

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

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Present: Chair, Councilor Joseph Ciolino; Vice Chair, Steven LeBlanc, Jr.; Councilor Melissa Cox; Councilor Paul Lundberg; Councilor Valerie Gilman; Councilor Scott Memhard; Councilor James O’Hara; Councilor Joseph Orlando, Jr.

Absent: Councilor Nolan

Also Present: Joanne Senos; Jim Destino; Kenny Costa; John Dunn; Chip Payson; Jonathan Pope; Kathy Clancy; Dr. Richard Safier; Donna Compton; Gregg Cademartori; Chris Sicuranza; Grace Poirier; Amy Pasquarello; Debbie Laurie

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Council President announced that this meeting is recorded by audio in accordance with state Open Meeting Law.

Flag Salute & Moment of Silence.

Council President Ciolino welcomed Jonathan Pope and Kathy Clancy of the School Committee, Dr. Richard Safier, Superintendent of Schools and Amy Pasquarello, Principal of East Gloucester Elementary School.

Oral Communications: None.

Presentations/Commendations: None.

New Appointments:

Animal Advisory Committee	Dianne Corliss (At Large Member)	TTE 02/14/20
	Beth Klinefelter (Amendment from At Large Member to Ward 3 representative 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 Dianne Corliss is appointed to the Animal Advisory Committee (Member at Large), TTE 02/14/20.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc recounted that there were two openings on the Animal Advisory Committee; one will be filled by a lateral move by a current member. The second opening is proposed to be filled by Ms. Corliss who previously was one of the city’s two Animal Control Officers. He said that she will be a great asset to the Animal Advisory Committee as she has a wealth of knowledge to offer that committee on all animals wild and domesticated.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to appoint Dianne Corliss to the Animal Advisory Committee (Member at Large), 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 Beth Klinefelter be appointed to the Animal Advisory Committee (Ward 3 Representative), TTE 02/14/20.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc said that in order for the appointment of Ms. Corliss to move forward as Member at Large, because she lives in Ward 4 and there already was a Ward 4 representative to the Animal Advisory Committee, Beth Klinefelter is being appointed as that Committee’s Ward 3 representative member because Ms. Klinefelter is a resident of Ward 3. This lateral move allowed Ms. Corliss to be appointed as an At Large member. As Ms. Klinefelter was already appointed to the Committee, he said she was excused from this evening’s proceedings.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to appoint Beth Klinefelter to the Animal Advisory Committee (Ward 3 Representative), TTE 02/14/20.

Planning Board

Jane M. Remsen
(Fulfilling unexpired term of Kenneth Hecht)

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 Jane M. Remsen be appointed to the Planning Board, TTE 02/14/20.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc explained that Ms. Remsen is highly qualified having served previously on the Dover, MA Planning Board (population 6,000), and has paralegal experience. He added Ms. Remsen had received the endorsement of the Mayor's Office, and that with her background she would be an asset to the Planning Board.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to appoint Jane M. Remsen to the Planning Board, TTE 02/14/20.

Consent Agenda:

• **MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Memorandum from Harbormaster re: request to use retained earnings for purchase of a 19 foot, 2004 Carolina Skiff workboat in the amount of \$8,500 (Refer B&F)
2. Memorandum from Chair of Gloucester Clean City Commission re: acceptance of donation by Gorton's Seafood of 350 cloth grocery bags with a value of \$175 (Refer B&F)
3. Memorandum from the Mayor: acceptance of Mass. State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) Grant in the amount of \$6,620 and acceptance of a donation from the Gloucester Fund in the amount of \$7,565 to help support matching funds associated with the initiative (Refer B&F)
4. Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Request (2018-SA-7 through -13) from CFO (Refer B&F)
5. Memorandum from the Mayor re: reconvening of the Linzee Coolidge Philanthropy Award Committee to award a new recipient by the end of the calendar year (Refer Council)

• **COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS**

1. Letter from Executive Director of PERAC re: Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2019 (for information only) (Refer B&F)

