA. The sailing program sails under US Sailing and Mass. Bay League. **Councilor Ciolino** said moving forward he asked if the sailing program should have an organizational committee appointed by the Mayor and asked if such an entity would be beneficial. **Ms. Page** said they have a Board to guide them. She added that to expand the program a city entity would be welcome. What they do now is not able to be expanded upon, she pointed out reiterating the program will no longer be at their current waterfront location and are looking to secure adequate shore side space now. **Councilor Ciolino** suggested in Ms. Page's efforts to secure the future of the sailing program to work with the Administration to make a stronger, more formalized program.

Councilor Verga asked if this organization is a non-profit. **Ms. Page** said they are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and that their parent "booster club" raises funds to defray costs and expenses for the sailing program.

Councilor Cox asked if the High School does anything for the Sailing Team. **Ms. Page** said she pledged she wouldn't ask for any funding or resources from the School Department and has not done so to date -- the club program is completely independent. The High School's Athletic Director is very supportive, she noted. It is a free program spring and fall to all students. A fee of \$100 per week is charged for the summer sailing program, and there is a scholarship program for those who are unable to afford it. **Councilor Cox** offered her assistance to the program as the Ward 2 Councilor.

Councilor LeBlanc said he supports the sailing program, and he cautioned that sports programs that might come before the Council for support need to keep in mind that they are separate, especially where support for many programs already exists. He asked if the YMCA had a sailing program. **Ms. Page** noted other teams are supported by playing fields and equipment through the high school's Athletic Department. The YMCA, she said, is more of a recreational instructional program for young children. The children age out and move to their sailing program, acting as a quasi-feeder program.

Council President McGeary asked how many children participate. **Ms. Page** said it is 18 participants in the spring and fall team sailing program, and approximately 90 students each summer.

Confirmation of New Appointments:

Clean City Commission

Patty Amaral, Charlotte Ohannessian, Amy Kerr

TTE 02/14/18

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Stewart, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Patty Amaral to the Clean City Commission, TTE 02/14/18.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Amaral, 14 Myrtle Square, gave the Councilors a carry-in/carry out bag which she had designed and produced at her expense to pass out to beachgoers. She said that the Clean City Commission is looking to see the litter laws better enforced to ensure cleaner beaches and many areas of the city. She said something big needs to happen in order to have an impact to keep the city clean. She displayed a carry-in/carry-out banner for the Council as well.

Councilor Whynott said Ms. Amaral was a great leader and commended her efforts for a cleaner Gloucester over the years.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Whynott, seconded by Councilor Verga, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint Patty Amaral to the Clean City Commission, TTE 02/14/18.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Charlotte Ohannessian to the Clean City Commission, TTE 02/14/18.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Ohannessian, 32 Fort Square, explained that she sat on the board of the North Shore Health Project and Gloucester Family Health Center Board and is retired and sees her membership on the Clean City Commission that as a way to give back to the city.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Whynott, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Charlotte Ohannessian to the Clean City Commission, TTE 02/14/18.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Stewart, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Amy Kerr to the Clean City Commission, TTE 02/14/18.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Kerr, 3 Ledge Road, said that as a member of the staff of Ocean Alliance, a non-profit organization as their social media coordinator, having a clean city was important to her as a clean ocean is to its denizens and looked forward working with the Commission. She said she has worked with Ms. Amaral and Ms. Ohannessian in helping with clean-up efforts in the city for the past year and a half every Saturday morning.

Councilor Verga said every year there is a reinvention of the wheel to try and get Route 133 cleaned up and asked that there be a plan developed by the Clean City Commission moving forward to coordinate these efforts, and **Councilor Cox** suggested that they also work with the MBTA as well.

Council President McGeary thanked all three of the new appointees who are taking on what he termed a “daunting” task, saying that he hoped their efforts will inspire other people to do this work and join them.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Whynott, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint Amy Kerr to the Clean City Commission, TTE 02/14/18.

