

**GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 – 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 Sefatia Theken; Joanne Senos; Jim Destino; John Dunn; Amit Chhayani; Chris Sicuranza; Grace Poirier

**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:**

**Richard Clark**, 4 Duck Pond Road #213, Beverly, said that a lot of progress has been made in the last year in Clark Cemetery. He said he was pleased that the DPW has now included the cemetery in its mowing schedule. He cited the efforts of Councilors O’Hara and Orlando as well as volunteers who have worked hard to bring the cemetery back to good repair. He advised the gravestones will need maintenance as well as “eradicating” knotweed. He said he submitted two “SeeClickFix” about the cemetery’s fence line between the “Oval” and Clark Cemetery clogged with invasive weeds and another to clear between the railroad tracks and Clark Cemetery to in order to increase visibility into the cemetery. He noted 27 of his direct relatives are buried in the cemetery and 24 are military veterans also buried there, saying that the city has a “moral, legal and ethical obligation” to take care of them. He further expressed his concern that progress to clean up and maintain the cemetery will continue.

**Maureen McGrain**, 164 Washington Street, said she has walked through town and the Boulevard for many years and was asking why so many trash barrels have been removed from city streets. She submitted photographs she took of the Boulevard over a week’s time showing the trash on view, as well as the beach entrance there. She mentioned the scarce number of trash barrels in the downtown, pointing out there is two trash bins on one side of the street in the middle of the downtown only. She asked when the trash barrels that had been removed would be replaced.

**Peter Favazza**, 3 Doane Road, owner of 10 Fort Square, expressed concern about on-street parking in the area of his rental property. He asserted that because of this situation he’s lost two tenants. He said in speaking with people who park in that immediate area they say there’s no signs, therefore they can do what they want. He noted on several occasions he’s asked for assistance from the police. He conveyed he spoke with the Beauport Hotel staff that have been “nice” but said many of the employees park on the street. He said where there is dedicated hotel parking there is plenty of parking but employees choose to park in front of his 10 Fort Square property and surrounding streets. He expressed concern for the aggressive nature of the people parking in front of the property on Fort Square and asked for assistance in this matter.

**Presentations/Commendations:****Recognition of Gloucester Little League Williamsport All-Star Team and coaches for placing second in the state championship game**

**Councilor Joseph Orlando, Jr.** said as a former Gloucester High School baseball player he was pleased to see the future of Gloucester baseball in good hands with such talented young baseball players. He said what this team of young men accomplished was “truly amazing.” He pointed out that before this particular All-Star team, no other Gloucester Little League Williamsport All-Star Team had ever done what this team had. He then read the City Council citation honoring each of the members Gloucester Little League Williamsport All-Star Team and their Manager and Coaches for their dedication and outstanding effort in reaching state championship game and placing second overall. He said the team, guided by their Manager and Coaches accomplished that which no other Gloucester or Cape Ann Little League All Star Team had ever accomplished. He lauded the team saying they serve as a shining example for all in the effort to work as a team to serve the city.

**Gloucester Little League Williamsport All-Star Team, Manger & Coaches:**

**Manager: Jarrod Harwood**

**Coaches: Tom Abbott and Wayne Morris**

**The All-Star Team members: Adam Borowick; Tommy Elliott; Ryan Francis; Daniel Hafey; Carson Harwood; Jared Healey; Jared Lucido; Drew Macchi; Emerson Marshall; Zach Morris; Joseph Orlando; Bryan Swain, and Max Viera.**

The team presented the City Council with an autographed baseball to commemorate the occasion.

**Mayor Sefatia Theken**, mentioning that Chief Administrative Officer, Jim Destino, held the record for most Little League home runs (15), she learned that All-Star team member Joe Lucido had beaten that long-standing record. She then read a mayoral citation honoring the Gloucester Little League Williamsport All-Star Team, Coaches and Manager for placing second in the 2017 Williamsport Little League State Tournament on behalf of all the citizens of Gloucester. She also expressed her congratulations and thanks to all the parents and grandparents who supported the team as well.

