

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

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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 Joseph Orlando, Jr.

Absent: Councilor O’Hara

Also Present: Mayor Sefatia Theken; Joanne Senos; Kenny Costa; Chris Sicuranza; Thomas T.J. Ciarametaro; Maureen Nicastro

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.

Oral Communications: None.

Presentations/Commendations: None.

Confirmation of New Appointments:**Clean City Commission****TTE 02/14/19****Ainsley F. Smith**

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 appoint Ainsley F. Smith to the Clean City Commission, TTE 02/14/19.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc briefly reviewing Ms. Smith’s background and her stated commitment to a clean city and clean ocean, he conveyed that the O&A Committee unanimously endorsed Ms. Smith’s appointment to the Clean City Commission.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (O’Hara) absent, to appoint Ainsley F. Smith to the Clean City Commission, TTE 02/14/19.

Consent Agenda:

- **CONFIRMATION OF REAPPOINTMENTS**
 - **MAYOR’S REPORT**
1. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (2017-SBT-3) from Police Dept. (Refer B&F)
 2. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (2017-SBT-4) from Police Dept. (Refer B&F)
 3. Memorandum from the Community Development Dept. re: acceptance of Essex National Heritage Commission Grant through the Visitor Center Grant Program in the amount of \$2,500 (Refer B&F)
 4. Memorandum from Police Chief, Grant Application & Checklist re: grant to assist with State 911 EMD & additional training (Refer B&F)
 5. Memorandum from Police Chief re: approval of grant to accept funding designed to support the United States DEA programs, Including overtime funding for FY17 (Refer B&F)
 6. Memorandum from Police Chief re: permission to pay FY17 invoices without a purchase order in place (Refer B&F)
 7. Memorandum from Health Dept. Director re: acceptance of a SAMHSA grant in the amount of \$47,145 to support Healthy Gloucester Collaborative programs (Refer B&F)
 8. Memorandum from Assistant General Counsel re: donation of a parcel of land located at R Englewood Road to the City (Refer P&D)
 - **COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS**
 - **INFORMATION ONLY**
 - **APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS**
 1. SCP2016-005: Great Republic Drive #41, Map 263, Lot 58, GZO Sec. 1.5.3 (c), Sec. 2.3.2, Sec. 5.7 “Major Project” & Sec. 5.27 “Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facilities” (Refer P&D)
 - **COUNCILORS ORDERS**
 1. CC2016-044 (Gilman) Request to amend GCO Sec. 22-284 “Service or loading zones” re: Holly Street (Refer O&A)
 - **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
 1. City Council Meeting: September 13, 2016 (Approve/File)

2. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 09/22/16 (under separate cover), Special O&A 09/19/16, O&A 09/19/16, P&D 09/21/16 (Approve/File)

Items to be added/deleted from the Consent Agenda:

Councilor Lundberg asked to remove Items #1 under Applications/Petitions SCP2016-005: Great Republic Drive #41, Map 263, Lot 58, GZO Sec. 1.5.3 (c), Sec. 2.3.2, Sec. 5.7 “Major Project” & Sec. 5.27 “Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facilities.” He conveyed to the Council the following information: This is the second Special Council Permit combined with a Major Project application in two weeks submitted to the Council. This application will come before the Planning & Development Committee at its next meeting on October 5 when the Committee will hear a brief description by the applicant of the elements of the permitting process and then continue the matter to a further meeting, as well as SCP2016-004 the other Major Project under the same Zoning Ordinance sections. There are many things that have to happen under these Zoning Ordinance sections -- such as a review by department heads (Building Inspector, Conservation Agent, Engineer, Fire Chief, Public Works Director, Public Health Director, and Police as advisory), and a hearing of the Planning Board for a site plan review and that body’s recommendation. All of these elements must be in hand by way of written report before P&D and the Council can weigh in on the merits of this application. He cautioned his fellow Councilors that during this time before the application returns to the P&D agenda with a complete record to kindly refrain from commenting on the merits of a Medical Marijuana Treatment Facility application until P&D have all of the necessary reports in hand. He also cautioned Councilors from engaging in any email conversations regarding the merits of the application before the P&D Committee is ready to proceed after their Oct. 5 meeting when there will be an initial application overview. There will be ample opportunity for the Councilors to weigh in on the application which will be when the Public Hearing(s) takes place.

