

**GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, December 1, 2009
7:00 P.M.
Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall
Council Meeting 2009-029**

Present: Council President Bruce Tobey, Council Vice President Sefatia Theken, Councilor Steven Curcuru, Councilor John “Gus” Foote, Councilor Jackie Hardy, Councilor Jason Grow, Councilor Joe Ciolino, Councilor Sharon George, Councilor Phil Devlin

Absent: None.

Also present: Senator Bruce Tarr, Jim Duggan, Laura Dow, Linn Parisi, Sharon DuBois, Christopher Farmer, Jeanne Boland, Bill Salmonfink, Bill Dugan, Jake Vittands, Councilor-Elect Greg Verga, Mona Faherty, Marcia McInnis, Maggie Rosa, Debbie Ryan, Sarah Garcia, Dr. Iain Kerr, Linda Stockman, Tobin Arsenault, Paul Frontiero, Michelle Sweet, John Orlando, Prof. Jack Ahern, David Lang

City Council Meeting 2009-028 was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Flag Salute and Moment of Silence

Council President Tobey advised Councilor Devlin is en route. The meeting is not being broadcast live. There are technical issues with the equipment. The City Clerk is working on a remedy to the situation. He thanked Cape Ann Community Television for taping the meeting this evening for re-broadcasting.

Oral Communications: No one spoke.

Councilor’s Requests to the Mayor: All Councilor requests have been received in writing and forwarded to the office of the Mayor.

Councilor Theken inquired regarding a possible emergency order on an issue related to an item being taken up by O&A on Monday, December 7, 2009. Since it will be taken up at the next Council meeting, it was decided to leave the situation as is.

Portions of the Agenda of the City Council Meeting may be taken out of order.

Confirmation of Appointments:

- 1. William Dugan, Community Preservation Committee, Gloucester Housing Authority Representative TTE 02/14/2010**

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Theken, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council the appointment of William Dugan, Gloucester Housing Authority Representative to the Community Preservation Committee with a term to expire 02/14/2011.

Discussion:

Councilor Foote felt Mr. Dugan is a good appointment to which Council is grateful to him for his service to the City.

Councilor Tobey noted Mr. Dugan is a gentleman who has served this community long and well.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Foote, seconded by Councilor Theken the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed of the appointment of William Dugan, Gloucester Housing Authority Representative to the Community Preservation Committee with a term to expire 02/14/2011.

Presentations:

Tourism Panel:

Councilor Tobey noted the Council invited these guests this evening representing one important aspect of the community's four-pronged portion of our economy and these groups' efforts on increasing Tourism. He acknowledged the role the Clerk's Office had coordinated this group presentation this evening. **Ms. Dow** will moderate and will start.

Panelists:

Laura Dow, Chairwoman, Tourism Commission

Peter Jenner, Tourism Commission

Paul Frontiero, Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce

Lynn Parisi, Seaport Gloucester Destination Marketing Organization (SGDMO)

John Orlando, Chairman, Downtown Development Commission

Ms. Dow introduced the Panel and acknowledged the other members of the Tourism Commission who were all present this evening.

Mr. Jenner spoke about the Tourism Commission's activities in 2009. He noted the Commission opened the Gloucester Visitors Welcoming Center all done with volunteers. 35 private citizens comprised this group who were able to maintain the center to be open 7 days a week between the hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. Many visitors were directed to local attractions, lodging, restaurants, etc. He thanked Carol Mondello for her help and coordination in moving the project along. In August they were approached by a private party who was willing to put up a significant

amount of money to enter into a collaborative venture with the City foundation to retain a public relations firm. After deliberation, the Tourism Commission voted to appropriate \$10,000 of their budget to execute this idea. To date, a combination of private individuals has pledged a very significant amount of money towards this end. As a Commission they believe the public relations campaign will create auxiliary promotion in the form of feature articles and stories that will personify the experience that is Gloucester. This benefits the City and the local economy. Lastly, this coming December 15th they are having a 3rd face-to-face meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and the DMO to unify the message people receive when seeking Gloucester as a destination. They are looking at an overlap in promotion materials and collaboratively trying to seek an effective way for all groups to best market the City for tourism. They have experienced some transitional growing pains over the last few months as a Commission, but believe that we have been overcoming these issues. They are committed to the roles and responsibilities of the Tourism Commission.

Ms. Dow introduced Paul Frontiero who was asked by Bob Hastings, Executive Director of the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce, to represent him this evening as he was out of town.

Mr. Frontiero stated he owns and operates 7-Seas Whale Watch and is a long-time member of the Chamber where he has served as a director on their Board and on their Tourist Committee for the last 13 years. He is on the Board of Directors of Seaport Gloucester DMO. He noted the Cape Ann Chamber has been involved with promoting Gloucester for many years. They have events that feature the amenities of the area. They sponsor travel writers to come and enjoy the diversity of the area in hopes that they encourage people to visit. They have a membership guide and map as well as a very active website for prospective visitors. Mr. Hastings is talking of restructuring many of the efforts of the Chamber to take on more activities. The Chamber has recently voted to develop a Gloucester division which will have subcommittees to take on tourism promotional activities. Mr. Hastings wants to incorporate many activities that worked for him in promoting the Central Maine coast where he previously worked with great success in establishing Rockland area as a tourist destination. He is working on the creation of a Cape Ann Magazine in print as well as on line which will promote the area as a special destination with each of the areas having their uniqueness highlighted. He plans to highlight the area's strengths, diversity and scenic beauty. An active PR campaign is planned and a creation of a major nationally publicized event such as a music festival that would put Gloucester in the forefront. He reiterated his hope and willingness to be able to work together with all tourism groups in the area.

Ms. Dow introduced Lynn Parisi, Executive Director of Seaport Gloucester Destination Marketing Organization ("SGDMO") and acknowledged the members of their Board who were present.

