

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 25, 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:

Also Present: Mayor Sefatia Theken; Joanne M. Senos; Chip Payson; John Dunn; Kenny Costa; Chris Sicuranza; Karin Carroll

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.

Mayor Sefatia Theken introduced Karin Carroll, Health Department Director. She acknowledged working with Ms. Carroll previously when she worked in a different capacity in the department. She indicated that Ms. Carroll was a good choice for her enthusiasm in moving her department forward.

Oral Communications: None.**Presentations/Commendations:** None.**Consent Agenda:**

- **MAYOR’S REPORT**

1. Memorandum from the Harbormaster re: request for an ordinance regarding maritime details being conducted appropriately (Refer O&A)
Within the city including pay
2. Memorandum from Principal Assessor re: Tax Classification Fiscal Year 2017 (Refer B&F)
3. Grant Application & Checklist Packet from the Gloucester Historical Commission re: grant to preserve Dogtown as a National Register District (Refer B&F)
4. Memorandum from Police Chief re: acceptance of a FY17 State 911 Training & EMD Grant in the amount of \$106,656.22 (Refer B&F)
5. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (2017-SBT-6) from the Police Department (Refer B&F)
6. Memorandum from the Community Development Grants Writer re: lead paint test results for Gloucester Visitor’s Center (Info Only)
7. Official review and scope of work conducted by federal partnerships and programs around “Local Foods, Local Places” actions Strategies for Gloucester (Info Only)
8. Notice from the Community Development Senior City Planner re: Gloucester Housing Production Plan Public Form on 10/26/16 (Info Only)
9. Memorandum from CFO & Special Budgetary Transfer Request (2017-SBT-7) re: Sewer Enterprise Fund Transfer for Vehicle Leases (Refer B&F)
10. Grant Application & Checklist from the Public Health Director re: acceptance of a \$6,000 PHEP Grant (Refer B&F)

- **COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS**

1. Invitation from the Office of Veterans’ Services, City of Gloucester & the United Veterans Council for ceremonies & parade on November 11, 2016 in honor of Veterans Day (Info Only)

- **APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS**

- **COUNCILORS ORDERS**

1. CC2016-047 (LeBlanc) Amend GCO Sec. 22-265 “Turning movements-Generally” re: intersection of Western Ave. & Washington St. and Angle St. & Washington St. (Refer O&A, DPW & TC)
2. CC2016-048 (Orlando) Amend GCO Sec. 4-16(d) “Off-leash dog areas” subsection (b) (2) by adding a new subsection “(m) Dog Park “pooch pass”: certificate for non-residents & amend Sec. 1-15 “Penalty for violation of certain specified sections of code (Refer O&A & B&F)
3. CC2016-049 (Gilman) Amend GCO Sec. 22-268 “Same-From May 1 to September 15” and Sec. 22-267 “Restriction on direction Driven – Annually” re: Arlington Street (Refer O&A & TC)

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

1. City Council Meeting: 10/11/16 (Approve/File)
2. Joint City Council & School Committee Meeting: 10/18/16 (under separate cover) (Approve/File)
3. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 10/06/16 (under separate cover), O&A 10/17/16, P&D 10/19/16 (Approve/File)

Unanimous Consent Calendar:

1. Memorandum from Community Development Director & Senior Project Manager regarding recommendations from the Community Preservation Committee for Round 7, FY2017 Funds (Refer B&F)

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

Councilor Ciolino asked to remove Items #6 under the Mayor's Report and the Mayor's Addendum under the Unanimous Consent Calendar. He mentioned that under Item #6 Memorandum from the Community Development Grants Writer re: lead paint test results for Gloucester Visitor's Center forwarded by Deborah Laurie of the Community Development Department was forwarded in error and Ms. Laurie asked that the Council delete it from this agenda. By the unanimous consent of the Council, the Matter Item #6 under the Mayor's Report was removed by the Council from their agenda. As to the Addendum, Council President Ciolino highlighted that matter, the Memorandum from Community Development Director & Senior Project Manager regarding recommendations from the Community Preservation Committee for Round 7, FY2017 Funds, will be referred to Budget & Finance, he said.

