

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

-MINUTES-

Present: Chair, Councilor Joseph Ciolino; Vice Chair, Steven LeBlanc, Jr.; Councilor Melissa Cox; Councilor Paul Lundberg; Councilor Valerie Gilman; Councilor Scott Memhard; Councilor Sean Nolan; Councilor James O’Hara; Councilor Joseph Orlando, Jr.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mayor Theken; Joanne Senos; Kenny Costa; Jim Destino; John Dunn; Jonathan Pope; Dr. Richard Safier; Tom LaFleur; Mike Hale; Bill Sanborn; Kathy Clancy; Christopher Sicuranza

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Council President announced that this meeting is recorded by video and audio in accordance with state Open Meeting Law.

Flag Salute & Moment of Silence.**Consent Agenda:**

- **APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS**
 1. Special Events Application: Request to hold Maritime Heritage Day Gloucester Schooner Festival on September 3, 2016 (Refer P&D)
 2. Special Events Application: Request to hold Fishtown Horribles Parade on July 3, 2016 (Refer P&D)
 3. Special Events Application: Request to hold Concert on the Boulevard on July 3, 2016 (Refer P&D)
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
 1. City Council Meeting: May 24, 2016 (Approve/File)
 2. FY17 Budget Review Meetings: BYF 05/04/16, 05/16/16, 06/17/16, 05/23/16, 05/25/16, 05/31/16, 06/01/16 (Approve/File)
 3. FY17 Budget Review Meetings: B&F 06/02/16 (under separate cover) (Approve/File)
 4. Standing Committee Meeting: Special P&D 06/02/16, O&A 06/06/16 (under separate cover) (Approve/File)

Items to be added/deleted from the Consent Agenda:

By unanimous consent the Consent Agenda was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:**Special Planning & Development: June 2, 2016**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Gilman, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council issue to Beauport Gloucester LLC a Certificate of Conditions Complete as is required under the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance Appendix A: Special Permit Procedures, part 2: Council Rules on Special Permit Procedures, section 5, subsection i.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Lundberg explained the following: that Beauport Gloucester LLC came before the P&D Committee seeking a Certificate of Conditions Complete for all 14 conditions as laid out in the Special Council Permit related to a decision of the City Council dated May 7, 2013 and four appendices attached thereto: 1) Special Permit Conditions, 2) Parking Plan Conditions, 3) Conservation Commission Order of Conditions #1 - #78, and 4) the Beach and Development Agreement. The Special City Permit was modified on April 24, 2014 by the City Council of which all documentation is on file. Further on file is documentation by the Applicant, that as to each condition, commentary was offered or supporting documentation that each particular condition has been met.

The P&D Committee at its Special Meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2016 reviewed one by one the 14 Special Council Permit conditions. It had been noted that there was also a Building Height Special Permit that required that the Applicant submit a surveyor’s verification which was done and placed on file; that the Off-Site, Valet and Tandem Parking Special Permit conditions have been documented and met; and the Lowlands Special Permit was deleted by modification by Council amendment. It was highlighted by the Committee and of note, that the hotel has hired an Assistant Human Resources staff member whose role it is to act as their Community Liaison who will work with area residents should they have any issues related to the hotel, that in turn is charged with updating the Ward Councilor on such issues and to work to remedy them. If the Council votes in favor of a Certificate of Conditions

Complete, it is up to the Building Inspector to issue the Certificates of Occupancy. The Committee voted unanimously to endorse the Applicant's request for a Certificate of Conditions Complete, having met all 14 conditions. Councilor Lundberg closed his remarks by saying that it is hoped the Council will support the issuance Certificate of the Conditions Complete also.

