



**SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING**

**OCTOBER 19, 2010, 6:30 PM
O'MALEY SCHOOL LIBRARY @ 32 CHERRY STREET
GLOUCESTER, MA 01930**

AGENDA

FLAG SALUTE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

1. For Council Vote:
 - a. Acceptance of Massachusetts Citizen Corps Grant (Gloucester CERT)
2. Vandalism to City Property
 - a. Reporting Policies
 - b. Enforcement
 - c. Insurance Claims & reimbursements
 - d. Cameras
 - i. In Schools
 - ii. On Public Streets/Ways
3. MSBA
 - a. Green Repair Project Certification - SOI Status
 - b. West Parish School Project
 - i. Process
 - ii. Status update
4. Fuller School
 - a. Future – Mayor Kirk memo dated October 5, 2010
 - b. Update expenses
 - c. Revenue goals of Superintendent
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 - a. Report of Mike Hale, DPW Director
 - b. Report of Brian Tarr, Asst. Supt. Schools
6. Status related to the continued voting at schools
7. Superintendent Search Update
8. GPS Strategic Planning sessions
 - a. Community Outreach
 - b. Possible assistance from Council
9. Open Meeting Law
10. School lunch - point of purchase software installation & status
11. Job postings – Exchanging School side & City side postings
12. Schedule next Joint Meeting

Linda T. Lowe, City Clerk

NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, October 26, 2010

CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE
Special Planning & Development
Thursday, October 14, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.
American Legion, 2nd Floor – Middle Street

Present for P&D Committee: Chair, Councilor Ciolino; Vice Chair, Robert Whynott; Councilor Jacqueline Hardy (Alternate); Councilor Greg Verga

Absent: None.

Other City Councilors Also Present: Councilor Mulcahey; Councilor Theken; Councilor McGeary; Councilor Curcuru;

Also Present: Suzanne Egan, General Counsel; Gregg Cademartori, Planning Director; Rick Noonan, Chair, Planning Board; Attorney Lisa Mead; Mac Bell; Attorney Jonathan Witten, City land use consultant; Richard Griffin; Miles Schlichte; John Maney; Carol McMahan; Renata Greene; Damon Cummings; Patti Page; Susannah Altenburger; Sandra Martin; Bill & Jen Johnson; Erin Sherburne; Chris Campbell; Michael Rubin; Rose LoPiccolo; Ann Molloy; David Anderson; Valerie Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. A quorum of the City Council was present.

1. Citizens Corps FFY2007 and FFY2008 Grant Award

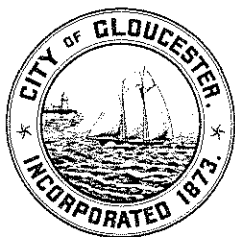
Kenny Costa, City Auditor stated these grant funds from FEMA passed through to MEMA for the Community Emergency Response Team for the CERT program and introduced John Maney, Gloucester's CERT coordinator.

John Maney thanked the City Council, Kenny Costa and Jeff Towne for their assistance in response to their quick turnaround needs. As a result of their response, they have received a \$4,000.00 award. CERT is now a reality in the City. Training will start November 1st. CERT is national program through FEMA and MEMA, started in Los Angeles in the 1980's in response to a disaster, an earthquake. The city realized it could not respond and manage the disaster by them. They trained the citizens of California in being better prepared to respond to disasters and taught them how to assist the city's responders during times of emergency. The program was so successful that it spread throughout California and then was accepted by FEMA and now is active in cities throughout the nation. CERT better prepares our citizens for emergencies; and as a result, the demands on the emergency systems are lessened. The citizens are also prepared to assist emergency responders in times of need and during special events and done very successfully across the nation. This program makes the City and neighbors safer. They'd like the City Council input as to City leaders and neighborhood leaders who would be appropriate for the first training session so that they can go out and "preach" the advantages of the program after the training.

Councilor Hardy stated that there is no matching grant. Anyone that would like to join and take the training starts November 1st, she urged citizens to come out to participate. The more people trained in the community the better. The City Council will vote on the matter at their special Joint Meeting with the School Committee on Tuesday, October 19, 2010.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Hardy, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the full City Council the acceptance of \$4,000.00 in Massachusetts Citizen Corps Grant Program Funds, to be expended by the City of Gloucester acting as host agent for the City of Gloucester Community Emergency Response Team (Gloucester CERT) as in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A; said grant funds are from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that are passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

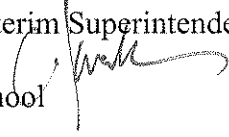
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CITY OF GLOUCESTER
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Joseph Connelly, Interim Superintendent
FR: Carolyn A. Kirk, Mayor 
RE: Future Use of Fuller School
DT: October 5, 2010

cc: Val Gilman, Chairman, Gloucester School Committee
Mike Hale, Director of Public Works

Dr. Connelly,

My understanding is that the School Committee has directed your office to seek out revenue opportunities for the Fuller School which, as you know, sits largely vacant. So that there is no confusion about the city's intentions towards the Fuller School, please be aware of the following as you undertake your efforts:

- The city has no plans to utilize the Fuller School for city offices, or other city uses, either now or in the future;
- The city has no intentions to make large capital investments in the building, and as you are aware, did not include the Fuller roof in the round of applications for MSBA funds which would require a local contribution of over 50%.

The business plan put together by the school department will need to cover the costs of large capital improvements, and that should be factored into any arrangement struck with potential lease holders.

Furthermore, my Administration will be obtaining a commercial appraisal for the property that will assist all of us all in decision-making about the future of the building and the property.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.