Ms. Parisi acknowledged the City's past support of the SGDMO and that their allegiance is foremost to the City of Gloucester. She has a company, Over the Bridge Tours which arranges customized itineraries for the wholesale tourism markets, and spoke of her

qualifications as a certified tour director to bring groups into Gloucester. She initiated the SGDMO out of frustration getting groups to come and experience all that the area has to offer. She wanted to entice sellers of travel packages to come here to see for themselves and to book their groups into the area. The Commonwealth Visitor's Bureau (CVB) does it for 34 communities and Gloucester was just one of them. She found tour operators believed Plymouth was the only place for Whale Watches and such and felt this needed to change. With no budget and a totally volunteer effort the Seaport Gloucester DMO was formed. They promote tourism by using all aspects of culture to market the area and enhance a tourist's experience and bring money into town. Outreach beyond Gloucester is happening in a big way. They are online at DiscoverGloucester.com. If we do their work well, we'll see more visitors cash come into our City. No one is producing a visitor's guide on a state level. How can we pick this up? They pool our talents and resources just like every other tourist destination is doing. They are providing a presence at wholesale trade shows and consumer trade shows. They got results. Contracts were signed and leads made. She made a distinction of the kind of groups that are now being drawn into Gloucester because of the DMO's efforts. She spoke of co-op advertisements that she believes are active. They are developing museum passes available to consumers on line and for visitors. It was inclusive as possible under the pay-to-play concept. It is the revenue that came from that guide, 76,000 copies. This is what helps to propel us forward. The stories sell Gloucester. They offer networking monthly. Check the DiscoverGloucester.com website for times. This all cost just under \$46,000. There was a one-time grant but most of the money came from the visitor guide.

Ms. Dow introduced **John Orlando**, Chairman of the Downtown Development Commission (DDC). He asked those present to applaud how many think tourism is so important, and yet our information centers are being closed by the State. When they close them on the turnpike they prevent "heads in beds". That means being the owner of a bed and breakfast it limits who gets to know what's going on in the State as they're in their car on their way down the turnpikes. It is extremely important in the tourism industry through "heads in beds" produces a tremendous amount of revenue with the room taxes. We are an industry that actually brings money into the cities and towns in this State, for snow plowing, for schools, for just about everything that the General Fund pays for. A portion of that comes from tourism. He worked at Art Jewelers for 35 years on Main Street and for the last 15 years has owned Harbor View Inn on the Boulevard. The DDC has been very active lately; they have credibility and clout. They also have a little bit of money. The reason they have that money is because of the City Council through Councilor Theken put in an order that additional revenues from parking meters downtown that a portion of that money be given to downtown again. Their thanks go to **Councilor Jackie Hardy** who put **Councilor Joe Ciolino** on the Commission. The Downtown Improvement Committee (DIC) is a subcommittee of the DDC. Tourism is a major industry in Gloucester. And in order for tourists to feel comfortable coming here the City needs to have infrastructure; it needs to have clean streets, a comfortable environment for them. It's been up to the Commission to create that wow factor with a small budget. They are working together with the Tourism Commission, now and in the future, to create the best possible environment to keep our visitors in Gloucester for more than one day, one night. What they'd like from the City is the recognition that when you

speaking about tourism you don't do it in a five minute blip. You give it time. Thank you to the Council for giving us this time tonight. Sitting at this table you have the finest people that you could have to help the City grow in terms of tourism. Tomorrow he will be meeting with the designers for the new Washington Street corridor. The Mayor has asked the DDC to take this project up funded by the State. That meeting includes Mike Hale, Director of the DPW who is the spearhead in this project. This is one of the first steps Gloucester can take for the future of saying to the people coming into the City we care about you we want you here – this is a major corridor and needs to give a good impression to our visitors and take care of handicapped accessibility by giving them the sidewalks and roads they deserve.

Councilor Ciolino thanked them all for their efforts, and they all do a great job. To Mr. Jenner, he said that people have concerns about this gift coming your way, somewhere you need to get something together to say how this is going to be spent, how is this going to be processed and to brief the Budget & Finance Committee so we know what is going on. This will put a lot of concerns to rest. We need to know where the funds are going to be placed. It would be much appreciated.

Mr. Jenner responded that he appreciated Councilor Ciolino's concerns and let him know it is being addressed.

Councilor Ciolino said you need to make a connection and keep us abreast of this. You need to talk to Donna Compton and follow all the procurement rules. This is a delicate line. A gift has to be accepted by the City.

Mr. Jenner said they've been talking to Mr. Duggan.

Councilor Foote said that Gloucester is one of the greatest fishing ports in the world. This is a fisherman's harbor. It has a history that we need to cherish.

Councilor Theken asked Councilor Ciolino to explain about this gift. She expressed how it was difficult to keep open the Tourist Center with just volunteers. Will you be able to pay people to do this? The visitor center is great but parking is poor. It needs to be improved. We can all work together to find solutions for this.

Councilor Ciolino asked Mr. Jenner to speak about this.

Mr. Jenner stated that this money was to start a PR Campaign with these individuals raising funds privately. There is no secret behind it. They're going to match, actually exceed, the money we put up. They'll figure out where the money is going to go. They will go by the book, but they are learning about what has to be done.

Ms. Dow said funds have been coming in to the Gloucester Fund and being earmarked for PR and Ms. Compton is running up an RFP for them. It is definitely a PR campaign. They have a subcommittee to develop it and she named the committee members who will be looking at this.

Councilor Theken asked is it matching through the Commission?

Ms. Dow said they voted to appropriate \$10,000 of their budget to this and an individual matched that and then other people stepped up and donated money. People can send in money to the General Fund and earmark it PR.

Councilor Grow said about the volunteers – we've talked about tax abatement programs, there are limitations on how long they can work, but perhaps this would be way to do it.

Ms. Dow noted they were very lucky with their volunteers and they needed one person to coordinate. Ms. Mondello stepped up to do the coordination. It is a coordinator who is most important.

Councilor Grow said one of the sticking points of getting that tax abatement program for seniors was a problem coordinating which departments would get the volunteers and that this would be something to bring up.

Councilor Ciolino noted that the City Council is accepting \$67,000 from the City Hall Restoration Committee has done fund raising; it was put it into the Gloucester Fund and in B&F Committee we voted to accept it.

Councilors Tobey and Grow thanked the panel. Councilor Tobey thanked them for their volunteerism.

Mr. Orlando noted that the wreaths hanging around the downtown and the parking lot at the town landing, and trees being wrapped with Christmas light, the tree at Kent Circle will be finished up hopefully by Thursday and a tree at Cape Ann Plaza, all of this was funded by the Downtown Improvement Committee. They did this because of fiscal problems with the Chamber and other groups; they felt this was important for the moral of our citizens and our merchants so they could enjoy a festive season. He thanked the Council again for making the money available to the Commission.