Councilor Cox said that the Beauport Hotel Special Council Permitting was the first big project she was part of as a City Councilor, and now in her fifth year as a Council member, she could confidently say that this project was by far the biggest, yet the smoothest with only a few wrinkles. There are many Special City Council Permits she's dealt with as a Councilor enacted in previous years, she noted, but none were buttoned up quite so well. She offered her congratulations to the city Administrations past and present, and the developers and their partners, of the hotel. There were many things the neighborhood residents and area businesses went through before and during the construction of the hotel, and are finally on the other side now. She said she looked forward to voting favorably on the Certificate of Conditions Complete.

Council President Ciolino offered that when the Special Council Permit was approved for the hotel's construction there was great concern expressed by the neighbors concerning the hotel development, as well as the Council, and many others involved in the permitting process. He pointed out that the Council can and in this case did institute comprehensive terms and conditions that had to be met. He noted that the residents who were in opposition to the project expressed concern that they'd not see all the conditions met, but this action belies that concern. He said the entire process has been transparent. When conditions are placed on a Special Council Permit, it is those items that the Council expects to be accomplished in order to receive it, and he added that Special Council Permits are discretionary and are not guaranteed. He said this permitting process was a tough one but it was well done on the part of the previous Council and this Council. Any matters that were of concern regarding this project have been taken care of, he said. He, too, offered his congratulations to the city's Administration and the hotel developers and concluded his remarks by saying that the hotel developers deserved their Certificate of Conditions Complete.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Lundberg, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to issue to Beauport Gloucester LLC a Certificate of Conditions Complete as is required under the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance Appendix A: Special Permit Procedures, part 2: Council Rules on Special Permit Procedures, section 5, subsection i.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 0 in favor, 9 opposed, to reconsider its vote to issue to Beauport Gloucester LLC a Certificate of Conditions Complete.

MOTION FAILS.

Ordinances & Administration: 06/06/16

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council forward a letter to MassDOT requesting that the speed limit be reduced on Beach Road from 25 m.p.h. to 20 m.p.h. and that such letter be accompanied by two speed studies and a Certificate of Vote of the City Council.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc explained for safety reasons Councilor Memhard put forward this Council Order as Beach Road is a two-way street with no sidewalks and is narrow with heavy pedestrian traffic during the summer months. He said it makes sense to reduce the speed limit.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to forward a letter to MassDOT requesting that the speed limit be reduced on Beach Road from 25 m.p.h. to 20 m.p.h. and that such letter be accompanied by two speed studies and a Certificate of Vote of the City Council.

For Council Vote:

1. PH2016-017: Proposed increase of certain miscellaneous Solid Waste Fees effective July 1, 2016 (Cont'd from 05/24/16)

Council President Ciolino recounted for the Council that the Public Hearing was closed and the matter of the proposed increase to certain miscellaneous Solid Waste fees was continued at the point of Council discussion after the Committee Report had been made, placing the motion on the table.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 2 in favor, 1 (Orlando) opposed, to recommend that the City Council increase certain miscellaneous Solid Waste Fees effective July 1, 2016 as follows:

36 gallon trash bags (large)	from \$ 2.00 to \$ 2.25
15 gallon trash bags (small)	from \$ 1.00 to \$ 1.25
Appliance/CRT Stickers	from \$25.00 to \$30.00
Bulk Item Stickers	from \$ 5.00 to \$10.00

Councilor Orlando said that at the May 24 Council meeting he asked that the vote on the proposed increase on certain miscellaneous Solid Waste fees be postponed in order to have the opportunity to go through the FY17 budget for each city department line-by-line item within which to, hopefully, find some savings and possible new revenues to cover the budget shortfall from the increase in the new Solid Waste removal contract. He expressed his appreciation to the Administration and the Council for their patience while the B&F Committee completed its FY17 budget review. He indicated while the Committee found several items they believed where there could be possible cost savings and extra revenue, he said they were unlikely to be able to find those savings before June 30, the end of the FY16 budget and roll out of the FY17 budget July 1. He advised there have been some action items conveyed to the Mayor by him asking that she see if there are any cost benefits could be derived through the consolidation of the City and School Departments Information Technology Departments as well as the City and School Department's Human Resources Departments. He mentioned a conversation with Police Chief Campanello regarding possible sharing of the second Animal Control Officer with adjacent municipalities as a possible revenue stream and advised at some point he would forward a request to the Mayor requesting she conduct a cost analysis of such a possible inter-municipal agreement. He said he was confident with these initiatives there could be some savings and revenues. He then suggested that there be a sunset clause on the increase on certain miscellaneous solid waste fees for one year to give the Council and the Administration to find those savings and then possibly drop the fees back to their previous level.