Council President Ciolino advised there will be two separate public hearings for SCP2016-004 and -005 and that those Special Council Permit applications will not be heard together but at two succeeding City Council meetings in order to keep each clearly separate.

By unanimous consent of the Council the Consent Agenda was accepted as amended.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance: September 22, 2016

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council accept under MGL c. 44, Sec. 53A-1/2 to accept a donation of a 25-foot 1994 Parker Marine Custom Fire/Rescue Boat and related equipment from the Gloucester unit of the Community Emergency Response Team with an approximate value of \$50,000, serial number PKMKH220I394 for use by the Gloucester Harbormaster’s Department.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Memhard explained the following: The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) of Gloucester took ownership of a 25-foot 1994 Parker Marine Custom Fire/Rescue Boat, donated by the city of New Bedford several years ago. It wasn’t used with any frequency, and now CERT has expressed their wish to donate the boat to the Harbormaster’s Department as the boat was underutilized. The Harbormaster’s Department doesn’t currently have a boat suitable for foul weather operations, a boat with a heated, enclosed console, nor one that has any firefighting capability. It was pointed out to the Committee that this past summer there were five small boat fires, and the city doesn’t have an on-the-water firefighting platform. While this isn’t a total on-the-water firefighting platform, but it is a good one for moving the department forward and opens up grant opportunities with such a system in place. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been drafted with Chief Smith which was reviewed by General Counsel. The boat will be solely for the Harbormaster’s Dept. and will be labeled as such, and they will provide a crew to operate the boat for the Fire Department. If there is a need for the boat when either the Harbormaster or Deputy Harbormaster isn’t available, the Fire Dept. have on staff firefighters who are licensed captains that will be authorized to operate the vessel if need be. The MOU states that the Fire Dept. will, out of their budget, set aside \$5,000 to maintain the boat’s firefighting and rescue equipment. If there is a catastrophic/emergency repair, both the Fire Dept. and the Harbormaster’s Dept. will work together within both budgets to make repairs if possible and that both parties agree on how to proceed. CERT’s volunteers’ interests were addressed in the same MOU to allow for their participation in appropriate situations with the consent of the

Emergency Management Director in conjunction with the Harbormaster. They will be invited to join in certain training drills related to on-the-water situations as well. This is a positive acquisition for the Harbormaster's Department which was fully endorsed by the B&F Committee.

Harbormaster Thomas T.J. Ciarametaro said that the Harbormaster's Department doesn't have a vessel currently capable of foul weather operation that is a closed, heated cabin. The boat also has an installed dive door which will help them to service moorings and other buoys and equipment that the department must currently contract out for which will save the city money in the long run. He mentioned the department is also considering decommissioning a smaller patrol vessel that may not be needed any longer, so the burden of maintenance costs for it will shift to the donated vessel. He explained that the boat has been outfitted with forward-looking infrared that reads heat signatures at night, with an estimated value of \$30,000 which is extremely valuable in search and rescue operations. He said he wants the boat for all the reasons outlined by the Chair of B&F in his narrative, highlighting that the boat will possibly lead to grant opportunities for his department. He indicated that standard operating guidelines will be in place and implemented between his department and the Gloucester Fire Department, and touched upon the MOU briefly. He said he was looking forward to the use of the donated boat.

Councilor Gilman noted the first year when CERT used the Parker and assisted on-the-water for the Junior Olympics hosted at the Annisquam Yacht Club. Having the boat there made the organizers of whom she was one, sailors and Race Committee feel safer and more comfortable while competing on Ipswich Bay. She expressed her support for the acceptance of the donation of the boat.

Responding to several inquiries by **Council President Ciolino**, **Harbormaster Ciarametaro** explained the plan is that the Parker will be brought from West Gloucester where it is trailered with the assistance of several on-duty firefighters to the U.S. Coast Guard Station on Harbor Loop with the cooperation of Station Gloucester's Commanding Officer which will allow them to work with tools and lifts. He said a full inspection will be conducted once the boat is clean, perform minor repairs, and strip off the CERT decals. He indicated he expected it would be about \$1,000 worth of minor repairs and detailing, and afterward the boat would go to the Cape Ann Marina for operational fine tuning. He said it is hoped to have boat will be in the water by late the following week.