Consent Agenda:

- CONFIRMATION OF REAPPOINTMENTS
- MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Memorandum from General Counsel & the Inter-municipal Agreement with the towns of Rockport & Manchester-by-the Sea re: District Veterans' Services Office (Refer O&A & B&F)
2. Memorandum from EMS Coordinator re: updating City of Gloucester Fire Department Ambulance Service Billing & Collection Policy (Refer B&F)
3. Memorandum, Grant Application & Checklist from the Community Development Department re: U.S. Economic Development Administration Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant-Blackburn Seafood Processing Cluster (Refer B&F)
4. Memorandum & Loan Order from the Chief Financial Officer re: the U.S. Economic Development Administration Public Works And Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant to provide the city's match funding in the amount of \$555,500 (Refer B&F)
5. Memorandum, Grant Application & Checklist from the Community Development Department re: PARC Grant from the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs – Light Up Mattos Field (Refer B&F)
6. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (2015-SBT-44) from the Community Development Department (Refer B&F)
7. Memorandum from Community Development Director re: the Executive Summary to the Gulf of Main Research Institute (GMRI) Marine Innovation Center Concept Study (Refer P&D)
8. Memorandum from General Counsel re: Grant of Easement for 91 Commercial Street (Refer P&D)
9. New Appointments: Gloucester Housing Authority TTE 02/15/2020 Scott B. Duffany
Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee TEE 02/14/2018 Frederick J. Geisel (rep. neighborhood abutting the park) (Refer O&A)

- COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS

1. Response to Oral Communications of February 17, 2015 City Council Meeting to Hilary Frye regarding boating community in the City (Info Only)
2. Invitation from the Gloucester Lodge of Elks No. 892 re: Flag Day Ceremonies on June 11, 2015 (Info Only)
3. Appointment of Ward 5 Councilor William Fonvielle as the City Council representative to the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee (Info Only)

- APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS

1. SCP2015-003: 15 Western Avenue, Unit No. 2 (“Condominium”), Assessors Map #2, Lot #69; Modification of Special Council Granted on June 6, 2000 under GZO Sec. 2.3.1(4)(a) (GZO 2008 Sec. 2.3.1.6) (Refer P&D)
2. PP2015-002: Petition of National Grid for installation of underground facilities from Leonard Street to 1 Chester Square (Refer P&D)

- **COUNCILORS ORDERS**

1. CC2015-018 (Cox) Amend GCO c. 21 "Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places" be amended by ADDING a new section entitled, "Sec. 21-13. Obstructions" (Refer O&A & B&F)
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
1. City Council Meeting: May 12, 2015 (Approve/File)
2. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 05/21/15 (under separate cover), O&A 05/18/15, P&D 05/20/15 (Approve/File)

Unanimous Consent Calendar:

1. Special Event Application: request to hold Main Street Block Parties, June 20, July 18, and August 15, 2015 (Refer P&D)

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

Councilor Verga highlighted a report, #7 under the Mayor's Report, "Memorandum from Community Development Director re: the Executive Summary to the Gulf of Main Research Institute (GMRI) Marine Innovation Center Concept Study" which he pointed out he had asked for from the previous Administration and that the Council is only just now receiving it.

By unanimous consent of the City Council the Consent Agenda and Unanimous Consent Calendar was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance: May 21, 2015

1. ***Grant application & checklist from Council on Aging to accept a FY15 Formula Grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs***

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council accept under MGL c. 44, §53A, a Mass. State FY2015 Formula Grant Allocation from the Mass. Executive Office of Elder Affairs for a total of \$59,232.00.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox explained that this is an annual grant the Council on Aging receives. The proposed use of the grant funds will support the salary for the Senior Center Clerk, partial salary for an Outreach Social Worker, a salary supplement for an Art Coordinator and a part time salary for the Activities Assistant, as in previous fiscal years. There is no match, she confirmed.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Fonvielle, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Stewart) absent, to accept under MGL c. 44, §53A, a Mass. State FY2015 Formula Grant Allocation from the Mass. Executive Office of Elder Affairs for a total of \$59,232.00.