**The Council recessed at 7:24 p.m. and reconvened at 7:27 p.m.**

**New Appointments:**

Fisheries Commission                      David Leveille (Alternate to Full Member)                      TTE 02/14/20

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 David Leveille as a full member to the Fisheries Commission, TTE 02/14/20.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor LeBlanc** said that Mr. Leveille is looking forward to continuing with the Fisheries Commission from alternate to full member, and that the O&A Committee knowing he'd recently been before the Council for appointment as an alternate member excused his appearance before the Council this evening.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint David Leveille as a full member to the Fisheries Commission, TTE 02/14/20.**

Mariners Medal Committee                      Vito Calomo                      TTE 02/14/18

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 Vito Calomo to the Mariners Medal Committee, TTE 02/14/18.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor LeBlanc** said Mr. Calomo needs no introduction as the city well knows him, and that he would be a great fit for the Mariners Medal Committee. **Mr. Calomo** thanked the Council for reconstituting the Mariners Medal Committee. He said the new members will broaden the scope of the Committee and that he wanted to see the parameters for awarding the Mariners Medal outward. He said he would seek the opinion of the citizens of Gloucester. He noted with the diminished number of fishing vessels on the city's waterfront, there are other people on the waterfront and city that could qualify for this medal.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint Vito Calomo to the Mariners Medal Committee, TTE 02/14/18.**

Thomas Ellis                      TTE 02/14/19

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 Thomas Ellis to the Mariners Medal Committee, TTE 02/14/19.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor LeBlanc** advised that Mr. Ellis wasn't able to attend as he has a new grandchild. He said the O&A Committee wished to see him appointed without requiring his appearance before the Council.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint Thomas Ellis to the Mariners Medal Committee, TTE 02/14/19.**

Capt. Arthur Sawyer, Jr.

TTE 02/14/20

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 Capt. Arthur Sawyer, Jr., to the Mariners Medal Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

#### DISCUSSION:

**Councilor LeBlanc** conveyed that Capt. Sawyer has been on the water his whole life and was doing a great job following in his father's footsteps. **Capt. Sawyer** said his father received the Mariners Medal in the 1970's and sat on the very same Committee. He said he wished his father could see him be appointed this evening to the Mariners Medal Committee.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint Capt. Arthur Sawyer, Jr., to the Mariners Medal Committee, TTE 02/14/20.**

Stefan Edick

TTE 02/14/21

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 Stefan Edick to the Mariners Medal Committee, TTE 02/14/21.

#### DISCUSSION:

**Councilor LeBlanc** said that Mr. Edick will be a great addition to the Committee, noting that CAO, Jim Destino had great things to say about his appointment at the O&A meeting, and that the O&A Committee agreed.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint Stefan Edick to the Mariners Medal Committee, TTE 02/14/21.**

#### Consent Agenda:

- **MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Memorandum from Clean Energy Commission re: Boosting Participation in Gloucester Green Program (Info Only)
2. Ad-hoc Recreational Marijuana Task Force flyer with dates of upcoming Council Ward informational meetings (Info Only)
3. Press release from Fire Chief re: "Fill the Boot" Campaign to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (Info Only)

- **COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS**

1. Memorandum from the Planning Board re: Initiation of Zoning Amendments to GZO Sec. VI "Definitions." by adding "Recreational Marijuana Establishments" and "Sec. 5.31 Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments" (Refer P&D & PB)

- **APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS**

1. Special Events Application: Request to hold the Mayor's Halloween Party, Saturday/Sunday, October 29, 2017 (Refer P&D)
2. SCP2017-011: Calder Street #1, Map 167, Lots 72 & 39, GZO Sec. 3.1.6(b) for a building height in excess of 35 feet (Refer P&D)

