

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

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Present: Chair, Councilor Joseph Ciolino; Vice Chair, Steven LeBlanc, Jr.; Councilor Paul Lundberg; Councilor Valerie Gilman; Councilor Sean Nolan; Councilor James O’Hara; Councilor Joseph Orlando, Jr.
Absent: Councilor Cox, Councilor Memhard
Also Present: Mayor Sefatia Theken; Joanne Senos; Jim Destino; Kenny Costa; John Dunn; Jonathan Pope; 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.

Council President Ciolino acknowledged the absence of Councilors Cox and Memhard from this evening’s proceedings.

Flag Salute & Moment of Silence. Councilor LeBlanc dedicated the Moment of Silence to Paul Genovese’s mother, Catherine, a lifelong Gloucester resident who recently passed away.

Oral Communications:

Linda Brayton, 527 Washington Street, extended her thanks to residents who responded to an on-line survey at Dog Friendly Gloucester. She spoke of work done by the Dog Ad Hoc Committee and the Animal Advisory Committee highlighting the research done about extending dog off-leash areas in the city. Through the survey people brought up signage issues and the odd/even day off-season system of dogs allowed off-leash on certain city beaches. She acknowledged there was a need for more public education of the city’s dog ordinances. She said respondents also unanimously supported the Mutt Mitt program. She mentioned collaboration among other city volunteer groups dedicated to the environment with Dog Friendly Gloucester efforts. She asked for open-mindedness for creative solutions moving forward. **Council President Ciolino** thanked Ms. Brayton for all the work she does on this issue as well as serving on a city Commission.

By unanimous vote of the City Council the Council suspended its Rules of Procedure in order to hear from the following concerned residents on the subject of traffic issues on Eastern Avenue.

Brian King, 33 Eastern Avenue, referring to traffic on Eastern Avenue between Route 128 and Main Street, recounted that in August a tractor trailer truck sideswiped a parked car on Eastern Avenue near Cross Street damaging it unknowingly. He pointed out that this is a residential neighborhood. He highlighted the narrowness of the road at the turn in that part of Eastern Avenue which leads to a steep incline. He advised his mother documented about 27 trucking companies travelling that portion of Eastern Avenue to Main Street in one week. He explained that all these trucks are using Eastern Avenue instead of the extension, and that while GPS directs truckers to take the Eastern Avenue route he offered that a better way would be to have trucks continue to the traffic lights at Bass Avenue and bear right onto Main Street thereby avoiding the residential portion of Eastern Avenue. He expressed his concern for children and the nearby Veterans Memorial Elementary School. He read a statement by Joan Melanson who resides at 10 Eastern Avenue (not on file) who offered that the area of Eastern Avenue in question is already a congested roadway from local traffic and the trucks only add to it creating a safety issue. She expressed her concern for pedestrians and parked vehicles.

Philip Bonarowitz (sp.), 83 Eastern Avenue, said there is a sign “on the opposite side” that says trucks should go to the red light and turn. He recounted coming into Gloucester by Russell’s Florist and an 18 wheeled truck came upon him very quickly.

Alexander Thompson, 2 Cross Street, noted since the installation of the lights at Route 128 and Eastern Avenue all 18-wheelers are directed down Eastern Avenue was constructed as a narrow byway to prohibit large trucks from travelling the lower portion of Eastern Avenue. He said until a few years ago this wasn’t an issue. He said every night at all hours he and his neighbors are awakened by tractor trailers rumbling through their neighborhood and braking for the intersection of Main Street and Eastern Avenue. He asked that signage be installed to designate a truck route from the Eastern Avenue light to the “second” light with trucks then able to take a right onto Main Street. He said there is no grade to attempt or interruption by using this flat route. He added the

trucks barely slow down coming off of Route 128 and expressed further concern for the safety of the children walking to and from Veterans Memorial School.

Tonya Woolcott, 392 Main Street, intersection of Eastern and Main Street said she lives right where the trucks struggle to stop at the intersection of Main Street and Eastern Avenue. She recounted her car being parked on the street and heard a truck having issues with braking and that the truck nearly stuck on her car. She said she has previously lost her side view mirror. She urged the previously suggested alternate route be used.