Council President Ciolino asked if the Parker is a heavy-duty commercial vessel. **Harbormaster Ciarametaro** indicated that the Parker is the "Boston Whaler" of the South -- a commercial, heavy duty, no-frills herringbone frame-style, thick fiberglass reinforced transom boat, and while circa 1994 the age of the boat has no bearing -- it is what is the quality of the installed power. This Parker has a lot of upgrades in the last few years, the infrared system, spot lights, search lights, new fire pump and hoses, and recently repowered with 150 horsepower Yamaha's with less than 200 hours use. He added that the boat will be kept on a mooring close to the Harbormaster's Office while that area of Harbor Loop's water sheet is under remediation by National Grid and until the floats are replaced and expected to be installed next spring -- then the boat will be home ported in front of the office next year. If all goes well they'll take out the department's open patrol boat and keep the closed boat in the water for the winter at St. Peter's Marina, he pointed out.

Councilor LeBlanc expressed his support to accept the donated vessel, and thanked the Harbormaster for stepping up and that the vessel will be an asset to the Harbormaster's Dept., the city and its water sheet. He conveyed he knew that the Harbormaster is excited to have this boat as is he.

Councilor Cox thanked CERT, Deputy Fire Chief Miles Schlichte and Carol McMahon for bringing the boat to the city so that it can be in turn used by the Harbormaster.

Councilor Orlando added his thanks to the Harbormaster and Deputy Fire Chief Miles Schlichte reiterating that the vessel will be a great additional asset and be put to good use.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (O'Hara) absent, to accept under MGL c. 44, Sec. 53A-1/2 to accept a donation of a 25-foot 1994 Parker Marine Custom Fire/Rescue Boat and related equipment from the Gloucester unit of the Community Emergency Response Team with an approximate value of \$50,000, serial number PKMKH220I394 for use by the Gloucester Harbormaster's Department.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council approve Special Budgetary Transfer 2017-SBT-1 in the amount of \$640.00 from Account #0121051-511000, Police Administration, Salaries to Account #0121052-520000, Police Administration, Purchase of Services for the purpose of funding the services of a temporary employee through a temporary agency at a rate of approximately \$32.00 per hour inclusive.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Memhard conveyed to the Council that funds are needed to pay a temporary agency to hire coverage of the department's account clerk who is out on Worker's Comp. The cost to the department will be \$32/hour which is an all-inclusive rate from Account Temps. The total transfer amount is \$640. Funds are available from the Police Administration, Salary/Wage-Permanent Position sub-account which pays the salary of the Account Clerk as she is currently being paid through Worker's Comp which comes out of the Personnel Department's budget.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (O'Hara) absent, to approve Special Budgetary Transfer 2017-SBT-1 in the amount of \$640.00 from Account #0121051-511000, Police Administration, Salaries to Account #0121052-520000, Police Administration, Purchase of Services for the purpose of funding the services of a temporary employee through a temporary agency at a rate of approximately \$32.00 per hour inclusive.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Special Budgetary Transfer 2017-SBT-2 in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Account #0122051-519001, Fire Department, Tuition Reimbursement to Account #0122052-530025 Fire Department, In-Service Training OM for the purpose of appropriately classifying training funds into an ordinary account.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Memhard explained that this transfer is simply correcting an inappropriate budgeting of funds in the Fire Department's Tuition Reimbursement account which is a personnel account in the FY17 budget. This now corrects that oversight by moving the funds into the appropriate ordinary account, Fire Department, In-Service Training OM.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (O'Hara) absent, to approve Special Budgetary Transfer 2017-SBT-2 in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Account #0122051-519001, Fire Department, Tuition Reimbursement to Account #0122052-530025 Fire Department, In-Service Training OM for the purpose of appropriately classifying training funds into an ordinary account.