Councilor Devlin arrived at 7:25 p.m. to the Council Chambers.

Gloucester Education Foundation:

Maggie Rosa, Executive Director, 26 Fort Hill Avenue was introduced by **Councilor Tobey** and she handed out information to the Council.

She stated she is representing the Board and its community council, and named the members of the Gloucester Educational Foundation (GEF). Until the recent election of Kathy Clancy to the School Committee, she was a member. She also named the members of their advisory group which included the Mayor, Superintendent Farmer, Councilor Tobey and School Committee member Val Gilman.

They've raised over \$1.5 million from a variety of sources. One example of what they've done is to provide about \$600 worth of supplies to High School art students who created 10 paintings which were auctioned off at a silent auction and raised money and the proceeds from it allowed for the reinstatement of the Graphic Arts program. She went on to describe their arts festival. The generosity of the Cape Ann Savings Bank provided gallery space during the arts festival and the support of other local businesses was crucial to the success of the arts festival. The robotics program at Gloucester High School recently won the Judges Curiosity Award at the first Robotics competition in Boston. This award was given to the High School team in recognition for Gloucester students going above and beyond the requirements of the competition by building several robots that addressed other problems. This program also enables students having a wide range of skill sets to work together on a team with volunteer engineers serving as mentors solve the problem that was required for the competition. Robotics is now a very popular part of the GHS physics curriculum program. It is highly unusual. The most exciting program the GEF has facilitated is the Sea Initiative Program, a unique collaboration between MIT and the Gloucester Public Schools. Funded by an anonymous Gloucester family foundation, this program has brought opportunities into the Gloucester Public Schools which is the envy of other regional school districts. The Sea Initiative has been developing programs to address this country's vital need of science technology, engineering and math. These programs are being tested out in the schools with the potential to go nationwide. An example is for the past two summers Middle Schoolers are awarded scholarships to go to a two-week program in the summer to a science program. They were able to send 40 students this year. These students got to build a submersible robot to keep. Thanks to the dedicated work of the Edgerton Center at MIT and the Maritime Center here in Gloucester our programs are a resounding success. Even more exciting is the recently completed Birdseye Hammond technology center at the O'Maley School, with considerable equipment, allow these students to utilize their skills they learned in the summer at MIT. Before its construction, there was no lab space at O'Maley School. There is a teacher program at MIT. She enumerated many of the programs the GEF has funded. All that the GEF achieves wouldn't be possible without the teachers, the School Committee and the School Administration. It takes generous donors and seeking out grant opportunities. They are an all-volunteer organization. Our programs reach every school and touch every child. What unites us is the passion to provide Gloucester students with the best educational opportunities we can. Help us financially – those who can should as our Mayor says. You have copies of the annual report which is also available on our website www.thinkthebest.org.

Councilor Grow noted his wife is on the Board. But he wanted to remind folks of the organization's beginnings and the skepticism and dubious reception they were met with and thanked Joe and Maggie Rosa who work beyond it with courage and enthusiasm that with all the other volunteers to be an organization that does wonderful things for our schools. This is a testament to the hard work and innovation in our community. There are a lot of folks out there who don't contribute. A little bit from everybody will make us stronger. Every student has benefited from the GEF.

Councilor Tobey thanked Ms. Rosa for her contribution.

Current Conditions and Potential Future Use of UMass Marine Station:

Introduction by Sen. Bruce Tarr who said it is a pleasure to be with everyone about this exciting potential future use of UMass Marine Station development. When the facility had a cessation of use we were concerned about it, and began talking about possibilities. The University of Massachusetts who is the current owner will speak to this issue for the benefit of our community and higher learning. We look forward to involving anyone interested.

Professor Jack Ahern, Dept. of Landscape Architecture & Regional Planning, UMass, Amherst presented a power point presentation on the Marine Station. He met some Councilors last month at a meeting convened by Senator Tarr. He'd like to emphasize they are in a mode of fact finding and exploring possible opportunities. They are starting to identify potential partners and the legal uses. A copy of the presentation was given to you before this meeting. He then went on to describe the facility and the site condition as it is now. Since Professor Holten passed away (the Station's founder) due to its disuse, and is in questionable condition. The seaward portion of this land falls under the jurisdiction of the Army Corps of Engineers to see what types of uses are allowed out there. No structures would be allowed on the three acres on the sea side of the peninsula. But the approximately three acres with good access on the Washington Street side could be suitable to be developed. He noted the legal restrictions of the original gift of the property to the University, and they have to sort out the legal implications. Most of this property is located above the velocity zone, so normal construction could occur there. This is in the preliminary stage. FEMA provided a preliminary flood plain map and with the Planning Department of Gloucester.

Ms. Garcia, Gloucester Community Development noted FEMA have the draft maps up on the Community Development website. They'll be finalized in the spring. They're out for comment now.

Professor Ahern stated the property zoning is marine/industrial surrounded by residential zoning. The marine/industrial zoning is quite flexible for the type of uses they would imagine for the site. They're speculating at this point but the Commonwealth is not subject to City zoning. However, they are interested in being good neighbors and partners in the process. The University has not used this facility since Professor Holten passed away. Future use by UMass, Amherst is still in question. It is contingent on getting funding from the National Science Foundation. The University is interested in marine related research to take advantage of the dockage available there; there is deep water next to the building, and potentially to add a dock. With Senator Tarr's assistance they have solicited inquiries from potential partners for collaboration. The Commonwealth's Marine Fisheries are actively looking for new facilities. They are looking for a building larger than what is there. Salem State is looking at partnering because they are doing research on aquaculture. This site would give them access to the water. They could likely share the space. Also there is interest from MIT for underwater robotic research. They're doing this research now from a storage shed and are interested

in a more permanent location, and also North Shore Community College is looking at it to promote workforce training programs and academic programming. And then there are commercial aquaculture access possibilities.

They will go back to Amherst to look at alternative development plans. They are nowhere near the stage of building permits or such things. They are looking at these plans and will shop them around and would welcome an opportunity to come back here and to share this with the community, especially with Ward 4, Councilor Jackie Hardy's district so that your comments, concerns and support will be a part of this process and with Federal and State officials. A final report will come out in the spring, and University administrators will make their decision as to what they will do with it.