By unanimous consent the Consent Agenda and Unanimous Consent Calendar was accepted as amended.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance: October 20, 2016

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Orlando) absent, to recommend that the City Council accept under MGL c. 44, §53A a Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs, Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) the Recycling Dividends Funds and Small-Scale Initiative Funds under the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program for \$21,500 pursuant to the Green Communities Act. The term of this funding shall be in effect until all RDP funds are expended and reported to MassDEP on use of said funds.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Memhard informed the Council that this is the second consecutive year the city has received this grant from the Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection for \$21,500 (last year's was \$19,000). The city, because it is a Green Community, was eligible for these grant funds. He noted last year's grant allowed for a second hazardous waste collection day to be scheduled. He said that part of this year's grant funds will be used to purchase a recycling roll-off for use at special events, and help to offset the cost of printing recycling brochures and educational materials and that no match is required.

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<u>Invoice #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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1679940-0209-2	6/24/2016	<u>\$364.30</u>
	TOTAL:	\$488.32

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Memhard explained that that the DPW was unable to pay two Waste Management invoices as they were received after the close of FY16 and not enough money was carried over to pay for them. The two invoices total \$488.32, he noted, were generated from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He explained they have several

different kinds of dumpsters at the plant -- one is for grit and sludge that gets dumped two to three times a year, at about a \$2,500 cost each time. There was a last minute need to dump the sludge dumpster which wasn't planned for completely in the carry over charges into FY17.

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DISCUSSION:

Councilor Memhard conveyed that after the new Harbormaster was appointed, he learned per the contract with National Grid that his department needed to pay the rent on the Harbormaster's building for June, July and August. He advised that a purchase order was never opened to pay the June rent, and therefore this FY16 bill needs to be paid with FY17 funds.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Gilman, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, in accordance with MGL c. 44, §64 to approve payment of a prior year invoice without a purchase order in place for the rental of the Harbormaster's Office for the month of June (2016) at 10 Harbor Loop to National Grid, Invoice # City of Gloucester-Inv. 1, dated September 14, 2016, to be paid with FY2017 budgeted funds from the current FY2017 Waterways Enterprise Fund, Account #700052-527001, Waterways Enterprise-Building Rental for a total of \$1,663.84.

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DISCUSSION:

Councilor Memhard conveyed that John Dunn, CFO had explained to the B&F Committee that this transfer is for \$60,000 from the Police Administration salary line to be placed into an account established for legal activities for contractual investigations. He said Mr. Dunn's opinion was that the \$60,000 is a high estimate but wanted to ensure only one transfer is necessary, and so this is a number he and General Counsel, Chip Payson, are comfortable with. He extended his thanks to the Mayor for moving this matter ahead efficiently, minimizing the city's liabilities and costs by moving matters forward to the Essex County District Attorney and the state's Attorney General.

Council President Ciolino asked for more details on the transfer from the CFO. **Mr. Dunn** explained that his office identified available administrative salary money and wanted to capture everything associated with the three investigations into one legal account funding line in the Police Department's administrative budget. He indicated that what is termed as "lag money" from permanent salaries is what is transferred. The transfer leaves funds in that budget line, but then everything associated with the contractual legal work for the investigations is expensed of one

budgetary line. **Council President Ciolino** confirmed with Mr. Dunn that the city will keep track of all these expenses that will be incurred and that line item will be with Police Administration enabling costs to be transparent and stay in the Police Department.

Councilor Cox asked how retirements are budgeted for -- in a separate line item out of the Personnel Department or in individual departments' budgets. **Mr. Dunn** said if someone is terminated from employment by the city through retirement, there are likely some buybacks such as unused vacation and sick time depending on the contract and are charged to each individual department. In many cases there is a lag time between the retirement and a new person being hired. He indicated that most of the time there is enough lag money to cover the retirement payouts as they leave. **Councilor Cox** pointed out the city hasn't gotten to the point where there is a set date for this lag money and so it is by estimate only and there could be take back on the funding if there was an over estimation. **Mr. Dunn** said there will be certain calculations later on involved, that they hadn't calculated the "out the door," but he added that he agreed there would be certain calculations that will have to be made later in the fiscal year. **Councilor Cox** asked if Mr. Dunn was comfortable confirming that he wouldn't be back before the end of the fiscal year to take the transfer funds back. **Mr. Dunn** said there could be a transfer before the end of the fiscal year to put funds back, but the concept, he pointed out, was to try to take a look at what they thought might happen in the next couple of months, round it up a bit, and if this total isn't needed it can be transferred out.