2. ***Acceptance of a Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR)-Blynman Canal Repair Construction Seed Money from the DCR Division of Waterways (Seaport Advisory Council)***

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council accept under MGL c. 44, §53A, a Blynman Canal Repair Construction Seed Money grant (P14-2883-G04 (3943) from the Mass. Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs, Department of Conservation & Recreation through the Seaport Advisory Council for \$200,000.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox said that the Mass. Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs, Department of Conservation & Recreation through the Seaport Advisory Council had awarded the city a reimbursement grant

totaling \$200,000, awarded back in October 2013 but was not sent to the Council for acceptance. She advised that work starts June 1 at the Blynman Canal. These funds were used to pay for engineering and permitting but are not associated with the Stacy Boulevard seawall repair project although it, too, begins shortly. She pointed out that Seaport Advisory Council money will now come under the auspices of MassDOT.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Fonvielle, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Stewart) absent, to accept under MGL c. 44, §53A, a Blynman Canal Repair Construction Seed Money grant (P14-2883-G04 (3943) from the Mass. Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs, Department of Conservation & Recreation through the Seaport Advisory Council for \$200,000.

3. *Special Budgetary Transfer 2015-SBT 43 from Auditor's Office*

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Special Budgetary Transfer 2015-SBT-43 in the amount of \$959.00 from Account #101000.10.135.51920.0000.00.000.00.051, Auditor, Sick Leave Buy Back, to Account #101000.10.111.51250.0000.00.000.00.051, City Council, Salary/Wage Part-Time Position, for the purpose of fully funding the City Council, Salary-Wages Part-time Position account for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2015.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox said that in order to fund a deficit in the City Council, Salary/Wage Part-Time Position account, the City Auditor was able to fill the funding gap with money remaining in his department's Sick Leave Buy Back Incentive line item as it was less than budgeted to make this account whole. She thanked Mr. Costa for locating the funding for the deficit.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Fonvielle, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Stewart) absent, to approve Special Budgetary Transfer 2015-SBT-43 in the amount of \$959.00 from Account #101000.10.135.51920.0000.00.000.00.051, Auditor, Sick Leave Buy Back, to Account #101000.10.111.51250.0000.00.000.00.051, City Council, Salary/Wage Part-Time Position, for the purpose of fully funding the City Council, Salary-Wages Part-time Position account for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2015.

4. *Memorandum from Mayor regarding two matters pertaining to the FY16 budget:*

A) Administration's Capital Plan Funding & Free Cash Distribution Policy

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council endorse the policy for the use of certified free cash summarized in the Administration's memo entitled, "Capital Plan Funding & Free Cash Distribution Policy." The percentages set forth in the policy are approximate. The policy proposes to allocate certified free cash as follows:

- Capital Stabilization Fund 40 percent;
- Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund 20 percent;
- General Stabilization Fund 10 percent
- Unreserved free cash: Remainder funds 30 percent.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox said the Administration is asking the City Council's endorsement of the policy for Capital Plan Funding and a Free Cash Distribution Policy which the B&F Committee also believes is a sound fiscal policy overall. She said by putting these policies in place it will allow the city to start to plan for capital projects by setting money aside for them and not have to use General Fund monies to pay for them but rather paying for them with Department of Revenue (DOR) certified free cash. A Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund will need to be established by vote of the City Council this fall and funded by FY15 free cash. The formula the Administration has

put forward the Committee believes to be appropriate for free cash distribution to the Stabilization Funds which is: Capital Stabilization Fund 40 percent; Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund 20 percent; General Stabilization Fund 10 percent and the remainder as unreserved free cash 30 percent. She noted that as far as bond rating agencies are concerned, such a fiscal policy will be viewed by them as sound financial planning, and as an added bonus to the city, the Funds can be leveraged for grant matching funds for city capital improvements and building projects.

Councilor Verga said that he supported this policy. Free cash isn't free, and it is smart to set funds aside to maintain and build for the city's future, he said.