Councilor Hardy thanked Professor Ahern for coming to Gloucester to let the community know that you are looking as to how best to re-use the property and thanked Senator Tarr for his efforts as well. She offered to help in any way they can organize Ward meetings, community meetings, and work with the Community Development Office. She believes there is a time frame and will work with you to meet them. Whatever she can do as a City Councilor she wished for them to let her know.

Councilor Tobey said you mentioned the possibility of federal initiatives that might fund and fuel activity. It involves a political process. Is there a role the City Council can play now and in the future in this?

Professor Ahern thinks it may be appropriate but it is a little premature but will certainly ask when the time is right with the Federal Agencies and coordinate it with Senator Tarr.

Councilor Tobey thanked Professor Ahern for his presentation.

Councilor Tobey called a short recess.

The meeting was called back to order.

Ocean Alliance – Renovation of Paint Factory:

Sharon Dubois, City Grants Administrator has been with the City for three months. Her experience is in EPA Brownfields Grants. There is a commitment of \$350,000, partially a loan, partially a grant, toward the Ocean Alliance to move to Gloucester from Lincoln, MA. She introduced Dr. Iain Kerr, CEO of the Ocean Alliance and David Lang, L.S.P., Senior Project Engineer of Nobis Engineering.

Dr. Kerr said it's very exciting to hear about other marine research coming to the City this evening. And he noted he has lent his ROV to the Gloucester schools.

Dr. Kerr has met with almost every City, State and Federal group over the last several years, and has spent \$200,000 at the site on 17 different studies which he can give to the Council on understanding the site. He will be speaking about the Brownfields Revolving

Loan Fund. Ocean Alliance owns the site. The Annenberg Foundation bought the site for them outright. There is no mortgage. They bought the site and six months later the economy crashed. This changed their fund raising strategy. We are looking more towards grants and not donor based funding. They have made it over the first hurdle for a \$3 million economic grant. The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is based in Philadelphia. The Annenberg Foundation was supportive with the EDA about them. The site grounds are not polluted. Technically speaking, the site is not a Brownfields site. There are 3 brick buildings on site. They are all painted with lead paint. He showed a poster with photographs of the lead paint that is peeling and dropping into the harbor. Ocean Alliance studies pollution. They knew they needed to stop it. The Brownfields Grant was recommended for this. They have a plan of action. Half of that work is funded and half they're still trying to raise funds as the bricks are in need of re-pointing. When you sandblast you create a lot of debris. They found a new technology where you blast the building with CO2. The CO2 evaporates and all you're left with this the paint to pick up. It's much cleaner than sandblasting. This document that Sharon DuBois is passing out is on ice blasting. They are expecting \$350,000 for this particular grant. This site can handle this and more on clean up. Dr. Kerr will try to stretch the money as far as he can. He described the site and some of the clean up issues. He spoke of the research vessels they run. They are doing this with a phased approach.

Councilor Tobey asked whether they will be hearing from the licensed site professional, Mr. Lang?

Councilor Grow asked what is your amended timeline for this project and how do you see the different phasing on the site.

Dr. Kerr said he is an optimist. Permits and planning are often harder to plan than funding. He's hoping they can get all of the planning and permitting requests done over the winter so they can start a lot of the work on the site by the fall. Of greater concern are the wooden buildings right on the waterfront. Good news is the brick buildings are all above the velocity zone. The building right on the waterfront is not, but if you lift that building up, it will be above the velocity zone. The goal is the major construction will begin this fall.

Councilor Theken asked about the Ocean Alliance.

Dr. Kerr said they were founded in 1971 by Dr. Roger Payne. Their founder discovered that whales sing songs. Ocean Alliance is like a pathfinder. They go out ahead of the curve. When the head of NOAA wasn't confirmed and couldn't speak at the Blue Ocean conference, they asked the Ocean Alliance founder to speak in her stead. We take little samples from aquatic life, and then in an agar dish grow those cells and expose them to toxins that pollute our oceans so we can quantify pollution in a spill situation and can pinpoint what marine life needs the most attention first. We're not necessarily in the mainstream but we're based on science that is actually trying to solve problems. It is expensive.

Councilor Theken asked is this your only group. Where are you located?

Dr. Kerr said what Ocean Alliance does is have staff members at locations around the world in research facilities. It changes over the years. He had two people on their payroll at Woods Hole a couple of years ago, two staff at UMaine and University of Utah and one at Scripps. When they come to Gloucester they'll all be in one place.

Councilor Theken said that she was speaking not just as a Councilor but as the Vice President of the Fisherman's Wives Association, and they work differently. She stated we are a fishing port. We've worked with you and against you. We do welcome you. We appreciate your honesty here tonight. We are looking to work with you, but you need to remember always that we are a working port here. Fishermen are environmentalists and do care about the ocean and conservation.

Dr. Kerr responded they are also folks that make their living from the sea and that fishermen should be angry about the pollution going into the ocean. This building, the Paint Factory, works for them as a brand. You're asking someone to give to this icon – it will give them a bigger exposure. From a fundraising standpoint it would not be in their interest to not use these buildings.

Councilor Theken pointed out that the fishermen of Gloucester having been saying for a long time that pollution has reduced fish stock in certain areas of the ocean and it affects their livelihood. Some of it came from the weights for the nets of draggers which is one of the reasons that they stopped that practice. It was creating toxicity on their boats.

Councilor Tobey thanked Dr. Kerr for this presentation and formally welcomes him and the Ocean Alliance to Gloucester on behalf of the Council. He noted that Dr. Kerr was right about the property being an icon. They're working to pull together a team to keep a structure that's been a part of this City's history. It's great that you've tapped the EDA, a sweet gem. We did a lot of good stuff in the '90s with the fisheries, the Seafood Festival money came from them. Thank you.