Ordinances & Administration: September 19, 2016

Election of City Clerk – Joanne M. Senos:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council pursuant to City Charter Section 2-7, elect Joanne M. Senos to the position of Gloucester City Clerk, TTE 04/30/2018.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc explained that there was a pool of applicants and through the due diligence of the O&A Committee narrowed the field to several good candidates through follow-up interviews and then to two finalists. Both candidates interviewed very well, each with outstanding qualities, but Ms. Senos brought to the table her familiarity with the city, its Administration, the Council and its Code of Ordinances, Zoning Ordinance, elections and city government operations. It was those qualities that made her the best candidate for the position of City Clerk, he indicated. He said that the O&A Committee strongly recommends that Ms. Senos be elected as City Clerk. He added that as Assistant City Clerk and as Interim City Clerk Ms. Senos reaches out to all the Councilors with any questions, helpful gestures and information that she can pass on. He reported that she does her homework and that the Council is well taken care of. He added his personal support of Ms. Senos's election, "100 percent." He stated firmly that the best candidate came out on top.

Councilor Nolan, O&A Committee member, touching on the winnowing process of finding the best candidate for a new City Clerk, expressed confidence Ms. Senos would do a good job in her new role as City Clerk and continue the process of growing the department.

Councilor Orlando added his support for the election of Ms. Senos to the position of City Clerk although only knowing her a short time as a first-term Councilor expressing his appreciation for all her assistance to him.

Councilor Cox added that Ms. Senos has earned this position, working diligently in managing the department, and is a good role model for the department's staff. She expressed she was proud to support Ms. Senos's candidacy for the position of City Clerk and that she looked forward to working with her in her new role.

Councilor Lundberg pointed out that Ms. Senos has performed admirably as Assistant City Clerk and said he was very impressed. He mentioned that an important quality for the role as City Clerk is to be able to not only understand all of the department's jobs and processes in the office w but also be able to perform them, and Ms. Senos meets that standard as well. He voiced his support for Ms. Senos's candidacy.

Councilor Memhard also voiced his enthusiastic endorsement of Ms. Senos's election as City Clerk saying that he looked forward to relying on her services.

Councilor Gilman recounted that Ms. Senos has been an amazing support to her as a freshman Councilor, recounting a complicated parsing of city ordinance when she was working on Lanesville's business center parking. She added that Ms. Senos has a laudable positive customer service ethic, answering inquiries on a timely basis, added her thanks for Ms. Senos's hard work saying that she would vote for Ms. Senos as City Clerk.

Mayor Sefatia Theken noted she and Ms. Senos go way back from her time as a former Councilor and Chair of O&A and noted Ms. Senos's previous stint as Interim City Clerk. She added the City Clerk interacts frequently and closely with her office, and Ms. Senos works seamlessly with her and her staff and displays a professional demeanor at all times. She expressed her endorsement for Ms. Senos's election as City Clerk.

Council President Ciolino pointed out that the O&A Committee vote was a unanimous recommendation for Ms. Senos's election to the position of City Clerk. He stressed the importance of just some of the duties of the City Clerk – being in charge of all vital records, overseeing the running of all elections and certifies the results, and is the keeper of all city records. The City Clerk works closely with all the Councilors and is the continuity as Council's come and go through their elected terms. He expressed confidence that the city's vital records will continue to be well kept and added his support for Ms. Senos's election to the position of City Clerk.

The Clerk of Committees, **Dana Jorgensson**, then called the Council Roll for the election of Joanne M. Senos to the position of City Clerk yielding the following result:

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (O'Hara) absent, to recommend that the City Council pursuant to City Charter Section 2-7, elect Joanne Senos to the position of Gloucester City Clerk, TTE 04/30/2018.

The Council recessed at 7:29 p.m. and reconvened at 7:33 p.m. to congratulate Ms. Senos and her family on the event of her election to the position of City Clerk.

Ms. Senos thanked the Council for its support as well as the support and patience of her family, many of whom were present, expressing her appreciation for their forbearance during her stint as not only Assistant City Clerk but Interim City Clerk simultaneously and mentioned the presence of a co-worker from her department.

Councilor LeBlanc, closing out the O&A Committee Report, advised that O&A voted to close Council Order 2016-034 regarding traffic issues at the intersection of Holly and Washington Streets as there is no further Council action necessary. He pointed out that the recommendations of the Traffic Commission are being implemented in cooperation through the Administration by the DPW Director, and that a recommended loading zone is now being handled through a new Council Order that was just referred to O&A and Traffic Commission earlier this evening.