• **APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS**

1. Application of Edward C. Ackerley for the storage of explosives at 200R Magnolia Ave., Assessors Map 197, Lot 17 per MGL Ch. 148, §13 & GCO Ch. 8, Sec. 8.1 "License for Storing Inflammables" (Refer P&D)

• **COUNCILORS ORDERS**

1. CC2017-056 (Nolan/Lundberg): Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles", Sec. 22-267 "One-way streets-Generally" and Sec. 22-145 "Stopping, Standing and Parking" re: Concord Street during certain hours on school days (Refer O&A)
2. CC2017-057 (Orlando/LeBlanc): Amend GZO by ADDING a Footnote "i" and to Sec. 3.2.1, inserting into the CB column, and to ADD same footnote as Footnote "h" in the CB column for Sec. 3.2.2 re: affordable housing (Refer P&D, Planning Director, Planning Board, ZBA)
3. CC2017-058: City Council request that all elected city officials be required to submit to a CORI check prior to taking the Oath of Office (Refer O&A)

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

1. City Council Meeting: November 28, 2017 (Approve/File)
2. City Council Special Meeting: November 30, 2017 (Approve/File)
3. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 12/07/17 (under separate cover), O&A 12/04/17, P&D 12/06/17 (Approve/File)

Unanimous Consent Calendar:

1. CC2017-059 (O'Hara): Petition MassDOT re: placing divider lines on Essex Ave./State Route 133 & Western Ave./State Route 127; placing traffic marking/directional arrows beginning at Kent Circle; and extend double lines on Western Ave./State Route 133 (FCV 1/9/2018)
2. CC2017-060 (O'Hara): Petition MassDOT to perform engineering study re: health of trees along their right-of-way (FCV 1/9/2018)

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

Councilor Orlando asked to remove under Councilor Orders Item #3, CC2017-058 (Orlando) City Council request that all elected city officials be required to submit to a CORI check prior to taking the Oath of Office. He asked that this matter not only be referred to the O&A Committee but to the Legal Department as well. **By a**

unanimous assent of the Council CC2017-058 was referred to the O&A Committee and the Legal Department.

Councilor Lundberg asked to remove Item #2 under Councilor Orders, CC2017-057 (Orlando/LeBlanc) Amend GZO by ADDING a Footnote “i” and to Sec. 3.2.1, inserting into the CB column, and to ADD same footnote as Footnote “h” in the CB column for Sec. 3.2.2 re: affordable housing. He said that given that notice to all abutters in the city in this situation is impractical, he moved that the City Council waive the Notice to Abutters under GZO Sec. 1.11.4(b) pursuant to CC2017-057 that the Council is asked to amend the Zoning Ordinance accordingly; to set the public hearing for the matter as January 23, 2018, and to refer the matter to the Planning & Development Committee, the Planning Director, the Planning Board and ZBA. He said as this zoning amendment affects every resident of the city, so as customary in these situations, the Council asks to waive notice to each abutter. **By a unanimous vote of the Council the matter was approved to waive notice to abutters, set the public hearing and be referred accordingly.**

By unanimous assent of the Council, the Consent Agenda and Unanimous Consent Calendar was accepted as amended.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance: December 7

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Lundberg, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve the disposition by means of a lease as provided in the Request for Proposal #18110 Good Harbor Beach Concessions, 99 Thatcher Road, Concessions & Restroom Operation Lease with a minimum bid of \$100,000 and Wingersheek Beach, 232 Atlantic Street, Concession and Restroom Operation Lease with a minimum bid of \$90,000 pursuant to the terms and conditions as stated therein. Said term is to be a three year term from May 1, 2018 to November 1, 2020.

DISCUSSION:

Jim Destino, CAO, said on behalf of the entire Administration and the Mayor’s office it was their pleasure working with all the Councilors in the last two years. While not agreeing on every issue, he said they worked well together and got a lot done.