Councilors Cox, LeBlanc, Whynott and Fonvielle added their approbation for the new fiscal policy of the Administration.

Council President McGeary said he also supported the motion. He stressed the policy was just that—a policy and not an ordinance. While it would behoove whoever is mayor to adhere to the policy, it allows for emergencies. He noted that the city has spent \$100 million on water, sewer and CSO infrastructure replacement in recent years, which has to be borrowed. Money paying for that debt service is taking away from city services, and this should help to prevent such “catchup spending” in the future

Councilor Lundberg said the Administration deserves credit for putting these financial policies forward. He said he will put in a request to hear from the Capital Improvements Advisory Board report to the Council due to the new policy being put into place.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Fonvielle, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Stewart) absent, to endorse the policy for the use of certified free cash summarized in the Administration's memo entitled, “Capital Plan Funding & Free Cash Distribution Policy.” The percentages set forth in the policy are approximate. The policy proposes to allocate certified free cash as follows:

- **Capital Stabilization Fund 40 percent;**
- **Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund 20 percent;**
- **General Stabilization Fund 10 percent**
- **Unreserved free cash: Remainder funds 30 percent.**

B) Request from Administration to link approximately 30% of the revenue received from Hotel/Motel excise tax to the Tourism Commission budget

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council endorse the policy of allocating approximately 30 percent of the city's share of Hotel/Motel excise tax revenue to support the city's tourism efforts.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox said as to the funds from the locally adopted excise tax on hotels and motels, approximately 30 percent as proposed by the Administration, will be used to fund the city's Tourism budget, although not this year. She said it will be on-going, and can be planned for. Part of this proposal was meeting with all the tourism satellite groups in the city and making sure they were all on board, which they are, she said. She noted that by funding Tourism this way it will be appropriate moving forward to allow for expanded programming and planning. Estimated revenue is \$475,000 for FY16 from the hotel/motel excise tax. Because there hasn't been a transition yet to a new entity for tourism, the FY16 budget is pegged at \$150,000 for the department.

Councilor Verga said this is a good idea long overdue. It makes sense to have these funds invested in tourism because the money stays in the city essentially.

Councilor Fonvielle said conventional wisdom is that you get back \$7 for every dollar invested. This will allow actual planning for the future with a relatively stable base of revenue, and give the city the ability to look to the future to make plans in a rational way.

Councilor Ciolino said in January just after being sworn in, he asked for the Council's support to encourage some kind of mechanism to support tourism through a Request to the Mayor. He suggested that this is what came forward from that request which exceeded their expectations. He thanked the Administration for their support of tourism in this forward-thinking way. With a new hotel opening in the city in the coming months, it will only mean more revenue, he pointed out, and allows for better and more promotion of the city, as well as putting the city's name out highlighting the benefits of living, visiting and doing business in Gloucester. He expressed his hope any new Administration continues to support these policies.

Councilor Lundberg said the power of these dollars is measurable. He said this Administration did a great job in organizing an outreach marketing program in conjunction with the Boston International Seafood Exposition this past spring. It is a great example of what can be done with local resources, he said.

Council President McGeary said that this was an unnecessary motion as was the previous motion but an important one as this is not a matter either for codification in the Code of Ordinances. As the new city tourism entity comes forward, this is policy becomes a clear metric – 30 percent of the hotel/motel revenue, if it goes up, the entity will benefit from it directly with more funding and ability to expand its programs which becomes a tangible incentive. This is a policy not an ordinance but is a worthy one, one which any new mayor would do well to follow.

Councilor Ciolino said to have a paper trail is important for future reference for matters such as this and commended the Council President for bringing this and the previous motion forward.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Fonvielle, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Stewart) absent, to endorse the policy of allocating approximately 30 percent of the city's share of Hotel/Motel excise tax revenue to support the city's tourism efforts.

Ordinances & Administration: May 18, 2015

Councilor Whynott advised there were no matters for Council action from this meeting for this evening.