MOATION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Special Budgetary Transfer 2017-SBT-5 in the amount of \$60,000 from Account #0121051-511000, Police Admin.-Salaries to Account #0121052-530010, Police Admin.-Legal Services for the purpose of funding Police Investigations.

Ordinances & Administration: October 17, 2016

Councilor LeBlanc advised that any matters for Council action were to come forward under Public Hearings.

Planning & Development: October 19, 2016

Councilor Lundberg reported that there were no matters for Council action from the Oct. 19 P&D Committee meeting. He announced that the Committee did permit the Mayor's Halloween Party to be held Sunday, Oct. 30 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in and around City Hall and mentioned some of the many activities for young children that will be available including a hayride, weather permitting, a fire engine stationed in front of City Hall, games for young children in Kyrouz Auditorium and a haunted house in the spooky City Hall basement for older children.

Councilor Gilman added that the event goes on rain or shine, and noted the Mayor has encouraged the Councilors to dress in costume. She commended Roseanne Cody and Dawn Caraway for their planning and organization of the Mayor's Halloween Party.

Scheduled Public Hearings:

- 1. PH2016-049: Amend GCO Sec. 22-274 "Two-hour parking" by ADDING Commercial Street for a distance of 27 feet from its southerly intersection with Beach Court**

This public hearing is opened at 7:21 p.m.

Those speaking in favor: None.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions: None.

This public hearing is closed at 7:21 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 GCO Sec. 22-274 "Two-hour parking" by ADDING "Commercial Street for a distance of 27 feet from its southerly intersection with Beach Court."

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox explained that the original request came from a dental office on Commercial Street with three spaces unregulated asking for 30 minute parking and that the Councilor put in the order as requested. She advised at the Sept. 22 Traffic Commission meeting, it was pointed out that no one goes to a dental office for less than 30 minutes. She indicated that at least an hour parking is appropriate, and it was recommended by the Commission that rather than amending Sec. 22-279 "Thirty-minute parking" that the parking spaces located in front of the dental office on Commercial Street, and a coffee shop there as well, that it would be more appropriate to limit parking to two hours and so falls under Sec. 22-274.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to Amend GCO Sec. 22-274 "Two-hour parking" by ADDING "Commercial Street for a distance of 27 feet from its southerly intersection with Beach Court."

2. **PH2016-050: Amend GCO Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" by ADDING "Lexington Avenue #44 (at the entrance to the building);" and amend Sec. 22-291 "Tow-away zones" by ADDING Lexington Avenue #44 (at the entrance to the building)."**

This public hearing is opened at 7:23 p.m.

Those speaking in favor: None.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications:

Joanne Senos, City Clerk, advised there were three communications received by the Council, all in favor of the proposed ordinance amendments from: Holly Davis, 44 Lexington Avenue, Unit 21; Hudson Vargas, 44 Lexington Avenue, and James Anderson, 44 Lexington Avenue

Councilor Questions:

Councilor Nolan said 44 Lexington Avenue is down the street from Beauport Hearing in response to a question from the Council President.

This public hearing is closed at 7:24 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 GCO Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" by ADDING "Lexington Avenue #44 (at the entrance to the building)."

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 "Parking prohibited at all times" by ADDING "Lexington Avenue #44 (at the entrance to the building)."

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 "Lexington Avenue #44 (at the entrance to the building)."

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 "Lexington Avenue #44 (at the entrance to the building)."

3. **PH2016-051: Amend GCO Sec. 22-280 "Fifteen-minute parking" by ADDING two (2) fifteen-minute parking spaces on Duncan Street (with proper signage)"**

This public hearing is opened at 7:25 p.m.

Those speaking in favor: None.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions: None.