Council President Ciolino noted that Councilor Memhard, the Ward 1 Councilor, was unable to be present due to a business commitment and asked that the Clerk of Committees forward a copy of the Ward 1 residents' comments on tractor trailer traffic issues on lower Eastern Avenue.

Lara Jardullo, 2 Ocean Avenue, Apt. 3A, expressed her concern for the need for a third-party audit for the affordable housing hardship claim by the builder involved with the Fuller Mixed Use Venture project.

Council President Ciolino advised Ms. Jardullo that this matter is listed on the Council's agenda for a public hearing even though it is being continued and as such was not an appropriate subject under Oral Communications this evening.

Councilor Lundberg clarified that the applicant for the Fuller School Mixed Use development project has filed a Major Project Permit application with the City Council. That permit application has been referred to the Planning Board and the Council's Planning & Development Committee. The applicant hasn't appeared yet before the P&D Committee, and until they do, they won't receive a recommendation from the P&D Committee to return to the City Council. He advised that once that happens, there will be a complete public hearing before the Council on all the aspects of the project including the issue of affordable housing. He asked those residents present who had wished to speak on the project this evening to wait until the public hearing. He advised that when this issue goes through P&D, they will vet the applicant's rationale for the hardship claim on affordable housing and their offered alternative location for providing the same. He reiterated that when this matter comes back before the City Council it will have been fully vetted and at that time the public will have "something of substance" to be able to respond to. He further advised that there would be a public meeting by the P&D Committee on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 5:30 p.m. in Kyrouz Auditorium to hear the applicant's presentation for the first time on the Fuller development project where the public can see and hear all the details of it along with the Committee. He said this will include the affordable housing issue. He invited members of the public to attend to hear the presentation at that meeting. He said the Council looked forward to hearing the public's opinion on the fully vetted application at the time of the public hearing.

Councilor LeBlanc added that a few emails have been received to date on this Special Council Permit sent to various Councilors and said that the emails are forwarded to the entire Council through the City Clerk to be placed upon the record. He expressed his appreciation for those members of the public in attendance who wanted to express their concern for the affordable housing aspect of the proposed Fuller development project.

Council President Ciolino concluded the Councilor remarks on the matter by saying that the Council does want to hear the opinions of the citizens of Gloucester on this Major Project but it will have to be at the appropriate venue and time. He thanked the group of residents who came to speak on the affordable housing aspect of the project for their concern and time.

Presentations/Commendations: None.

New Appointments: None.

Consent Agenda:

• **MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Memorandum from Chief of Police re: acceptance of FY18 State 911 Training & EMD Grant in the amount of \$120,952.75 (Refer B&F)
2. Memorandum from Director of Public Health re: acceptance of the Peter & Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation in the amount of \$330,000 (Refer B&F)
3. Memorandum from Principal Assessor re: Tax Classification Fiscal 2018 (Refer B&F)
4. Memorandum from CFO re: Preschool Feasibility Study (Refer B&F)
5. Memorandum from Harbormaster re: request acceptance of ordinance changes to Gloucester Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Waterways Administration (Refer O&A)
6. Flyer for recently launched "Gloucester Walks for Productivity" employee wellness program (Info Only)
7. Flyer for City Hall Halloween Festival on October 29, 2017 (Info Only)

• **COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS**

1. Invitation to Veterans Day ceremonies on November 11, 2017 from Director of Veterans Services (Info Only)

• **APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS**

1. PP2017-006: Application by National Grid to install 27 feet of 3 inch service conduit in the public way from pole #4697 located at High Street (Refer P&D)