- **COUNCILORS ORDERS**

1. CC2017-027 (Cox): Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" and Ch. 22, Sec. 22-291 "Tow-away zones" re: Fort Square #46 (Refer O&A & TC)
2. CC2017-028 (Cox): Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" – "Fort Square" by DELETING Commercial Street in its entirety after the words, "eastern boundary of #10" and by ADDING "Fort Square" (Refer O&A & TC)
3. CC2017-029 (Cox): Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" – "Fort Square" by DELETING "to the Merrimack-Essex pole 1917 and/or" in its entirety after the words "southeasterly and easterly" and ADDING "to the" before the words "westerly boundary of number 26." (Refer O&A & TC)
4. CC2017-030 (Cox): Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" – "Fort Square" be amended by DELETING "Fort Square, southerly side, from the southern boundary of #29, south and easterly to the catchbasin at the easterly side westerly entrance of Cape Ann Fisheries." (Refer O&A & TC)
5. CC2017-031 (Cox) Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-290 "Same-off-Street parking areas" re: Fort Square (Refer O&A & TC)

6. CC2017-032 (Cox) Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-292 "Fire Lanes" re: Commercial Street (Refer O&A & TC)
7. CC0217-033 (Cox) Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" by ADDING "Prospect Street, parking prohibited on the northerly side of Prospect Street from its intersection with Friend Street in a westerly direction to Taylor Street from utility pole #976 to #978 (Refer O&A & TC)
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
1. City Council Meeting: July 25, 2017 (Approve/File)
2. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 08/03/17 (under separate cover), O&A 07/31/17, P&D 08/02/17 (Approve/File)

**Items to be added/deleted from the Consent Agenda:**

**Councilor Lundberg** asked to remove Item #1 under "Communications/Invitations" "1. Memorandum from Planning Board re: Initiation of Zoning Amendments to GZO Sec. VI "Definitions" – "Recreational Marijuana Establishments" and Sec. 5.31 "Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments." He explained that given that notice to all abutters in the city in this situation is impracticable, and then moved that the City Council waive the notice to abutters under GZO Sec. 1.11.4(b) pursuant to the Initiation of Zoning Amendments through a Memorandum of the Planning Board to GZO Sec. VI "Definitions" – "Recreational Marijuana Establishments" and Sec. 5.31 "Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments" in that the Council is asked to amend the Zoning Ordinance accordingly; to set the public hearing for that matter as September 26, 2017, and to refer the matter to the Planning & Development Committee and the Planning Board."

The motion was seconded by **Councilor Cox**.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Lundberg** conveyed that the Planning Board, pursuant to the state law, has recommended that the Council examine adopting what the state law provides -- a moratorium, until the end of 2018 on the issuance of zoning regulations to govern retail recreational marijuana facilities. He reiterated this is provided for in state law which gives the city an opportunity to thoughtfully consider the rules, regulations and Zoning changes they need to make. Because the change in the Zoning Ordinance affects the whole city, this action is done routinely to waive the notification as it would be noticing the entire population of Gloucester, he said.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Lundberg, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to waive the notice to abutters under GZO Sec. 1.11.4(b) pursuant to the Initiation of Zoning Amendments through a Memorandum of the Planning Board to GZO Sec. VI "Definitions" – "Recreational Marijuana Establishments" and Sec. 5.31 "Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments" in that the Council is asked to amend the Zoning Ordinance accordingly; to set the public hearing for that matter as September 26, 2017, and to refer the matter to the Planning & Development Committee and the Planning Board."**

**By unanimous consent the Consent Agenda was accepted as amended.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Budget & Finance: August 3**

**Councilor Memhard** noted that Vice Chair, Councilor Orlando would present the B&F Committee Report as both he and Councilor Ciolino was unable to attend the August 3 meeting of the Committee.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** On a motion by Councilor Lundberg, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council under MGL c. 44, §53A accept federal grants in the amount of \$600,968 for the Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Program Year 2017/Fiscal Year 2018 and the HOME Grant from the North Shore HOME Consortium for Program Year 2017/Fiscal Year 2018 in the amount of \$59,520.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Orlando** explained the following: The Council is being asked to accept the city's annual Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Allocation in the amount of \$600,968 from Housing & Urban