AMENDMENT TO THE MAIN MOTION:

Councilor Orlando moved and **Councilor LeBlanc** seconded to AMEND the main motion by adding a sunset clause of June 30, 2017, at which time this matter can be taken up again by the Council to determine whether the fees should stay the same or be returned to their previous level.

DISCUSSION ON THE AMENDMENT:

Councilor LeBlanc expressed his support of the amendment.

Councilor Gilman expressed her lack of support for the amendment, saying that at this point the Council needs to move forward. In looking at other issues of concern in the city that the Council has heard over the last year, that will be her priority, she noted. She pointed out that as a Ward Councilor she sees the struggle her residents have for matters like filling potholes and general maintenance. While she said she supported their ordinance, these are the types of issues she would prefer to dig deeper on to find ways to minimize those issues which are equally fiscally responsible.

Councilor Lundberg said he agreed with Councilor Gilman, in that there are more valuable ways to spend the Council's time than revisiting the cost of garbage bags. He said that the rate raise is directly related to the contract with the outside vendor, and it is essentially just a pass-through which is raising the rates to pay costs. He pointed out this is not a tax but is the cost of doing business. He added he would not support the amendment.

Councilor Cox said she understood and supporting Councilor Orlando's cost saving concepts, she said the increase is directly related to the contract and would not support the amendment.

Councilor O'Hara said he would support Councilor Orlando's amendment recounting to the Council he has said they need to look at all city costs and fees, taxes being put on to the citizens, their customers.

Councilor Memhard, reiterating the comments of Councilor Gilman made, and reminded the Councilors that the costs for solid waste disposal are only partially covered by these fees and that taxpayers were already absorbing about one-third of the costs. He encouraged residents to pursue recycling and composting options to help reduce the

city's waste stream making Gloucester more of a Green Community, and make it more economical for everybody. He said he wouldn't support the amendment.

Council President Ciolino said that he would not support the amendment for a sunset clause, pointing out the last increase was ten years ago and that there wasn't a need to revisit these fees in a year's time. While the Council is always looking for ways to cut costs, this is not the one, he said.

Councilor Nolan said he would support the sunset clause. He said he understood the need to fund the Solid Waste Removal Contract now, but that by revisiting the fees in a year's time will give the Council more time to find possible money to fund the contract increase. He said he would like to see people do more recycling to cut their costs.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 4 (Orlando, O'Hara, LeBlanc, Nolan) in favor, 5 opposed, to AMEND the main motion to include a sunset clause of June 30, 2017.

MOTION FAILS.

AMENDMENT TO THE MAIN MOTION:

Councilor O'Hara moved to amend that any Gloucester resident presenting a photo identification showing they are 65 years of age or older shall pay \$2.00 for a large trash bag and \$1.00 for a small trash bag, seconded by **Councilor Orlando**.

DISCUSSION ON THE AMENDMENT:

Councilor O'Hara said that as he had mentioned when these bag increases were originally proposed the senior citizens who are on a fixed income.

Mayor Sefatia Theken pointed out with the amendment, the city's senior citizens would be paying more than they are now for trash bags. By putting forward such an amendment the Council would actually be raising the per bag rate to seniors. She pointed out the Council doesn't need a sunset clause to examine any matter under their purview, but can revisit a matter at any time. She advised that seniors pay \$7.50 for five large bags.