Dr. Kerr stated it has been a pleasure to work with the City.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Mayor's Report

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| 1. Letter from MSBA re: Selection of the West Parish School for conducting a Feasibility Study | (Info Only) |
| 2. Memo from Chief Dench re: Acceptance of Fire Service Staffing Grant | (Refer B&F) |
| 3. Request from Fire Department to supply SAFER Grant from Department of Homeland Security | (Refer B&F) |
| 4. Memo from DPW Director re: Requesting permission to lease a Volvo L70F Wheel Loader | (Refer B&F) |
| 5. Memo from Operations Manager-DPW re: Request permission to pay an invoice for services with a purchase order | (Refer B&F) |
| 6. Memo and Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#10-16) from Fire Chief | (Refer B&F) |
| 7. Report from City Auditor Marcia McInnis re: Accounts having expenditures which exceed their appropriations | (Refer B&F) |

- Information Only

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| 1. Letter from the Office of the Inspector General re: Timekeeping Practices Police Department | (Info Only) |
| 2. Memo from City Clerk re: Mandatory Education and Training Requirements for Public Employees | (Info Only) |

- Approval of Minutes

ACTION

1. City Council Meeting 11/17/09 (Approve/File)
- **Applications/Petitions**
1. PP2009-010: Underground Conduits re: Cherry Street (Refer P&D)
- **Communications**
1. COM2009-036: Letter from Sandulli Grace, PC re: Gloucester Superior Officers Assoc. Attempt to remove Chief from Civil Service (Refer O&A)
2. COM2009-037: Letter from Attorney Faherty re: ELF Corp. and Atlantic Road Improvement Project LLC Sewer Extensions Project (Refer P&D)
- **Orders**
1. CC2009-0047 (Theken) Amend GZO Sec. 22-284 "Service or Loading Zones" re: 62-64 Main Street (Refer TC & O&A)
- **Invitation**
1. Essex District Attorney Jonathan W. Blodgett re: Open Meeting Law Conference [12/16/09] (Info Only)

Items to be removed from the Mayor's Consent Agenda:

Councilor Tobey asked for the removal of Item 2 under Info Only [Mandatory Ethics Training].

Councilor Grow asked to remove Item 1 under Info only and to be referred out to O&A [I.G. Letter re: Police Time Keeping].

Councilor Hardy asked to remove Item 1 under Communications [Letter from Atty. J. Becker to Mayor re: Police/Civil Service Referendum].

The amended Consent agenda is adopted by unanimous vote of the Council with the above amendments.

Councilor Hardy said it was her understanding that the legal department has not received the letter from Sandulli Grace, PC re: Gloucester Superior Officers Association Attempt to Remove Chief from Civil Service and asks it be referred to O&A and to the Legal Department.

By motion of Councilor Hardy, seconded by Councilor Theken, Item #1 Under Communications [Letter from Atty. J. Becker to Mayor re: Police/Civil Service Referendum] by a unanimous vote is referred to both O&A and the City's Legal Department.

Councilor Grow said that he asks that Item #1 Under Info Only to be referred out to O&A regarding this letter from the Inspector General [concerning police time keeping], and for discussion with the Auditor in context of the DMR Audit to determine what sort of response needs to be made from that perspective.

By motion of Councilor Tobey, seconded by Councilor Hardy to take Item #1 Under Info Only by unanimous vote is referred out to O&A under the umbrella of the Safety Audit.

Councilor Tobey said that he asks for Info Only Item #2, a memo forwarded by the City Clerk discussing changes in the state ethics law that propose substantial burden on the

cities for every single employee, bar none within it's scope. Because of one particular element to refer it to O&A and of the necessity of the City Council to designate a member of the City team that the City Clerk is the coordinator of compliance with the Ethics Committee standards.

By motion of Councilor Tobey, seconded by Councilor George, to take Item #2 under Info Only by unanimous vote is to be referred out to O&A.

Councilor Tobey said there was another item under the Consent Agenda to entertain under unanimous consent, which is Order CC2009-048 (Curcuru) re: GCO Sec. 22-280, "Fifteen Minute Parking" be amended by adding 38 Railroad Avenue, in front of Audrey's Flower Shop.

By motion of Councilor Tobey, seconded by Councilor Hardy and by unanimous vote for the unanimous consent Order CC2009-48 (Curcuru) re: GCO Sec. 22-280, "Fifteen Minute Parking" be amended by adding 38 Railroad Avenue in front of Audrey's Flower Shop be referred out to O&A.

For Council Vote:

1. Decision to Adopt SPC 2009-011: 37 Causeway Street, Sec. 5.13 Personal Wireless Facility

The City Council voted to adopt the decision as presented for the Application of MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC for a Special Council Permit pursuant to the City of Gloucester Zoning Ordinances of Section 5.13 Personal Wireless Service Facility re: 37 Causeway Street (as voted November 17, 2009) by roll call vote 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

2. Decision to Adopt: COM2009-031: Extension of Special Permit re: 35 Dory Road.

Councilor Hardy explained that this is for the land based wind conversion facility. This is for the application for the extension of, not for the original City Council permit. This City Council Special permit was voted on back in December of 2007. This is merely for the extension that was before the Council and the Council voted. And so this is for a motion to adopt.

The City Council voted to adopt the decision for Application of an Eighteen Month Extension of Special Council Permit pursuant to City of Gloucester Zoning Ordinance Section 5.22 Commercial Land-Based Wind Conversion Facilities, Varian Semiconductor Equipment Associates, Inc. re: 35 Dory Road (as voted November 17, 2009) by roll call vote 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

Scheduled Public Hearings:

1. PH2009-048: CC2009-045 (Foote): Amend GCO Sec. 22-287 re: 300 Main Street by deleting one handicapped space (Continued from 11/17/09)

The Public Hearing is continued.

Speaking in favor: None

Speaking in Opposition: None

Communications: None

Questions: None

Public Hearing is closed.

[Councilor Foote stated the Ordinances and Administration voted unanimously to amend GCO Sec. 22-287 re: 300 Main Street by deleting one handicapped space.]

MOTION: On motion of Councilor Foote, seconded by Councilor Tobey, the City Council voted unanimously 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to amend GCO Sec. 22-287 re: 300 Main Street by deleting one handicapped space.

Committee Reports:

P&D 11/18/09:

The Planning and Development Committee had no action items for the Council.