Development, reprogramming \$113,449 of program income and unprogrammed CDBG funds from prior years and utilize \$10,000 of anticipated program income for PY17 for a total of \$724,417 of CDBG funds, and approximately \$59,520 of HOME funds (for creating affordable housing but the project yet to be identified) for PY17/FY18 beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. A table of activities as to the proposed project to use these funds was previously provided to the Council and is on file. Of the worthy organizations and low/moderate income support programs funded through these grants, of note is the Grace Center funding with which it is hoped will assist the center's programming to expand to five days a week at the Unitarian Universalist Church -- previous funding was used to remodel that kitchen for the Grace Center. The Stage Fort Park improvement project headed by Stephen Winslow, Senior Project Manager, will receive funding but that it only is used for ADA access at the park under this grant program.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, under MGL c. 44, §53A accept federal grants in the amount of \$600,968 for the Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Program Year 2017/Fiscal Year 2018 and the HOME Grant from the North Shore HOME Consortium for Program Year 2017/Fiscal Year 2018 in the amount of \$59,520.**

**Councilor Orlando** advised what follows are two motions for two invoices for the Law Department that came in after the close of the fiscal year. The first is an invoice for a supplement to the Handbook of Mass. Land Use & Planning Law and another invoice for legal services rendered in FY17 by a Boston law firm. Both invoices are to be paid through the Law Department's FY18 budget. It's hard to control when these invoices arrive but need to be paid, he said.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Lundberg, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council in accordance with MGL c. 44, §64 approve payment of a prior year invoice for the Handbook of Massachusetts Land Use & Planning Law 2017 Supplement through Wolters Kluwer Legal & Regulatory U.S., Chicago, IL, in FY17, Invoice No. 08090068, dated 06-22-17, to be paid with FY2018 funds from the current FY2018 General Fund, Law Department Account #0115152-573000 for \$260.98.

**DISCUSSION: None.**

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, in accordance with MGL c. 44, §64 approve payment of a prior year invoice for the Handbook of Massachusetts Land Use & Planning Law 2017 Supplement through Wolters Kluwer Legal & Regulatory U.S., Chicago, IL, in FY17, Invoice No. 08090068, dated 06-22-17, to be paid with FY2018 funds from the current FY2018 General Fund, Law Department Account #0115152-573000 for \$260.98.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Lundberg, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council in accordance with MGL c. 44, §64 approve payment of a prior year invoice for legal services rendered in FY2017 by Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kestin, Boston, MA, Invoice No. 57830 dated 06/29/2017 to be paid with FY2018 funds from current FY2018 General Fund, Law Department Account #0115152-530010 for \$132.96.

**DISCUSSION: None.**

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, in accordance with MGL c. 44, §64 approve payment of a prior year invoice for legal services rendered in FY2017 by Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kestin, Boston, MA, Invoice No. 57830 dated 06/29/2017 to be paid with FY2018 funds from current FY2018 General Fund, Law Department Account #0115152-530010 for \$132.96.**

**Planning & Development: August 2**

There are no matters for Council action under this heading from the August 2, 2017 P&D meeting.

**Ordinances & Administration: July 31**

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 the withdrawal of CC2015-044 (Cox) Amend GCO Sec. 9-12 regarding "Prohibition of plastic checkout bags without prejudice.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor LeBlanc** said this Council Order from 2015 is being withdrawn at the request of Councilor Cox.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council permit the withdrawal of CC2015-044 (Cox) Amend GCO Sec. 9-12 regarding "Prohibition of plastic checkout bags without prejudice.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to permit the withdrawal of CC2016-015 (Cox) Request O&A review & recommend the matter of prohibiting the use of polystyrene food & beverage containers or serving items for food service establishments if the packaging takes place on the premises of food service establishments & recommend whether an ordinance on polystyrene food & beverage containers be adopted, without prejudice.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor LeBlanc** advised this is a similar withdrawal of a Council Order from 2016.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to permit the withdrawal of CC2016-015 (Cox) Request O&A review & recommend the matter of prohibiting the use of polystyrene food & beverage containers or serving items for food service establishments if the packaging takes place on the premises of food service establishments & recommend whether an ordinance on polystyrene food & beverage containers be adopted, without prejudice.**

**Scheduled Public Hearings:**

1. PH2017-029: SCP2017-006: Great Republic Drive #38, Map 263, Lot 64, GZO Sec. 1.8.3, 1.5.3(c), and 5.7 "Major Project" and 5.27 "Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facilities"

**This public hearing is opened at 7:44 p.m.**

**Council President Ciolino** opened the public hearing and announced that it was continued with the assent of the applicant.