Speaking to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the three year lease(s) for the Good Harbor and Wingersheek Concessions and Restroom Operations, he noted, there were some changes and highlighted: Page 11 under General Undertakings of the Operator (a), there is an addition to the lease that says, “Slush carts to be located at agreed upon locations by the operator and the contract manager.” He explained usually the carts were adjacent to the concessions, but the new operator at the concessions put some big wheels on the cart and wheeled it on the beach. The Mayor received complaints on that practice and so the change reflects that. Page 14 (f) Operator shall only use Marine Degradable paper plates, cups, containers and other accessories... This is an “unintended consequence” with the passage of the polystyrene and single-use plastic bag ban which goes into effect 01/01/19. It was noted that the paper goods prices for the new vendor will be much higher and may lead to a lower bid which was taken into consideration when setting a minimum bid associated with the RFP. Under parking facilities, #5, non-resident employees will receive an employee parking pass to be used for work days only. Anyone found violating the parking procedure shall lose all parking privileges. The passes can only be utilized during working hours at the concessions. Under (i), the city will supply, when there are special events at the beaches, prior to the opening of the season and after the close of the season, paper goods and take responsibility for the restroom facilities. It was pointed out it didn’t seem fair to use the concessionaire’s paper goods and ask them to clean the restrooms for these city-permitted off-season events.

Lastly, **Mr. Destino** recounted that under the terms of the last RFP that minimum bids were \$75,000 and \$65,000 respectively and for the new three-year lease minimum bids are raised on the Administration’s recommendation to the B&F Committee of \$100,000 and \$90,000 respectively.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to approve the disposition by means of a lease as provided in the Request for Proposal #18110 Good Harbor Beach Concessions, 99 Thatcher Road, Concessions & Restroom

Operation Lease with a minimum bid of \$100,000 and Wingersheek Beach, 232 Atlantic Street, Concession and Restroom Operation Lease with a minimum bid of \$90,000 pursuant to the terms and conditions as stated therein. Said term is to be a three year term from May 1, 2018 to November 1, 2020.

Ordinances & Administration: December 4

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Nolan, 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 CC2017-049 (Nolan/Lundberg) Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-276 "One-way streets-Generally" re: Concord Street, without prejudice.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc explained that there was a long discussion on the parking issues surrounding the West Parish Elementary School (pick up of students at end of the school day). Councilors Nolan and Lundberg had submitted an order. After that discussion, needing to make some changes to the Council Order, he said that it was better to withdraw it and submit a new Council Order that contained all the necessary changes for a cleaner amendment to the Code of Ordinances.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to permit the withdrawal of CC2017-049 (Nolan/Lundberg) Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-276 "One-way streets-Generally" re: Concord Street, without prejudice.

Planning & Development: December 6

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Gilman, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve a Conservation Restriction from Samuel S. Holdsworth of 293 Concord Street, sole owner for properties known as 288-292 Concord Street: 288 Concord Street: Assessors Map 249, Lot 27; 290 Concord Street Assessors Map 249, Lot 41 and Map 41, Lot 21; and 292 Concord Street, Assessors Map 249, Lot 40; to the Essex County Greenbelt Association, Inc., for the purpose of the preservation of a natural resource of the City of Gloucester and being in the public interest pursuant to M.G.L. c. 184, §31-33.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox said that this land was given to the Essex County Greenbelt Association for a conservation restriction to preserve it (as open space). She advised that the Conservation Commission voted 6 in favor, 0 opposed, in support of the agreement, per the city's Conservation Agent, Ken Whittaker.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Gilman, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to approve a Conservation Restriction from Samuel S. Holdsworth of 293 Concord Street, sole owner for properties known as 288-292 Concord Street: 288 Concord Street: Assessors Map 249, Lot 27; 290 Concord Street Assessors Map 249, Lot 41 and Map 41, Lot 21; and 292 Concord Street, Assessors Map 249, Lot 40; to the Essex County Greenbelt Association, Inc., for the purpose of the preservation of a natural resource of the City of Gloucester and being in the public interest pursuant to M.G.L. c. 184, §31-33.

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 43, Lots 4 & 5, for a Special Permit under the Mixed Use Overlay District pursuant to GZO Sections 5.29 (including Major Project GZO Sec. 5.7), 5.29.10 and 5.11.8 (Cont'd from 10/24/17) (TBC 01/23/18)

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

This public hearing is continued at 7:21 p.m. to January 23, 2017 by the Council President.