O&A 11/23/09:

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Theken, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to amend the Code of Ordinances to Section 2-83:

The City of Gloucester adopted M.G.L. Chapter 44B, section 1 et seq., the Community Preservation Act, which imposes a surcharge on real property. The act authorizes the property owner to file an application for an exemption on the basis of certain criteria. In adopting M.G.L. c. 44B, the City of Gloucester accepted the following exemptions: 1) for property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the City; and 2) for \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. The Act does not establish a deadline for filing the application. The City of Gloucester hereby establishes a deadline which matches the time restrictions for filing an exemption pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Theken, the Ordinances and Administration Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to amend the Code of Ordinances to Section 2-84:

An Application for an exemption from the Community Preservation Act surcharge shall be filed with the Board of Assessors by December 15 or 3 months after the actual bills are mailed for the

fiscal year, whichever is later. An application shall be considered filed when (1) received by the assessors on or before the filing deadline, or (2) mailed by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the proper address of the assessors, on or before the filing deadline, as shown by a postmark made by the United States Postal Service. All other procedures and deadlines for the consideration of the exemption shall be in accordance with the personal property exemption procedure as set forth in M.G.L. c. 59.

Councilor Theken noted these motions were for advertisement for public hearing only at this time.

B&F 11/30/09

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Grow, the Budget and Finance Committee voted 2 in favor, 1 opposed (Curcuro) to recommend to the City Council vote in favor of joining the North Shore Regional Vocational School District .

Discussion:

Councilor Grow stated he came to this decision begrudgingly. Largely his issues were of equity. We are fighting for our kids in our own local schools. He still has problems with equity and need to be addressed as to how we go about funding the programs in our schools. He has come around to recognizing a tremendous asset for the kids that go to the Voke Schools. The issues are with the lack of the connection with the Regional School District School Committee. He is hoping the level of interaction will change. This comes down to whether we're going to spend a couple of hundred thousand dollars a year on debt service. The added costs in debt service are going to be traded off on IEP's, busing, and other added costs, and the shutting off of programs this community can't offer. There is a great program in our own high school and it's enhancement but there's never going to be a way to have the kind of programs at the new vocational school. One kid going to vocational school is \$18,000. A kid going to Landmark is \$40,000. He is concerned about the commitment and the district to fund vocational enhancement locally. These are huge undertakings with a huge amount of cash up front. He doesn't see where we're going to see that kind of commitment in funding. While the desire is to enhance these programs it won't happen on the scale and the timeframe we need. This is a long-term commitment to a tremendous program. He was made aware recently that we should expect to hear a presentation yearly on the vocational budget. These are our dollars going to the schools. We have a right to see this. The fact that he shifted his decision from waiting and to join now is that he wants to talk about transparency. This is an opportunity to engage this district and that we are committed to the program but that what we are giving to our district we are taking away from our own. Overall the positives of this program and of this school outweigh the fiscal concerns. They're less impressive when you pare away the costs of the kids not going out to this school. He will support this tonight with some reservations and hopes that they're being heard. We have an opportunity to create something great here.

Councilor Ciolino stated that the Superintendent has urged us to join the regional school. He has the qualifications to dissect this and to give us his advice and counsel. He congratulated Mr. Farmer for sticking his neck out on this issue – it is a courageous thing to do. Our participation, he's heard, over the last 25 years has been given grudgingly. We heard from

graduates of the vocational schools and from our local program. He believes we can do both – we’ve done it for the past 25 years with the vocational school in town and we can do it in order to join the regional school district. We have to provide for our children towards the 21st century. He knows there are a lot of young women in the carpentry and automotive shops, but he believes there are more opportunities for them at the regional school. People tell him that they will choose out their children from Manchester or Rockport. We don’t want to encourage or force our parents to do this in order to go to this school. All our surrounding communities are going into this school. Why are we debating this – when it comes to educating our children, it is our primary concern. All the infrastructure work will come. As responsible government people we must provide this education. He quoted the back wall in the Kyrouz Auditorium, “Build not for today alone, but for tomorrow as well”. It is the right thing to do.

Councilor Curcuru said it is a tough decision. He is for it, it is a tremendous opportunity. For the last two years on the Budget and Finance Committee, like last night talking about over \$100 million in debt. The possibility last night of building a new school, could add another \$20 million. We have a difficult time passing a local meal tax option to raise tax revenue. 9C cuts are coming in the future. He has no sense of where this money is coming from. This is about \$5 million. The Superintendent also said that maybe we should wait to take this vote. He urged his fellow Councilors to wait for this vote. There is no rush. Why are we in such a rush to take a vote? Please sit back and wait on this vote.

Councilor Foote doesn’t think there is anyone against the Voke School. The students have different opinions about this in our program. He was there many years ago when a presentation was made but not all was told at that time. You can hear it now, but they don’t tell it all. Communities couldn’t get it. He’s seen kids in the high school program. They don’t want to go out to a regional program. He will not be supporting this.

Councilor Hardy is in favor of the regional Voke but how are we going to afford it. Fiscal reality has to come into this, with looming debt with water and sewer. We’re talking about regionalization on the dispatch of emergency services. All of this is going to come with a price tag. Right now she doesn’t see how we’re going to afford to do all of this. We’re talking about building a new school at West Parish. A number of months ago advocates for the Charter School asked her for a letter of support, which she did. She sent a letter to the State in support of it. She was lobbied by the Administration, the Superintendent, fellow members of the City Council, School Committee and opponents of the Charter School to change my mind – that we wouldn’t be able to afford it. She was lobbied to change her mind. They pointed out to her the fiscal reality of the City. That was one of the hardest decisions she had to make as a City Councilor. She admitted she had made an error in judgment and should have paid more attention to the fiscal realities. She can’t in good conscience now say anything has changed between then and now. How can we say we have the revenue with all the infrastructure issues coming down the road? She won’t be able to support this tonight. If the reason she didn’t support the Charter school, then how can we support this. Core City services are going down the tubes. It is her belief that the school department after the other night at their school committee meeting out of their B&F to support the school vote, it was withdrawn, and the actual motion that went forward to the School Committee is to wait. If we’re going to vote we should vote one way or the other. The superintendent was put on the spot at B&F the other

night. Would you go for a regional school now, you said you'd say yes even if you had to increase class size. Everyone convinced me we couldn't do the Charter school because it would increase class size and we can't do that. For that reasoning she just can't find the logic. Show her the money and she might change her mind.

Councilor Devlin reminded the Council that he will be abstaining from any vote on this issue.