• **COUNCILORS ORDERS**

1. CC2017-046 (LeBlanc/Orlando/Nolan/Gilman): Request per GZO Sec. 1.11.3 "Informal Planning Review" GZO Sec's 3.1.6, 3.2, 3.1.8, 5.2 and 5.8 (Refer P&D & PB)
 2. CC2017-047 (O'Hara): Request that MassDOT Highway Division conduct a feasibility study re: installing divider lines entering onto Grant Circle Rotary from the north and south entrances of Washington Street (FCV 11/14/17)
 - **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
1. City Council Meeting: 10/10/2017 (Approve/File)
 2. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 10/19/17 (under separate cover), O&A 10/16/17, P&D 10/18/17 (Approve/File)

Unanimous Consent Calendar:

1. CC2017-048 (O'Hara) Petition the MassDOT Highway Division to repaint the formal divider lines on Route 127 and Route 128 Re: Eastern Avenue (FCV 11/14/17)
2. CC2017-049 (Nolan/Lundberg) Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic" Sec. 22-276 "One-way streets-Generally" by ADDING Concord Street, southwesterly from the Fire Station to Essex Avenue during certain hours (Refer O&A & TC)

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

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

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance: October 19

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Ciolino) absent, to recommend that the City Council accept a state grant under MGL c. 44, § 53A from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Recycling Dividends Grant under the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program for a total of \$27,000. The purpose of this grant funding is to support the City of Gloucester SMART/PAYT recycling programs.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Orlando said that the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection has awarded to the city a grant for \$27,000 to enhance the performance of Gloucester's successful waste reduction programs. He explained that the Mass. DEP has a formula that determines how much the city is granted funding based on a point system earned by the city through its recycling programs and population served by curb-side pick-up.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Lundberg, the City Council voted 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Cox, Memhard) absent, to accept a state grant under MGL c. 44, § 53A from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Recycling Dividends Grant under the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program for a total of \$27,000. The purpose of this grant funding is to support the City of Gloucester SMART/PAYT recycling programs.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Ciolino) absent, to recommend that the City Council approve Special Budgetary Transfer 2018-SBT-1 in the amount of \$70,973 from Account #0194252-569001, Regional School -Vocational School Assessment to Account #0194552-574001, Liability Insurance - Building Insurance, for the purpose of funding an account deficit.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Orlando declared under MGL Ch. 268A that his law office handles claims on liability policies against the city, and there may be an appearance of a conflict of interest but it will not affect his vote in any way.

He then briefly explained that when the city's annual budget is formulated the city has a preliminary assessment from the Essex North Shore Regional Technical School and budgets accordingly. The city received a letter about a month ago advising that the preliminary assessment was high, by about \$71,000 due to an increase in debt servicing coming back from the MSBA which reduced all the member communities' assessments. It is proposed to take that positive variance and apply it to a higher-than-anticipated initial invoice from MIIA for the city's liability insurance.

He said it is expected during the year there will be credits coming back to the city from MIIA but that it is the CFO's preference to cover this deficit now. Should there be a credit balance the funds can be moved elsewhere, he said.

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Ordinances & Administration: October 16

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council permit the withdrawal without prejudice Council Order CC2017-044 Amend GCO Ch. 8 "Fire Prevention and Protection" by ADDING Sec. 8.6 entitled "Use of Sky Lanterns."

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc explained that Councilor Gilman was working on an order to prevent Sky Lanterns or Chinese Lanterns from causing fires in the city, and that this Council Order is being deleted to allow her previously submitted Council Order to move forward.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Cox, Memhard) absent, to permit the withdrawal without prejudice Council Order CC2017-044 Amend GCO Ch. 8 "Fire Prevention and Protection" by ADDING Sec. 8.6 entitled "Use of Sky Lanterns."

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 request that the city of Gloucester's state legislators file a Home Rule Petition on behalf of the city and based on said petition, that the General Court approve and enact a Special Act substantially as follows:

"Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary upon approval by the city council or mayor, the City of Gloucester may raise any parking fines established chapter 90 section 20A ½, provided further that any fine established under chapter 90 section 20 A ½ for all other parking violations shall not exceed \$75, if paid within 21 days, nor shall it exceed \$80 if paid thereafter, but before the parking clear reports to the registrar as provided for under Chapter 90 section 20A ½ and shall not exceed \$100 if paid thereafter.