This public hearing is closed at 7:25 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 GCO Sec. 22-280 "Fifteen-minute parking" by adding two (2) fifteen-minute parking spaces on Duncan Street (with proper signage)."

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc explained that her Council Order to remove the first two parking meters on Duncan Street heading down from Main Street which was requested by the former owners of the Alchemy Restaurant. These two spaces would become 15 minute parking only spaces. This reflects the change of use of the former Alchemy restaurant to one that is proposed to be a restaurant for take-out and self-serve, eat-in food which will see a great deal of in and out movement by clientele which is why the request was made. It was noted that this new food establishment will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. He indicated that other local businesses, such as the adjacent CVS may find their patrons using these spaces to pick up prescriptions for instance.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to Amend GCO Sec. 22-280 "Fifteen-minute parking" by adding "two (2) fifteen-minute parking spaces on Duncan Street (with proper signage)."

4. **PH2016-052: Amend GCO Sec. 4-16(d) (a) (2) by ADDING new subsections as follows: "(k) Dogs that weigh 25 pounds or less are not allowed in areas designated for large dogs; (l) Dogs that weigh 26 pounds or more are not allowed in areas designated for small dogs"**

This public hearing is opened at 7:27 p.m.

Those speaking in favor: None.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions:

Council President Ciolino confirmed with **Councilor LeBlanc** this matter is related to the Gloucester Dog Park at Stage Fort Park.

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 GCO Sec. 4-16(d) (a) (2) by ADDING a new subsections as follows:

"(k) Dogs that weigh 25 pounds or less are not allowed in areas designated for large dogs.
(l) Dogs that weigh 26 pounds or more are not allowed in areas designated for small dogs."

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc explained that this amendment affecting the Dog Park came forward from the work of the Ordinances & Administration's Ad Hoc Dog Committee, a group of very dedicated volunteers. He thanked them for their hard work, and their continuing commitment to work to improve the city's dog ordinance.

Councilor Orlando asked if there would be a scale at the Dog Park, and expressed concern for dogs that are close in weight to the guidelines.

Councilor Gilman said this type of rule is posted at most dog parks and is common. She asked what would be the penalty if this ordinance is ignored by dog owners who feel their dog gets along with all sizes of dogs, and then asked if there was any conversation about enforcement or is this more about fair play. **Councilor LeBlanc** said he didn't believe there would be any penalty, but that this will be a guideline for self-policing for the safety of the dogs. He said he didn't believe Animal Control would be there to issue tickets. He mentioned he was fine with the weights of the dogs as presented in the amendment as put forward by the Ad Hoc Dog Committee's initiative.

Councilor Memhard, noting that several weeks before the Council had a motion before it to ban smoking on city beaches, but that enforcement and penalties were an issue – who enforces these types of regulations and what is the penalty for lack of compliance. While he said while this makes sense, and that dog owners by and large will be self-policing and is a helpful guideline, in the absence of a scale at the Dog Park entrance they may be setting themselves up for incertitude, and asked they be mindful of trying to avoid a situation where there isn't the back-up of enforcement or penalty. He reiterated his statement about the failed ban of smoking on city beaches due to lack of enforcement and penalties.

Councilor Orlando reminded the Council he was speaking in jest and that he didn't think the weight class separation of dogs at the Dog Park and expressed his opinion that he didn't think this would be an issue.

Councilor Cox mentioned that Councilor Memhard brought up a good point and expressed her agreement with his assertions. She suggested that the Council, moving forward should keep this same level of discussion on future items as it is a good way to proceed on many matters -- to take small steps rather than a giant leap.

Councilor LeBlanc said they can implement this initiative at the Dog Park for a year if the Council prefers but he reminded the Councilors of several other ordinances that are hard to enforce -- the beach trash carry in/carry out policy for instance and others that have enforcement and penalty issues associated with them. Putting penalties and fees on many things such as this makes it hard for people to come to Gloucester to do business or to come with their pets to visit. They city is trying to be dog friendly, and he reiterated his suggestion the Council could revisit the Dog Park regulations year from today for a review if there is a perceived need.