Planning & Development: September 21, 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 under GCO Sec. 21-3 "Street Names" to rename 618R Essex Avenue, Assessors Map 237, Lot 70, and to renumber the lot to 11 Golden Lane.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Lundberg briefly explained that this request is by the property owner through the Engineering Department to rename and renumber 618R Essex Avenue is for 9-1-1 purposes only. As the street numbers in this immediate area of Essex Avenue are slightly skewed, and that 618R Essex Avenue is set quite some distance back

from the street, renaming the common driveway will make it more visible and easier to locate. He conveyed that Golden Lane will remain a private way and not a right of way or road that is recognized by the Planning Board; therefore, it may not be used to meet frontage requirements for future development unless approved by the Planning Board as a subdivision. He noted the required recommendations from city staff were in hand and on file.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Lundberg, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (O'Hara) absent, under GCO Sec. 21-3 "Street Names" to rename 618R Essex Avenue, Assessors Map 237, Lot 70, and to renumber the lot to 11 Golden Lane.

Scheduled Public Hearings: None

For Council Vote:

1. PH2016-029: Amend GCO c. 11, Sec. 11-11 "Permit required; fee" by deleting the sentence, "The fee for permit issued shall not exceed \$100.00" (Cont'd from 06/28/16 CCM)

Note: This public hearing was closed on June 28, 2016 and the matter of the amending of GCO c. 11, Sec. 11-11 was referred back to the Ordinances & Administration Committee for further clarification.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council permit with withdrawal of Council Order CC2016-020 "Request O&A determine whether GCO c. 11, Sec. 1-11 "Permit required; fee" be amended by deleting, "The fee for a permit issued shall not exceed \$100.00" without prejudice.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox pointed out that given that this section of the Code of Ordinances is complex and outdated she had asked O&A to permit her to withdraw her Council Order. She told the Council that when there was a more cohesive recommendation gained through a collaborative effort with General Counsel, the new City Clerk she and Councilor Orlando, it will result with her submitting a new Council Order to reflect those recommended changes to the Code of Ordinances.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (O'Hara) absent, to permit with withdrawal without prejudice of Council Order CC2016-020 "Request O&A determine whether GCO c. 11, Sec. 1-11 "Permit required; fee" be amended by deleting, "The fee for a permit issued shall not exceed \$100.00."

2. Special Speed Regulation #7944 from MassDOT re: Rockport Road from intersection of Thatcher Rd. on May 10, 2016

Councilor Memhard, responding to an inquiry by **Councilor Cox**, briefly reviewed that speed studies for both Rockport Road and Beach Road, the next adoption of a speed reduction were conducted during winter and summer months and then submitted to MassDOT by a vote of the Council, which transpired just before MassDOT changed their rules by ceding this action over to local municipalities.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (O'Hara) absent, to adopt pursuant to MGL c. 90, §18, Special Speed Regulation #7944 to impose the following speed limits in which motor vehicles may be operated on Rockport Road as follows:

ROCKPORT ROAD – EASTBOUND

Beginning at the junction of Thatcher Road (Route 127A), thence easterly on Rockport Road 0.25 miles at 20 miles per hour ending at the junction of Beachland Avenue; the total distance being 0.25 miles.

ROCKPORT ROAD – WESTBOUND

Beginning at the junction of Beachland Avenue, thence westerly on Rockport Road 0.25 miles at 20 miles per hour ending at the junction of Thatcher Road (Route 127A); the total distance being 0.25 miles.

3. Special Speed Regulation #6096-B from MassDOT re: Beach Road approved by City Council on June 7, 2016

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (O'Hara) to adopt pursuant to MGL c. 90, §18, Special Speed Regulation #6096-B to impose the following speed limits in which motor vehicles may be operated on Beach Road as follows:

BEACH ROAD – NORTH BOUND

Beginning at the junction of Haskell Street, thence northerly on Beach Road 0.51 miles at 20 miles per hour ending at the junction of Nautilus Road; the total distance being 0.51 miles.