Councilor Theken says this is very difficult. She said she was ready to wait. She didn't go Monday night but read the minutes. She said she has respect for Superintendent Farmer. She is not worried about the school choice. She's worried about if we wait, they have their vote. They can get their school. It's our opportunity to be there to make those decisions. We're looking at water, fire. Those have always been issues. We're pitting child against child. Voke kids, SPED kids. They're children. You want the best for each child. When I asked how many children at the Voke are on IEP's, it was 37%. You have to make a decision. Either we're all going to do this or we're going to go into receivership. They won't let this happen. We heard tonight about all the private money contributed. Let's put our money where our mouths are. She has a great respect for Councilor Grow. He is schools, schools, schools. You have a good heart. You want the best for this community's kids. For him to say this now is painful but needed. What we've heard is put it through and we'll pay for it. Where was everyone when they were looking for funding at our own program? Put back what you've cut from those 142 children down there for the past four years and have not gotten help from the City if it wasn't for the dedication of the teachers and help from the volunteers. Without it the local Voke wouldn't survive. Enough! It is \$250,000 for the first four years. You can get out of that project if we're on that Board making the rules. We are always going to have infrastructure problems. We're always going to have that, but we need to give every child these opportunities. If our Superintendent says it's the best, she respects him for taking a stand. She is going to support this and vote for the children.

Councilor Grow says he wants to address a couple of issues he forgot earlier. He encourages the Council that if this goes forward to take a hard look at shifting this over to the school responsibility. While the School Committee recommends, this is a decision we are making. There needs to be a comprehensive look, not done unilaterally, at the school budget has to be made before this is done. It could adversely affect the school district and will take a strong Council and School Committee to continue to advocate on behalf of our children in the school district. He wrestled with the Charter School and the Vocational School. These kids are already in this program, and we are already expending this money for this program. If this were a new expense he'd have a different view. The Charter School is going to be draining funds from our school district. He believes that the trade off costs of not allowing the kids to go to the school and bringing those costs to bear on the district are going to balance out to some extent. Over time as the debt and the payments lessen, the relative costs carried by the City will balance out. No one can question my fiscal sensibility and responsibility, but sometimes you have to make an investment. We can't penalize the children for the mistakes made in generations past. Yes we're going to pay for this. You can count on me to vote for the meals tax because we need the revenues to pay for these things. We need to talk about debt exclusion for West Parish. We need to pay these bills. We're paying in spades now. We're going to have to recognize our responsibilities. Let's not add this to the list of our mistakes. If

this were taking out \$1 million he'd vote no. We're going to have a City Council, School Committee and Mayor to ensure a strong educational opportunity for our children. He can sleep well with this decision. This has been a hard balancing act. There are no winners or losers. He feels like he'll wake up tomorrow and know that he's made the right call.

Councilor Foote said we need to think of the taxpayers who live in those houses who pay the taxes on them who need to have money to live on. There is no guarantee that the teachers will be here a couple of years, there's no way we can guarantee we'll be able to afford to stay in those houses. Be fair with the person who's putting them through the school as well.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted by roll call vote 5 in favor, 3 opposed (Foote, Curcuru, Hardy) with 1 abstention (Devlin) to join the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical Regional School District.

Councilor Grow made a Motion to Reconsider, seconded by Councilor Ciolino which by roll call vote, 8 in favor, 0 opposed with 1 abstention (Devlin) was rejected.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Grow, the Budget and Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to accept the donation through the Gloucester Fund City Hall Restoration Commission to the City Hall Restoration Account #295024 for the sum of \$67,000.00. Any interest accumulating on these funds is to remain with and become a part of Account #295024 (M.G.L. c. 44 sec. 53A). These funds are to be used specifically to restore the City Hall Bell and Clock.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Theken, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed to accept the donation through the Gloucester Fund City Hall Restoration Commission to the City Hall Restoration Account #295024 for the sum of \$67,000.00. Any interest accumulating on these funds is to remain with and become a part of Account #295024 (M.G.L. c. 44 sec. 53A). These funds are to be used specifically to restore the City Hall Bell and Clock.

Councilor George left the meeting at 9:43.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget and Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to accept a grant from the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the State of Massachusetts, P10-2607-G7 (3772-G) in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of completion of the sampling and testing for permits to dredge in the North Channel, Inner Harbor (M.G.L. c. 44 sec. 53A).

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed to accept a grant from the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the State of Massachusetts, P10-2607-G7 (3772-G) in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of completion of the sampling and

testing for permits to dredge in the North Channel, Inner Harbor (M.G.L. c. 44 sec. 53A).

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget and Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council another H1N1 amendment from the Town of Westford for the Medical Reserve Corps grant of a total of \$8,000.00 to be deposited into Account #291089.10.510.51000.0000.00.000.00.051 FY09 MRC Emergency Prep-Sal/Wage. The new total amount for this grant will now be \$22,785. All funds must be spent by June 30, 2010.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor , seconded by Councilor , the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed to accept another H1N1 amendment from the Town of Westford for the Medical Reserve Corps grant of a total of \$8,000.00 to be deposited into Account #291089.10.510.51000.0000.00.000.00.051 FY09 MRC Emergency Prep-Sal/Wage. The new total amount for this grant will now be \$22,785. All funds must be spent by June 30, 2010.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget and Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to grant permission to the Gloucester Police Department to apply for the Weed and Seed five year grant being offered competitively by the U.S. Department of Justice through its Community Capacity Development Office with a 25% in-kind match.

The above doesn't require full Council action at this stage.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget and Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council the hiring of a part-time Community Preservation Project Manager which is to be paid out of the CPA's allowable 5% administrative budget at 19 hours per work week.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Theken, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed for the hiring of a part-time Community Preservation Project Manager which is to be paid out of the CPA's allowable 5% administrative budget at 19 hours per work week.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Budget and Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to accept the \$800,000 grant of the Seaport Bond funding to the City of Gloucester to make a down payment necessary to purchase 65 Rogers Street, Map 9, Lot 1, otherwise known as I4-C2.

This issue is continued for the Administration to appear before the Council on December 15th to present more information on this issue.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget and Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to order that \$6,000,000 is appropriated for the purpose of making improvements to the City of Gloucester's Water Treatment Plants and Distribution System including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section I of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow up to \$6,000,000 and to issue bonds or notes thereof under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the City unless the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust ("Trust") established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or the financing thereof; and that the Mayor is authorized to enter onto a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project; and further to ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

This is being mandated by the State according to **Councilor to Grow**. He asked that a presentation to be made of the additional costs that involves streets and for people to be able to understand it's a 10% factor at the public hearing.