Councilor Nolan said there are a lot of rules on the books that are hard to enforce. This is setting up a rule that means self-policing by the dog owners. He pointed out some dog owners may not know what they can and can't do at the Dog Park. Rules such as this will help them to understand and better educate the park users. He expressed his opinion that enforcement wasn't going to be an issue and that the people will work this out for themselves.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to Amend GCO Sec. 4-16(d) (a) (2) by ADDING a new subsections as follows:

“(k) Dogs that weigh 25 pounds or less are not allowed in areas designated for large dogs.

(l) Dogs that weigh 26 pounds or more are not allowed in areas designated for small dogs.”

5. PH2016-053: SCP2016-004: Great Republic Drive #38, Map 263, Lot 64, GZO Sec. 1.5.3(c), Sec. 5.7 “Major Project” & Sec. 5.27 “Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facilities” (TBC 11/22/16)

This public hearing is opened at 7:36 p.m.

Council President Ciolino advised that this matter, with the assent of the applicant, is continued to the November 22, 2016 City Council meeting.

This public hearing is continued to November 22, 2016 at 7:36 p.m.

For Council Vote: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

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

Update of the Poet Laureate Selection Committee by City Council Representative, Councilor Paul Lundberg:

Councilor Lundberg conveyed to the Council the following information: The Committee for the Arts that is charged with the responsibility for choosing a Poet Laureate hasn't taken any action pending the revision of the Arts Ordinance and so hasn't moved forward to accept resumes. He indicated he would speak with that Committee as to how they intend to proceed with the revision of the ordinance. **Council President Ciolino** noted the listing of the Committee for the Arts on the city's website needs to be updated to show all the current members of the Committee.

Councilors' Requests to the Mayor:

Councilor Memhard mentioned a posted video of a “demeaning” visitor review by a blogger of a wonderful trip to Gloucester that was spoiled, related to overnight parking of RV's (Recreational Vehicle(s)). He explained that RV'er was having a wonderful time while visiting the city, but that his visit was interrupted by the police at 2:00 a.m. who evicted him from the Stage Fort Park parking lot politely being told that there was no provision for overnight RV parking in the city except for the Cape Ann KOA Campsite in West Gloucester. He said this is a

concern that deserves the Council's attention and asked the Mayor and her office evaluate a response to this gentleman who posted this devastating review of the city in order to propose a response to this situation.

Councilor Gilman reminded the public about Early Voting (for more information, see the city's homepage on its website: gloucester-ma.gov). Early voting at City Hall started Monday, October 24 and will last until Friday, Nov. 4. She mentioned that in the spirit of good relationships with the Police Department and from an initiative with Acting Chief John McCarthy on the second and fourth Friday morning of each month, at 8:00 a.m. at The Grind in Lanesville, both the Acting Chief and Officer Kevin Hicks will be there to talk to residents about community policing. She noted also planned is a meeting to follow up on community policing issues voiced in Ward 4, Precincts 1 and 2 meetings earlier in the summer.

Council President Ciolino asked about the ward meeting Councilor Gilman was putting together about schools. **Councilor Gilman** said the will of the School Committee is that the decision up until January when matters are vetted through is that there was a 7 to 0 vote in favor of a plan to consolidate the East Gloucester Elementary School with the Veterans Memorial School to one location and build one new school. She noted questions have arisen, and she spoke with Samantha Verga Watson whom she indicated is on board, but that the Beeman Elementary School community would like to have a better sense how their school will be serviced and funded if they are the lag consolidated school. She briefly touched upon some of the possibilities for airing these concerns and conveying information to that constituency.

Councilor Nolan reminded the Mayor's party on Sunday, Oct. 30 and highlighted that trick or treating will be taking place on Monday, Oct. 31 in the city -- it is dark earlier and for people to take extra caution when travelling about Gloucester that night keeping an eye out for little ghosts and goblins.

Councilor Orlando said the gentleman who blogged about his Gloucester RV experience has 86,000 followers. As the person assigned to the Tourism Commission, he indicated that if the city is serious about tourism they need to take a look at the RV parking issue saying that there has to be some place for short-term parking for such self-contained vehicles. He encouraged any Councilor to work with him to see if they can't get something together to present to the Administration and the Council. He thanked Acting Chief John McCarthy and City Clerk, Joanne Senos for their assistance to enable him to give the gentleman a nice response. He expressed his appreciation for Councilor Memhard bringing the issue forward.