Section 2. The act shall take effect upon passage."

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc explained that Councilor O'Hara has worked to increase the parking fine in beach areas because the fee for parking in the beach lots is too close to what people pay in fines for illegally parking on residential streets surrounding city beaches. He said by raising the fines for illegal beach parking it will hit people in their pockets. He confirmed for **Council President Ciolino** that in order to increase the parking fine it requires a Home Rule Petition to the State Legislature.

Councilor Orlando asked if this initiative is for the entire city or just for beach areas. **Councilor LeBlanc** confirmed it is for the areas adjoining beach areas only.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Cox, Memhard) absent, to request that the city of Gloucester's state legislators file a Home Rule Petition on behalf of the city and based on said petition, that the General Court approve and enact a Special Act substantially as follows:

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Planning & Development: October 18

There are no matters for Council action from this meeting under this heading. **Councilor Lundberg** reviewed that the Committee approved the 2017 Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting taking place on November 26 and the Lobster Trap Tree Lighting scheduled for December 9 next to the Police Station.

Scheduled Public Hearings:

1. **PH2017-059: SCP2017-012: Schoolhouse Road #2, #3 and #4, Map 262, Lots 14 & 37, and Gloucester Crossing Road #7, Map 37, Lots 4 & 5, for a Special Permit under the Mixed Use Overlay District pursuant to GZO Sections 1.8.3 and MUOD Sec. 5.29 (including Major Project GZO Sec. 5.7) (TBC 12/12/17)**

This public hearing is opened at 7:29 p.m.

Council President Ciolino opened and continued the public hearing to December 12, 2017.

This public hearing is continued to December 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

2. **PH2017-060: Amend Ch. 22, “Traffic And Motor Vehicles”, Sec. 22-277 “One hour parking-Generally” by ADDING “Washington Street northerly side from its intersection with Grove Street for a distance of approximately 150 feet in an easterly direction to the entrance of Oak Grove Cemetery**

This public hearing is opened at 7:30 p.m.

Those speaking in favor: None.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions: None.

This public hearing is closed at 7:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Gilman, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-277 “One hour parking-Generally” by ADDING “Washington Street northerly side from its intersection with Grove Street for a distance of approximately 150 feet in an easterly direction to the entrance of Oak Grove Cemetery.”

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc said that the owners of Double Exposure had reached out to him and Councilor Cox to ask for one-hour parking in front of their business. He advised he spoke to other businesses in the direct vicinity who said they had no issue with the proposed change. He pointed out that the Traffic Commission recommended this matter move forward.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Cox, Memhard) absent, to Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-277 “One hour parking-Generally” by ADDING “Washington Street northerly side from its intersection with Grove Street for a distance of approximately 150 feet in an easterly direction to the entrance of Oak Grove Cemetery.”

3. **PH2017-061: Amend Ch. 22, "Traffic And Motor Vehicles", Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" by ADDING "Pond Road, northerly side from its intersection with Eastern Avenue in a westerly direction for a distance of 250 feet" and amend Ch. 22 "Traffic And Motor Vehicles" Sec. 22-291 "Tow-away zones" by ADDING "Pond Road, northerly side from its intersection with Eastern Avenue in a westerly direction for a distance of 250 feet."**

This public hearing is opened at 7:32 p.m.

Those speaking in favor: None.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions: None.

This public hearing is closed at 7:33 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 Ch. 22, Sec. 22-270 "Parking Prohibited at all times by ADDING "Pond Road, northerly side from its intersection with Eastern Avenue in a westerly direction for a distance of 250 feet."

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc explained that the O&A Committee was advised by General Counsel that because Pond Road is a private way that traffic restrictions can only be imposed by the city if an abutter or an owner of a property along a private way requests it, according to state statute. Since the request was brought forward by the Cape Ann Transportation Authority which owns #3 Pond Road, the Council can move forward to enact the requested traffic restrictions. NOTE: Documentation is on file confirming this request and the action is pursuant to Mass. General Law Ch. 90, §18.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Cox, Memhard) absent, to Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-270 "Parking Prohibited at all times by ADDING "Pond Road, northerly side from its intersection with Eastern Avenue in a westerly direction for a distance of 250 feet."