BEACH ROAD – SOUTH BOUND

Beginning at the junction of Nautilus Road, thence southerly on Beach Road 0.51 miles at 20 miles per hour ending at the junction of Haskell Street; the total distance being 0.51 miles.

Unfinished Business: None.

Individual Councilor's Discussion including Reports by Appointed Councilors to Committees:

Update of the Downtown Development Commission (DDC) from City Council Representative, Councilor Melissa Cox: Councilor Cox highlighted the following activities of the DDC.

- Street lighting has been a focus and at a meeting tomorrow the DDC will receive an update from the DPW;
- The Railroad Avenue MBTA train station has a new street map which was an initiative of the DDC in conjunction with the MBTA, as well as succeeding to have old, defunct newspaper dispensers removed.

Councilors' Requests to the Mayor:

Councilor Gilman requested that the Mayor direct the Chief Financial Officer to provide the Council through its Budget & Finance Committee an outline of the city's Capital Improvements five- and ten-year plan along with a report of the status of all city debt to better enable the School Committee's and community's understanding as the city plans coalesce by moving forward in the process of an MSBA-assisted building program for two possible combined elementary schools in Wards 1 and 4. **Council President Ciolino** offered that he would schedule a joint City Council and School Committee meeting and have CFO, John Dunn speak to the city's debt. He noted there were good questions posed at last evening's Ward 1 meeting on the possible East Gloucester/Veteran's Memorial Elementary Schools consolidation schools suggested to be sited at Swinson's Field, and that Councilor Gilman's request would answer many questions posed by those who attended.

Councilor Gilman also mentioned participating in her first morning on the Saturday morning clean team noting the group hauled 12 large bags of trash out of a section of Dogtown. With much more to do, another Dogtown clean-up will be scheduled, she advised. She announced an event at the Lanesville Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 1, "Dogtown Days," an opportunity for the community to learn more about the history of Dogtown starting at noon. For more information see the Community Center website, she noted.

Councilor Memhard mentioned that Starknought Road received its base coat paving through the betterment paving project and is moving forward as well as a large portion of Oxford Road. The residents of Starknought Heights, Starknought Road, Oxford Road and Joseph's Way are thrilled, he conveyed, and extended those residents' thanks to the Council. He thanked the Council members, School Committee members, teachers and school parents who attended the Ward 1 meeting for a presentation by the School Committee concerning the proposed consolidation and siting of the new Ward 1 School. He noted the project is moving forward with care, step by step, while navigating the complicated process. He lauded the time and effort the School Committee has invested in moving this school project forward so that a new school can be built during their terms on the Council somewhere in the ward to serve the same purpose as the new West Parish School.

Councilor Orlando also mentioned the Starknought Road paving project moving forward in a way that is satisfactory to the neighbors, adding his thanks to the DPW. He announced that on Oct. 1, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Clarke Cemetery behind the First Parish Cemetery at 122 Centennial Avenue, a generous group of volunteers will be clearing brush to bring the cemetery to the point of it being better maintained for the DPW to do the tree felling and

removal of debris in honor of the veterans who are buried there. He encouraged volunteers to wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and to bring landscaping/gardening tools. He asked volunteers to park either at the Veteran's Center on Emerson Avenue or the Pathways school. He also announced that on Wednesday, Oct.26 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Magnolia Library there will be a workshop/forum meeting primarily geared to contractors, developers, and real estate professionals but is also open to other interested residents to focus the conversation on what these groups of professionals have to convey about making the city more business/development friendly. There will also be a discussion to learn about what other cities do that makes it easier to wade through their permitting processes and for creative suggestions as how Gloucester might streamline its process as well.

Councilor Cox advised that she would be out of state from October 7-15 and will not be at the Oct. 11 Council meeting. She announced that in her absence her constituents can reach out to Councilor Orlando who has offered to be her backup while she is gone.

Councilor LeBlanc requested that the DPW with the advice of the Traffic Commission post signs, "Slow/Children" on Bertoni and York Roads. Over the past few years the neighborhood has changed with many young families with children moving to that area and the signs being posted would add further pedestrian safety features for the area.

Council President Ciolino thanked the Administration and the DPW for fixing the Kyrouz Auditorium Clock, and then requested that they fix the broken drawer at the dais.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgenson
Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.