Planning & Development: May 20, 2015

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Lundberg, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council amend its vote of March 10, 2015 which permitted the St. Peter's Fiesta from Wednesday evening, June 24, 2015 through Sunday, June 28, 2015 as follows:

That Condition #4 concerning temporary lighting near the Beauport LLC property and Condition #6 concerning the contribution of \$3,000 for added police details because of that property's use be DELETED as the Beauport property is not being used for the 2015 St. Peter's Fiesta. Further, that the revised conditions be numbered 1 through 5;

and by ADDING the following condition:

"5. That the St. Peter's Fiesta Committee has permission to use the area of St. Peter's Commercial Marina, a city-owned dock, behind the Cape Ann Brewery, for the purposed of a Fisheries Exhibit in conjunction with local fishermen and the New England Fisheries Coalition."

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Verga explained that as the Beauport Gloucester property is no longer being used by the St. Peter's Fiesta, that condition needed to be removed along with the condition related to it, which called for a contribution to the extra police details that extending the footprint of Fiesta to that property required. Additionally, the area of St. Peter's Commercial Marina, which is city-owned, behind the Cape Ann Brewery will be used for a Fisheries Exhibit and that had been omitted from the conditions.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Verga seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Stewart) absent, to amend its vote of March 10, 2015 which permitted the St. Peter's Fiesta from Wednesday evening, June 24, 2015 through Sunday, June 28, 2015 as follows:

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and by ADDING the following condition:

“5. That the St. Peter’s Fiesta Committee has permission to use the area of St. Peter’s Commercial Marina, a city-owned dock, behind the Cape Ann Brewery, for the purposed of a Fisheries Exhibit in conjunction with local fishermen and the New England Fisheries Coalition.”

Scheduled Public Hearings:

1. **PH2015-020: Amend c. 22, Sec. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times” and Sec. 22-291 “Tow-away zones” by DELETING Kondelin Road, both sides from its intersection with Magnolia Avenue for its entire length from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.; and amend Sec. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times” and Sec. 22-291 “Tow-away zones” by ADDING Kondelin Road, from its intersection with Magnolia Avenue, for its entire length, on the westerly side (even numbered properties) from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.**

This public hearing is opened at 8:03 p.m.

Council President McGeary said that there are issues still to be worked out related to this Council Order and the matter is still in process with the O&A Committee at this time. He continued the Public Hearing to July 28.

This public hearing is continued to July 28, 2015.

2. **PH2015-021: Amend Chapter 2, Division 10 “Committee for the Arts by ADDING additional language to Subsection (b)**

This public hearing is opened at 8:03 p.m.

Council President McGeary said that this matter is also still in process with the O&A Committee at this time. He continued the Public Hearing to July 28.

This matter is continued to July 28, 2015

2. **PH2015-027: SCP2015-001: Concord Street #250, Map 248, Lot 13, GZO Sec. 5.13 Personal Wireless Service Facility**

This public hearing was opened at 8:03 p.m.

Council President McGeary said that this matter is still under consideration by the Planning & Development Committee and will be continued with the assent of the applicant on file, to June 23.

This public hearing is continued to June 23, 2015.

For Council Vote:

1. **CC2015-013 (Cox) Whether the City Council wishes to petition the state to lower the speed limit on Burnham Street to 20 miles per hour**

Councilor Cox said that she wished to withdraw the matter. The proof she needs from the city to the State is not available. She would obtain a petition from the neighborhood and bring the matter back again.

This matter is withdrawn with the unanimous consent of the Council.

Unfinished Business: None.

**Individual Councilor’s Discussion including Reports by Appointed Councilors to Committees: None.
Councilors’ Requests to the Mayor:**

Councilor LeBlanc said that the street remediation work underway on Washington Street will take some time and urged patience to the area’s neighborhood and to residents that drive the roadway from Grant Circle to Exchange Street. He advised concerned Ward 3 constituents to call him with any issues they may have during the project. He thanked the DPW for their recent cross-walk painting and for their paving roads in great disrepair.