No vote is necessary on this matter to advertise for public hearing by the Council. The matter will be taken up at the December 15, 2009 City Council Meeting following the advertisement.

[Councilor Tobey announced that The Gloucester High School Fishermen football team score was now 34 and the Westford Grey Ghosts 28 at 9:48 p.m.]

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget and Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to authorize a supplemental appropriation from Account Number 294010.10.991.59600 to Account Number 101000.10.470.58700 the expenditure of \$13,642 from the Cemetery Capital Account to purchase new mowing equipment, as submitted by the Operations Manager, Mark Cole.

Discussion: Councilor Grow explained what this was that funds come from sale of cemetery lots. The additional appropriations come from a fund that is specific.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted by roll call 8 in favor, 0 opposed to authorize a supplemental appropriation from Account Number 294010.10.991.59600 to Account Number

101000.10.470.58700 the expenditure of \$13,642 from the Cemetery Capital Account to purchase new mowing equipment, as submitted by the Operations Manager, Mark Cole.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget and Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to transfer balance in Unifund Account #101000.10.422.52490.0000.00.00.052 Highway Paving Contracting to Unifund Account #101000.10.470.58415.0000.00.000.00.058 Public Property Paving in the amount of \$40,000.00.

Discussion: Councilor Grow stated that this is correcting a transfer into an account that was killed in the conversion during the Unifund transition.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Theken, the City Council voted by roll call 8 in favor, 0 opposed to transfer balance in Unifund Account #101000.10.422.52490.0000.00.00.052 Highway Paving Contracting to Unifund Account #101000.10.470.58415.0000.00.000.00.058 Public Property Paving in the amount of \$40,000.00.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget and Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to transfer from Unifund Account #101000.10.220.53060.0000.00.000.00.052 Fire Department Pub Safety Program to Unifund Account #101000.10.220.51300.0000.00.000.00.051 Fire Department, Sal/Wage-Overtime to pay for nine members of the Fire Department to attend a class on Oil Burners for a total transfer of \$2,058.00.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed to transfer from Unifund Account #101000.10.220.53060.0000.00.000.00.052 Fire Department Pub Safety Program to Unifund Account #101000.10.220.51300.0000.00.000.00.051 Fire Department, Sal/Wage-Overtime to pay for nine members of the Fire Department to attend a class on Oil Burners for a total transfer of \$2,058.00.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget and Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to transfer from Unifund Account #101000.10.145.52000.0000.00.000.00.052, Treasurer/Collector, Legal Consultations to Unifund Account #101000.10.155.54230.0000.00.000.00.054 MIS-Paper/Forms for a total transfer of \$2,000.00 to purchase additional Collection Department return envelopes.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed to transfer from Unifund Account #101000.10.145.52000.0000.00.000.00.052, Treasurer/Collector, Legal Consultations to Unifund Account #101000.10.155.54230.0000.00.000.00.054 MIS-Paper/Forms for

a total transfer of \$2,000.00 to purchase additional Collection Department return envelopes.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget and Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to transfer from Council Reserve Appropriation Unifund Account #101000.10.900.51100.0000.00.000.00.051 to Auditor Fees Unifund Account #101000.10.135.53130.0000.00.000.00.052 for a change order to include additional audit costs for grants requiring OBM-133 Audits of Sullivan and Rogers for a total transfer of \$13,900.00.

Discussion: Councilor Grow noted that this is part of a DOR requirement to pay for these audit costs.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Grow, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted by roll call 8 in favor, 0 opposed to transfer from Council Reserve Appropriation Unifund Account #101000.10.900.51100.0000.00.000.00.051 to Auditor Fees Unifund Account #101000.10.135.53130.0000.00.000.00.052 for a change order to include additional audit costs for grants requiring OBM-133 Audits of Sullivan and Rogers for a total transfer of \$13,900.00.

Councilor's Requests Other Than To The Mayor:

Councilor Ciolino thanked the following businesses and individuals who helped make this year's Santa Parade a huge success.

Sponsors

**Sam Park and Company
Rotary Club of Gloucester
Mayor Caroline Kirk
Bank Gloucester
Cape Ann Savings Bank
Rockport National Bank
Gorton's of Gloucester
Hiltz Disposal
Carroll Steele Insurance
Ruth Pino**

Special Thanks:

**Bob and Linda O'Maley
Sudbay Motors for supplying a car for Mrs. Santa Clause
Pantages Transportation supplying a bus
Mr. McCafern for supplying a car for our Grand Marshals Carolyn and Gus Foote**

**Precision Roofing for supplying Thomas the Train
Cape Ann Armature Radio Association
Frank McCafern**

The judges were:

Former State Representative Tony Verga, State Senator Bruce Tarr, State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante, City Councilors - Jackie Hardy, Sefatia Romeo Theken, and City Councilors Elect Paul McGeary and Anne Mulcahey. Rosaria Flode, A.J. Oliver, Morgan Fell

First Prize, Best of Parade: YMCA

Second Prize: Boy Scouts

Third Prize: Children Dragging a Tree

Councilor Hardy said congratulations to **Councilor Ciolino** on the Santa Parade. This was the most number of people who attended and was wonderful to see.

Councilor Grow said he and **Councilor-Elect Paul McGeary** will hold a Ward meeting next Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at East Gloucester Elementary School regarding the restoration and renovation of Swinson Field. Please come out and talk about the restoration of that area. Finally, he implores the people that supported the vocational school to support other things within the schools that need support.

Councilor Theken reminded seniors they only have until December 31st to switch their Rx coverage. Come see her at the Senior Center. That senior center is runs on volunteers and thanked them. Thanks to Councilor Ciolino for the Santa Parade organization and thank you to Lucia Amero, Veteran's Agent for the Christmas cards for our soldiers. Thank you to Ringo Tarr and Senator Tarr for the Christmas tree at Kent Circle. She thanked **Councilor Grow** for his work on the schools. She respects your honesty and sincerity. He and **Councilor Hardy** are dedicated and make sure that all the T's are crossed and the I's dotted. And she added a reminder that Ladies Night in Downtown Gloucester is this Thursday night.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: It was moved, seconded and voted UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 10:00 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Dana C. Jorgensson
Clerk of the Committees**