**This public hearing is continued to August 22, 2017 at 7:44 p.m.**

2. PH2017-0 23: Request that the Zoning Ordinance be amended by **ADDING** new Sections 1.5.4.1 "Zoning Administrator" and 5.29 "Certain Pre-Existing Multi-Family Use;" and **AMENDING** Sections 1.5.1, 1.8.1, 1.8.2, 2.2.1, 2.3.1 re: "Administration and Procedures" and "Use Regulations" (Cont'd from 06/27/17)

**This public hearing is opened at 7:45 p.m.**

**Council President Ciolino** announced that this matter is opened and continued to August 22, 2017.

**This public hearing is continued to August 22, 2017 at 7:45 p.m.**

3. PH2017-037: Local Adoption of MGL Ch. 272, §80F which prohibits giving live animals as prizes or awards

**This public hearing is opened at 7:45 p.m.**

**Council President Ciolino** said this matter is still pending at the Committee level and will be continued to August 22, 2017.

**This public hearing is closed at 7:45 p.m.**

**For Council Vote:**

1. **Decision to Adopt SCP2017-007: Main Street #63, Map 7, Lot 34, GZO Sec. 3.2.2 to decrease the minimum open space and lot area requirement for the conversion of office space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors into apartments**

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Lundberg, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to adopt the Special Council Permit decision (SCP2017-007) for Main Street #63 pursuant to Sec. 3.2.2 of the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance.**

**Unfinished Business: None.**

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

**Update on the Council on Aging Board by City Council Representative, Councilor Valerie Gilman** who highlighted the following Council On Aging (COA) matters:

- Last evening about 130 seniors from the Rose Baker Senior Center and Rockport Council on Aging attended the Annisquam Village Player's dress rehearsal for the Broadway musical, Singin' in the Rain.
- There is a fundraiser for the Senior Center by collecting mercury button cell batteries, and when 100 lbs. of batteries is collected the Council on Aging can earn up to \$1,000 a year. The public is asked to drop their button cell batteries at the Senior Center in the receptacle provided.
- The restrooms have been renovated at the Senior Center.
- Workers at the Senior Center have updated their CPR training.
- The COA Board is looking at how different parts of the city handle their emergencies with the city's seniors. The Board proposed a meeting with the Mayor and her team to discuss how the city can "replicate" the Annisquam Good Neighbors Program where everyone reaches out to homebound seniors with each senior assigned to those neighbors who have generators and a bed for them in a storm-related or electrical emergency and ensure their safety. As they look at the emergency preparedness program at the Rose Baker Senior Center, the COA Board will work with the Mayor to ensure the city's seniors stay well and safe in weather related and power outage emergencies in the outlying areas of the city.
- Drivers are now being certified to drive the new Senior Center van.

**Councilors' Requests to the Mayor:**

**Councilor Cox** requested through the Mayor that the DPW use a street sweeper on all city streets that don't allow parking saying that one of the arguments is that street sweeping is difficult because people can't or won't get their cars off the streets. She indicated at least the street sweeping can be done on city streets where no parking is allowed or only parking on one side of the street is allowed. She announced the Gloucester Rotary Club will hold its annual fundraising Pancake Breakfast Saturday, August 19 concurrently with the annual Waterfront Festival.