Councilor O'Hara continued that seniors are respected by the city and held dear, and with their being on a fixed income, their cost of living is limited and lost value on the dollars they do receive. He said while understanding the need to continue to maintain revenue to continue the solid waste removal for Gloucester residents, the Council needs to preserve the seniors' benefit.

Councilor Lundberg said, citing the Mayor's statement, that Councilor O'Hara's amendment actually raises the cost of large and small trash bags for the city's seniors and asked if the Councilor wished to change his amendment or withdraw it, as suggested by **Council President Ciolino**. **Councilor O'Hara** said he wasn't interested in increasing the cost of the bags to the city's seniors.

Councilor Cox asked for clarification of current bag costs for seniors right now. **Mayor Theken** said at the Senior Center with an ID the cost of small trash bags is \$5.00 for five bags and \$7.50 for five large bags to seniors she pointed out. She added that not only are seniors entitled to discounted trash bags, but the city discounts their beach stickers and resident stickers, and do think of all the city's seniors. **Councilor Cox** confirmed with **Mayor Theken** that the proposed fees for large and small trash bags will not affect the city's seniors from purchasing their trash bags at a discount through the Senior Center and that the pricing for their discounted bags regardless of the fee increases, if passed, will stay the same.

Councilor O'Hara announced that he wished to withdraw his amendment to the main motion.

Councilor Gilman pointing out that the last fee increase was in 2006; the ratio remains consistent between the cost of bag revenue to the taxpayers and the amount the city is funding. She advised that the future will be challenging with more recycling which may result from the fee increases, noting that non-profits who have done recycling fundraisers have not gotten much from such endeavors recently and found it hard to get rid of their collected recyclables. She noted curbside pick-up of electronics as well. She said she'd support the fee increases.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 2 (O'Hara, Orlando) opposed, to increase certain miscellaneous Solid Waste Fees effective July 1, 2016 as follows:

36 gallon trash bags (large)	from \$ 2.00 to \$ 2.25
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Scheduled Public Hearings:

1. **PH2016-022: Amend GCO by ADDING new section entitled, Sec. 22-161.1 “Same-From May 1 to September 15 and certain days” and ADDING new section entitled, Sec. 22-275.1 “Same-Between certain hours, from May 1 to September 15 and certain days;” and amend Sec. 22-291 “Tow-away zones” and amend Sec. 22-270.1 “Resident sticker parking” re: Washington St. southerly side on the intersection of Tucker St. for a certain distance**

This public hearing is opened at 7:26 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

Tom Prybot, 1080 Washington Street, and business owner, said the parking issues in the Lanesville business district with limited parking stem not from Gloucester residents but from out-of-town vehicles occupying needed parking spaces for hours at a time in front of their businesses -- from sun up to sundown. He said the business owners are looking to these ordinance amendments help the local businesses, not just his store, but all the businesses -- along this particular part of Washington Street -- so that their businesses can continue to thrive and asked the Council to support the ordinance amendments coming before them.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions: None.

This public hearing is closed at 7:28 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council Amend the Code of Ordinances by ADDING a new Section 22-161.1 entitled, “Same-From May 1 to September 15 and certain days” as follows:

“Upon the following streets or parts thereof, described section 22-275.1 and when signs are in place giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle for a period of time longer than two hours at any one time, during the period from May 1 to September 15 of each year, between the hours and on the days so described.”

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to Amend the Code of Ordinances by ADDING a new Section 22-161.1 entitled, “Same-From May 1 to September 15 and certain days” as follows:

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“Upon the following streets or parts thereof, and when signs are in place giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle for a period of time longer than two hours at any one time, during the period from May 1 to September 15 of each year, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on any business day, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays in accordance with Section 22-161.1;

AND AMEND BY ADDING:

“Washington Street southerly side at the intersection of Tucker Street for a distance of 135 feet in a westerly direction;”

AND AMEND BY ADDING:

“Washington Street southerly side from a point beginning 260 feet from Tucker Street for a distance of 100 feet.”