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-291 "Tow-away zones" by ADDING "Pond Road, northerly side from its intersection with Eastern Avenue in a westerly direction for a distance of 250 feet."

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Cox, Memhard) absent, to Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-291 "Tow-away zones" by ADDING "Pond Road, northerly side from its intersection with Eastern Avenue in a westerly direction for a distance of 250 feet."

4. **PH2017-062: Amend Ch. 22 "Traffic And Motor Vehicles", Sec. 22-269 "Stop intersections" by ADDING "Madison Court, at its intersection with Rockland Street" and ADDING "Madison Court, northerly side, at its intersection with Gloucester Avenue" and amend Ch. 22 "Traffic And Motor Vehicles" Sec. 22-269.1 "Yield Intersections" by ADDING "Rockland Street" near its intersection with Gloucester Avenue**

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

Those speaking in favor: None.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions: None.

This public hearing is closed at 7:35 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 Ch. 22, Sec. 22-269 "Stop Intersections" by ADDING "Madison Court at its intersection with Rockland Street."

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Cox, Memhard) absent, to Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-269 "Stop Intersections" by ADDING "Madison Court at its intersection with Rockland Street."

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 Ch. 22, Sec. 22-269 "Stop Intersections" by ADDING "Madison Court on its northerly side at the intersection with Gloucester Avenue."

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Cox, Memhard) absent, to Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-269 "Stop Intersections" by ADDING "Madison Court on its northerly side at the intersection with Gloucester Avenue."

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 Ch. 22, Sec. 22-269.1 Yield intersections by ADDING Rockland Street near its intersection with Gloucester Avenue.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc explained that neighbors in the area of Madison Court and Rockland Street made the request for assistance in creating a safer traffic pattern in their neighborhood. He pointed out that when travelling up Gloucester Avenue there is an island at the Gloucester Baptist Church with no (directional) signage. This matter went before the Traffic Commission who voted unanimously to install a yield sign. He noted that a mail carrier was nearly sideswiped because there is no stop sign at Madison Court. These changes will help to create a safer traffic environment in this neighborhood and will allow for enforcement, he said.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Cox, Memhard) absent, to Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-269.1 Yield intersections by ADDING Rockland Street near its intersection with Gloucester Avenue.

For Council Vote: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

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

Update on the Waterways Board by City Council Representative. Councilor Steven LeBlanc highlighted the following Waterways Board matters as follows:

- The Harbormaster's facility is still a work in progress and should be ready for the next boating season with the docks fully installed;
- There was an on-line survey from transient mooring users – there were about 20 responses that were universally positive reviews on the services offered to them through the Harbormaster's Office. He briefly read several excerpts of some of the positive statements by recreational boaters about this past summer's experience both with obtaining transient moorings, the responsiveness of the Harbormaster and his team, and the service offered through the Gloucester Launch.
- There was a Feasibility Study for the location of the Harbormaster's facility public hearing held recently. The study looked at several locations in the area of Gloucester Harbor: Pier 7, Cape Pond Ice, I4-C2, a marina in East Gloucester. Where the office is currently sited on Harbor Loop at Solomon Jacob's Pier was

determined to be the best location. Through this study the city will be able to request funding from the Seaport Economic Council to update the Harbormaster's Office facilities to better serve the city's recreational and commercial boaters.

- Transient dockage is limited and the Board is looking to increase the city's t the Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormaster is an asset to the city.

Councilor Gilman expressed her agreement that the Waterways Board was doing a "tremendous" job. She said she's talked to people who have told her how pleased they are with the new transient mooring reservation system, mooring management and the responsiveness of the Harbormaster's office. She asked that information be conveyed to the Board through Councilor LeBlanc. She noted she sent a letter to the Board on her thoughts about the Harbormaster's office. She noted that in her letter she said she would like to see considered a spot by the entrance of Ipswich Bay near the Annisquam Yacht Club for a boat to be stationed so that when there is an emergency at that end of the river or out on Ipswich Bay there would be a more immediate on-the-water response. She acknowledged there would likely be a cost associated with such an initiative. She suggested that the Annisquam Yacht Club could be approached and may be amenable to offering a slip for the sake of the safety of all city boaters. **Councilor LeBlanc** said he would be pleased to bring that idea to the Board.