Councilor Cox thanked Adam Curcuru and Lucia Amero of the city's Veterans' Services Department for organizing a memorable Memorial Day service. She invited the public to attend the Bronze Star Award Ceremony Fri., May 29, 11:00 a.m. at City Hall, and noted the Civil War Memorial Rededication June 6 at 11:00 a.m.

Councilor Lundberg commended the Rose Baker Senior Center's Director, Lucy Sheehan, Director and Juni Van Dyke, Art Director and how the city is to have such great staff at an important city organization.

Councilor Ciolino added his approbation of the Memorial Day ceremonies, and highlighted that there is an oversized flag being flown adjacent to the Bridge Tender's House at the Blynman Bridge which will be raised only for special occasions. He extended his thanks to Ringo Tarr and those that work with him to keep the flags flying on Stacy Boulevard. It makes the city look great, he said.

Councilor Fonvielle said that the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee held its first meeting this evening at 6 p.m. That Committee is formed, with David Dow as it's Chair, and Steve Kaity as its Vice Chair, and they will now move forward, he advised.

He also reported on his recent trip to Iceland and said that Gloucester is well known and regarded there. He attended an event in the Reykjavik Innovation House. He said he spent a half day with the founder of the Iceland Ocean Cluster House which is housed in, owned by the city formerly a warehouse immediately on Reykjavik's working harbor. Over 50 companies have offices under one roof which encourages collaboration, and he described the wide variety of businesses, all water-related that includes a restaurant specializing in seafood with a fish market planned there soon. The Icelandic Ocean House Cluster is in the process of opening a similar Ocean Cluster House in Portland, Maine, and high on the Icelandic agenda is to open such an Ocean Cluster House in Gloucester. He also met with the Economic Development Director for Reykjavik, the Director of Visit Reykjavik and the U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy. As the U.S. Ambassador to Iceland had been stateside during the Councilor's trip. He read in part an email received from the Deputy Chief that day, "The Ambassador and I are very enthusiastic about the potential for building ties between New England and Iceland with a special emphasis on Gloucester...." He pointed out about 24 people are coming to the Gloucester Innovation House to visit and very soon and another wave of visitors are anticipated to come this fall.

Councilor Verga expressed his appreciation for Councilor Fonvielle's report. On Fri., May 29 at 12:30 p.m. the Norcross Gateway will be dedicated and celebrated with a 45 minute hike along the new loop trail (off of Exit 13). He noted that the Essex County Greenbelt Association purchased the property in part with city CPA Funds. He pointed out this property is now greatly improved.

Councilor Whynot said he has been in attendance at Memorial Day ceremonies for many years but this year's was the best, and he was very impressed.

Council President McGeary said he, too, was very impressed with the city's Memorial Day celebration and was touched by the World War II veterans' reading the Role of the Fallen from that war from Gloucester. He shared that his father, having served in that war made it all the more poignant. He pointed out that Councilor Fonvielle went to Iceland at his own expense and at his own initiative to represent the city and commended him for that.

He showed the Council a bird house he acquired at the O'Maley Innovation Middle School two weeks ago. Thirty people representing government, business and technology councils came to the school to view the school's programs. The bird house is made by 6th graders as a first step along their curriculum focused on engineering which starts with woodworking and other crafts which by 8th grade students are doing computer assisted design, 3D printing on printers provided by the Gloucester Education Foundation. He said the birdhouse is a symbol of what is happening in the Gloucester Public Schools. This is the kind of work the city's children are doing. He said it was exciting to walk through the school as he did with representatives of EMC, Applied Materials and Verizon and to hear the buzz in the classrooms, and see the enthusiasm of the faculty. He commended the School Department and particularly the O'Maley Innovation Middle School Principal, Deborah Lucey.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgenson
Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING:

- **Closing Remarks by Patti Page, 3 Tidal Cove Way on behalf of the Gloucester High School Sailing Program**