He reminded the public that there is a workshop forum the following evening at the Magnolia Library starting at 7:00 p.m. aimed at contractors, real estate professionals and developers but for other interested citizens as well to air their complaints, make comments and suggestions as to how the city can help to ease the way forward for these folks to do business in Gloucester. From this workshop/forum, the Councilors will work to see how they can move forward to make a smoother permitting atmosphere to promote business in the city. He also reminded the public that on Saturday, Nov. 12 there will be the rescheduled Clarke Cemetery clean up at 9:00 a.m. which is at the back of the First Parish Burial Ground on Centennial Avenue. He also wished a Happy Birthday who turns two years old today.

Councilor Cox reminded there is the Housing meeting in Kyrouz Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. She volunteered to work with Councilor Orlando on the RV issue. She recounted an issue of an RV parked in a residential area that tossed their waste on the street. She cited the fact that this is a health issue as there is nowhere for an RV to hook up to pump out and properly dispose of waste. There is a reason behind the current ordinances, but there may be a more friendly way to manage the situation. She pointed out that a KOA campground offers sanitary facilities and a way for RV's and self-contained campers to properly dispose of their collected waste. She noted the police are unable to track if an RV is only parked for one or two nights or is parked long term or just got tired and for their own safety pulled over to stay the night. She indicated she believed there is a way to seek compromise but the primary concern is the long-term stay without the proper disposal facilities which poses a public health issue, but said they could work around that.

Councilor LeBlanc highlighted a change in the start time of the O&A Committee's Monday, Oct. 31 meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to allow the Councilors, interested citizens and staff to be home with their families.

Council President Ciolino said he has asked the City Clerk to make binders of City Ordinances, and that through Councilor Gilman, and that there's work to be done with the Code of Ordinances that in some cases it is contradictory and outdated. He suggested they would each tackle a section of the Ordinance and review it to see if they can make some positive changes. He noted that when the Council had a meeting at the O'Maley Middle School recently to talk with the Administration and air concerns about the proposed plans for Tally's Corner. He conveyed that of main concern by citizens was that there had been a lack of transparency, and a loss of trust in elected officials. He promised that there will be a process, starting with a series of events this Thursday, Oct. 27. At 8:30 a.m. there will be a Council Site Visit to Tally's corner. The DPW has marked out the proposed ADA sidewalks and other minor changes to the immediate area which are clear to see. The Council will walk that site with the DPW Director and Chair of the Traffic Commission. That evening at 6:00 p.m. in the 3rd Fl. Conference Room at City

Hall the Traffic Commission will take up the traffic issues at Tally's Corner as the first matter of business. He advised that he has asked Councilor Lundberg, well known for this transportation expertise, to chair a public meeting that same evening at 6:45 p.m. to end at 7:50 p.m. in the Friend Room at the Sawyer Free Library where there will be a discussion of truck travel routes, signage, issues of bicycle lanes next to vehicle travel lanes, and some of the observations on the site visit. Councilor Memhard has been asked to co-host the event, he advised. He suggested that a policy needs to be formulated on truck travel through the city, and that the city is also on a tight timeframe to get all this done -- but this is what the Council promised -- that they would go through this process so that recommendations can go forward to the O&A Committee and the Traffic Commission for vetting and for review and implementation through the Council.

Councilor Cox said there is no order in front of the Council yet something is being referred out to O&A, and that the Traffic Commission doesn't take anything up that's not referred out to them. She asked if the Council process is being bypassed by his recommendation and Committee having a meeting two days hence with little notice. Council President Ciolino pointed out under Councilor Orders; Item #1 is CC2016-047 (LeBlanc) Amend GCO Sec. 22-265 "Turning movements-Generally" re: intersection of Western Ave. & Washington St. and Angle St. & Washington St." and is being referred not only to O&A Committee but the DPW and the Traffic Commission which relates directly to Tally's Corner. He pointed out that the Council is within a short timeframe and this is the best they can do.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgensson
Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING:

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