Council President Ciolino noted there used to be a small boat stationed in the river on weekends for rapid response in emergency situations. He asked that when considering the location of the Harbormaster's Office that the Board considers community boating. He noted there are many people who don't have access to the water and should have an opportunity to do so.

Councilors' Requests to the Mayor:

Councilor Nolan thanked Linda Brayton for the work she's done for the city's dogs and for her work other city committees. He also thanked the DPW for their recent road paving work on Brooks Road. He noted that Councilor O'Hara worked hard with the neighborhood in a process that took about a year and a half to see the road paving project to completion.

Councilor Orlando thanked the DPW for their in-kind work at Clark Cemetery. There is now access to get equipment into the cemetery with a land ramp, a great improvement to the maintenance of the First Parish and Clark Cemetery. He announced the postponement of the Affordable Housing Amendments Workshop for a date yet to be named but noted it will be likely in November after the municipal election.

Councilor Gilman said that before the November 14 Council meeting public hearing on the proposed ban of single-use point of sale plastic bags that as the Council's representative to the Council on Aging Board and accompanied by Ainsley Smith, Chair of the Clean City Commission they will meet with seniors at the Rose Baker Senior Center. She said their goal is to be neutral about what the ban means yet explain it clearly and give that constituency the opportunity to express their sentiments on the matter and scribe what they want to say for the Council. She noted this will also be a good educational outreach opportunity. She advised she had reached out through the Mayor in order to have this activity at the Senior Center. **Council President Ciolino** offered that the Councilor's approach was "fine." He said he knew that the city's seniors want their opinions heard and that this would be a worthwhile activity since many seniors find it difficult to attend evening meetings.

Councilor Gilman advised of the School Committee meeting tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. when there will be a presentation of a facilities update. She suggested that a member of the Budget & Finance Committee may want to attend but if that weren't possible she had planned to be there.

She then announced the following upcoming community events: The Open Door Autumn Breakfast is taking place on Thursday, October 26, 7:30 a.m. at Cruiseport. The city's compost facility is open on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Goose Cove Reservoir Clean Up takes place on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. -- meet at the reservoir parking lot -- hosted and supported by Cape Ann Trail Stewards, Dogtown Advisory Board, Friends of Dogtown, Mutt Mitt volunteers, and Clean Gloucester. On Sunday, Oct. 29 the city's Halloween Festival takes place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. 1-4 p.m. at City Hall. Join the Mayor for free hayrides, food and fun -- all children must be accompanied by an adult. On Wednesday, Nov. 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Cruiseport the Gloucester Community Education Foundation will host a Community Education Forum on access and empowerment; how they learn and how we teach with guest speaker David Rose, Ph.D. The forum is also hosted by the Gloucester public schools and Sotheby's. For more information: thinkthebest.org.

Councilor LeBlanc thanked Linda Brayton for the feedback she provided to the Council on Dog Friendly Gloucester which he said that is a great tool for dog and non-dog owners to find out what the dog community is up to. He then requested that that the Mayor through her Administration begins planning for the city's 2018 Halloween as October 31, 2018 falls on a Wednesday. He expressed concern that with sunset falling early at that time, and

suggested holding the city's trick or treating on the weekend preceding Halloween and declaring earlier hours so as to make it safer for the city's children. He also wished everyone the best of luck in the upcoming election.

Council President Ciolino announced that on Tuesday, Oct. 31 on Halloween from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. there will be downtown trick or treating at participating businesses. He mentioned the Council should review the Zoning Ordinance process for Special Permits and Major Projects suggesting a workshop after the election to brush up on procedures.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgenson

Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.