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to Amend the Code of Ordinances by ADDING a new Section 22-275.1 entitled, “Same-Between certain hours, from May 1 to September 15 and certain days” as follows:

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“Washington Street southerly side at the intersection of Tucker Street for a distance of 135 feet in a westerly direction;”

AND AMEND BY ADDING:

“Washington Street southerly side from a point beginning 260 feet from Tucker Street for a distance of 100 feet.”

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council Amend GCO Sec. 22-291 “Tow-away zones” by ADDING as follows:

“Washington Street, southerly side at the intersection of Tucker Street for a distance of 135 feet in a westerly direction;”

AND AMEND BY ADDING:

“Washington Street southerly side from a point beginning 260 feet from Tucker Street for a distance of 100 feet.”

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to Amend GCO Sec. 22-291 “Tow-away zones” by ADDING as follows:

“Washington Street, southerly side at the intersection of Tucker Street for a distance of 135 feet in a westerly direction;”

AND AMEND BY ADDING:

“Washington Street southerly side from a point beginning 260 feet from Tucker Street for a distance of 100 feet.”

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council Amend GCO Sec. 22-270.1 “Resident Sticker Parking” by ADDING “Washington Street, southerly side, at a point beginning 135 feet in a westerly direction for a distance of 125 feet, May 1-September 15.”

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to Amend GCO Sec. 22-270.1 “Resident Sticker Parking” by ADDING “Washington Street, southerly side, at a point beginning 135 feet in a westerly direction for a distance of 125 feet, May 1-September 15.”

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council Amend GCO Sec. 22-291 “Tow-away zones” by ADDING: “Washington Street, southerly side at the intersection of Tucker Street for a distance of 135 feet in a westerly direction for a distance of 125 feet, May 1-September 15.”

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to Amend GCO Sec. 22-291 “Tow-away zones” by ADDING: “Washington Street, southerly side at the intersection of Tucker Street for a distance of 135 feet in a westerly direction for a distance of 125 feet, May 1-September 15.”

2. PH2016-023: Public Hearing on FY17 Proposed Budget

Council President Ciolino said that by moving the Solid Waste Fees forward that now it is that the FY17 budget will be balanced as presented by the Mayor.

This public hearing is opened at 7:34 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

Linda Brayton, 527 Washington Street, thanked the DPW for including the continued financial support of the Mutt Mitt program under FY17 Public Works’ budget Line 54000-Supplies, in a subline under that department’s Public Properties Division. She recounted the recent history and accomplishments of the all-volunteer Dog Friendly Gloucester and their drive to keep all Mutt Mitt stations full at all times to help keep the city free of dog waste. She noted the current 14 stations, four of which are located on Stacy Boulevard as well as anticipating new locations for Mutt Mitt stations to be installed during the upcoming fiscal year. She acknowledged the support of the DPW Director and Councilors Gilman, O’Hara and Cox as well as other particular Gloucester citizens for the Mutt Mitt efforts.

Cheryl Reed, 12 Middle Street, said that thousands of Mutt Mitts were used and disposed of since the Mutt Mitt program was revitalized by Dog Friendly Gloucester, a grass-roots volunteer organization. She noted another Mutt Mitt station will be installed in Magnolia thanks to Councilors Nolan and O’Hara. She called the Mutt Mitt program a collaborative effort to keep Gloucester dog friendly and clean. She said the group is grateful that responsible dog owners are disposing of their dog waste properly, and that the Council is committed to keeping the city litter free.

Rebeca Borden, 15 Pilot’s Hill, said she supervises a Mutt Mitt dispenser on Rocky Neck and praised Ms. Brayton’s efforts regarding the Mutt Mitt program and the social media outreach the group has in place, and for the responsible dog owners who are utilizing the Mutt Mitts. She asked the Council for their continued support of the program.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications:

Interim City Clerk, **Joanne Senos** read three communications: **Charlotte Ohannessian**, 32 Fort Square, a letter expressing her support of the Mutt Mitt program and the city’s continued support of it; **Jennifer Holmgren**, 385 Magnolia Avenue, a letter in support of the Mutt Mitt program and a second separate letter to voice support for the School Committee and the School Department’s FY17 budget.