**Note:** The fundraiser runs from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Stage Fort Park. Tickets for the Pancake Breakfast are available for \$8 from any Gloucester Rotarian and select local businesses. For more information see link here:

<https://capeanncommunity.com/2017/08/08/gloucester-rotary-pancake-breakfast-2/>

**Councilor Lundberg** announced that at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 10 at Beverly City Hall Council Chambers, Governor Baker's administration is holding a listening meeting with Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, Jay Ash, to receive input from constituents who would be affected by the dredging of the Annisquam River and why it's dredging is important. He advised Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante asked that he reach out to some constituents which he has done. He noted that the city will be represented by himself, Harbormaster T.J. Ciarametaro and Tony Gross, Waterways Board Chair at this meeting. He said that the state will ultimately have to contribute funds towards the dredging of the river if the federal funds are approved. He highlighted that on the way into this Council meeting outside of City Hall there was a group giving out pins imprinted with, "Yes in My Back Yard," a group vocal in support of creating more affordable housing in the city. He said they assured the group that this issue is a top priority on the city's agenda and that of the Council. He thanked the "YIMBY" members or coming out this evening to express their views.

**Councilor Memhard** expressed his thanks along with Council President Ciolino to the DPW for trimming back shrubbery on the Atlantic Road sidewalk. He also highlighted the DPW's innovative improvement at the Good Harbor Beach footbridge of the installation of an outdoor shower, a new park bench and bike racks which he expressed his hope more racks would be installed. He offered his thanks to Councilors O'Hara and Cox who joined him at a constituents meeting of the residents of Williams Court, Marian Way, Hartz Street and Tolman Street attended by 30 people, many of whom will come before the Council at a public hearing on August 22 on the matter of whether Williams Court should be a one- or two-way street. He said he was looking forward to the assistance of Administration on behalf of himself and Councilor O'Hara to address the noise issues surrounding the Americold/National Fish & Seafood facility in East Gloucester affecting area residents. He also highlighted the documentary, "Dead in the Water," by David Wittkower. He conveyed he'd previewed the movie with the Mayor, Angela Sanfilippo and John Bell that morning. He described the documentary as depicting the challenges of Gloucester's fishing fleet have recently dealt with and an optimistic view of what can be done to move forward. He said featured in the film were Gloucester ground fishermen, Al Cottone and Paul Vitale.

**Councilor Gilman** welcomed City Clerk, Joanne Senos, back from vacation and thanked Grace Poirier, Assistant City Clerk for her job well done during the City Clerk's absence. She also thanked Chris Sicuranza for doing the posters for the upcoming city Ward forums on Recreational Marijuana. She touched upon Councilors' preparatory materials for the Ward meetings briefly. She mentioned that the Mayor had an opportunity to meet with the city's state legislators, Sen. Bruce Tarr and Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante with city department heads for a round table discussion. She suggested that perhaps the Council can invite the city's legislators to a roundtable meeting to express their concerns for funding at the state level and hear about state initiatives that would help to move the city forward under Governor Baker's leadership.

**Councilor O'Hara** thanked the Mayor Theken and Fire Chief Eric Smith for staffing outlying Fire Stations with paramedics. He advised that the fire apparatus are fitted out with the same equipment at all stations so that when emergency medical calls are made that residents will get fast and "first-class treatment" regardless of their location.

**Councilor LeBlanc** requested that the Mayor through the DPW Director paint a crosswalk on Emerson Avenue from Pathways leading towards the Open Door Food Pantry. He noted that children from Pathways often cross the street to the Food Pantry and there is no crosswalk for the children to make the trip safely.

**Council President Ciolino** said that the previous week's Sidewalk Bazaar was very successful. He said the city departments worked very well together with the event organizers to help make it a great success. He thanked Councilor Cox for helping out at the Bazaar on Friday. He noted that since Mayor's office hadn't included the Council in her recent meeting with the city's state legislatures, he proposed the Council should arrange its own round table discussion, as suggested by Councilor Gilman, to update the Council on legislative initiatives. He said he would put together some dates and reach out to the Council. **Councilor Cox** expressed she was in support of a roundtable discussion as proposed.

**A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Dana C. Jorgensson*  
Clerk of Committees

**DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING:**

- Six photographs of trash on city streets from Maureen McGrain, 164 Washington Street