This public hearing is closed at 7:44 p.m.

NOTE: There are no motions to be brought forward at this time -- the City Council will vote the FY17 budget of the City of Gloucester on Tuesday, June 14 at its regularly scheduled meeting.

For Council Vote (Cont’d):

2. CC2016-025 (O'Hara/Memhard) Request City Council vote to petition MassDOT, Senator Bruce Tarr & State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante to request the elimination of the left-hand turn from Route 128 Extension on Bass Avenue to Eastern Avenue

Councilor O'Hara said that this request came out of the Beach Traffic Ad Hoc Committee that is looking to reduce traffic issues. He said he wants to ask MassDOT to remove the left-hand turn from Route 128 Extension on Bass Avenue to Eastern Avenue as a vehicle is exiting from Bass Avenue onto the Route 128. He said while necessarily a heavily used turn that by removing that left turn it would reduce vehicles travelling north or towards Bass Avenue. Cars would still have the ability to go to Lee's Restaurant and take a right turn.

Councilor LeBlanc asked as a point of information that the request came from the Beach Traffic Ad Hoc Committee, and if it had, he pointed out that the matter should have come first to the Ordinances & Administration Committee first before the Council was asked to take any action as the Ad Hoc Committee was appointed by and reports to the O&A Committee. He asked that the matter to be referred back to O&A before any Council discussion or action on the matter happens. He reconfirmed with **Councilor O'Hara** that this request came out of the Beach Traffic Ad Hoc Committee, and Councilor O'Hara said that was correct.

Council President Ciolino indicated that this was a request to the state, and even if it had gone to O&A, the state would still have to make a determination. The Council action is just moving this forward to MassDOT.

Councilor LeBlanc expressed his understanding on what the Council was being asked to do, but said the norm is that the action first is a report of an Ad Hoc Committee to the appointing Standing Committee; a discussion takes place on the Standing Committee level; and then if deemed appropriate a recommendation is made to the City Council for their discussion and action. **Councilor O'Hara** said it was his idea to discuss it with Councilor Memhard as Ward Councilor and to bring the matter forward to the Council.

Councilor Lundberg said he was reluctant to put forward a request to state representatives yet, and that the matter should go to the Standing Committee first so that the O&A Committee can make a considered recommendation.

Councilor Gilman expressed her agreement with Councilors LeBlanc and Lundberg for the matter to go through proper channel.

Councilor O'Hara said he would agree to have the matter referred to the O&A Committee for vetting before returning to the City Council for its consideration.

By a unanimous vote of the City Council the matter of CC2016-025 (O'Hara/Memhard) Request City Council vote to petition MassDOT, Senator Bruce Tarr & State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante to request the elimination of the left-hand turn from Route 128 Extension on Bass Avenue to Eastern Avenue was referred to the Ordinances & Administration Committee.

Unfinished Business: None.

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

Councilors' Requests to the Mayor:

Councilor Gilman, expressing that she understood the challenge of adding 12 budget review meetings to the Council's regular May and June meeting schedule that when planning next year's budget schedule, she said would appreciate consideration that there would be an attempt to avoid conflicts with Standing Committee meetings so those Councilors who wish to attend the budget meetings can do so.

Councilor Orlando said that despite the difficulties during the budget process that at times caused him to be at odds with the Administration, the Administration did a good job by crafting a very tight budget and expressed his appreciation for their efforts.

Council President Ciolino reminded the Council of a Special Meeting of the Council on Thursday, June 9 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall's first floor Council Committee Room for the sole purpose of an Executive Session. He urged all Councilors if at all possible to attend.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgenson
Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING:

- **Complete statement of Linda Brayton, 527 Washington Street, regarding the public/private Mitt Mutt program and support of the DPW FY17 budget line for it**