2. **PH2017-069: Amend Chapter 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles,” 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” (To be withdrawn)**

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

Councilor Cox asked to withdraw her Council Order without prejudice. **Council President Ciolino** added that this matter will be handed to the new Ward 2 Councilor to work with the constituents in the area of Prospect Street affected by this possible change to the Code of Ordinances.

By a unanimous vote of the Council, Order CC2017-033 (Cox) to amend Chapter 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles,” 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” was withdrawn without prejudice.

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

3. **PH2017-070: Loan Order 2017-005: Loan Authorization to fund East Gloucester Elementary School Feasibility Study in the amount of \$1,000,000**

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

Those speaking in favor:

Jonathan Pope, School Committee Chair and Chair of the East Gloucester/Veterans Elementary Schools Building Committee, asked for the Council’s support for the \$1 million loan order. He recounted that the school district and city has formed a building committee, has gone through all the MSBA (Mass. School Building Authority) eligibility requirements, making a maintenance plan, doing enrollment projections, educational plan proposed for this consolidation of schools and now moving it forward to the feasibility study which is the next phase and last step for eligibility with the MSBA – securing the funding is the last step. When the School District moves into the feasibility phase they will hire an Owner’s Project Manager, and look at existing buildings and potential sites for a new school as well as talk about consolidation of the two schools. He acknowledged there was an amendment to the loan language -- the MSBA contacted them saying that they shouldn’t make the attachment so specific (to both schools) and that it should only name East Gloucester Elementary School as it was the only school named in the School District’s Statement of Interest (SOI). The loan for the feasibility study, he said, is essential if they’re going to keep moving on in the MSBA process. All paperwork has to be in to the MSBA by January 1, 2018, he reported, and then the matter of the feasibility study will be placed on the MSBA’s agenda for its February meeting. He said at that time the MSBA will review all the city’s submitted information and it is hoped they’ll accept the city’s application. He acknowledged that this loan of \$1 million is more than what was spent for the feasibility study for the West Parish School. The main reason, he said, is that they are predicating this on two schools as well as looking at multiple sites which require assessment and possibly soil analysis and other such investigations which make it a costlier feasibility study.

Dr. Richard Safier, Superintendent of Schools, reviewed the statistical analysis made by the School Committee by reviewing other school district’s costs of feasibility studies based on projected student population, and size of facility. They looked at: Amesbury, Manchester-Essex, Marblehead and Tewksbury and Ipswich. To gain median percentages relative to overall construction and other such ratios another group of Massachusetts schools were reviewed. He said based on their analysis it was concluded that given the two elementary schools possibly being consolidated, two existing school sites and three other possible sites for the school that \$1 million authorized for a feasibility study is reasonable.

Carol Dagle, 11 Marina Drive, noted she worked as a realtor for a local real estate company, spoke to providing the best education and tools for the city’s children. She pointed out that in turn new school facilities enhance real estate values and attract families who look at communities carefully -- school curricula, test scores, and often making visits to the schools. She pointed out that first impressions are meaningful. She pointed out that homebuyers comparison shop -- not just for a home but for educational facilities for their children. Citing the city’s school system and the city itself having so much to offer, she recounted that she and her entire family are products of the city’s school system and that her grandchildren are all currently enrolled here. Students and faculties deserve to

have facilities and educational tools that are comparable to neighboring communities, she said. She encouraged the Council to approve the \$1 million loan (written statement placed on file).

Lisa Groleau, 598 Western Avenue, noted she worked in the city schools and sees how important it is to have up-to-date facilities because students need an appropriate environment for better learning and for teachers to teach. She pointed out how wonderful the new West Parish School facility is and listed some of its amenities and some of the faults of the current older city schools. She encouraged the Council to vote in favor of the loan order.

Rachel Refalo, 225 Bray Street, said she was here learning what the solution for West Parish was to be some years ago and reviewed that process. She said at that time they heard from people on both sides of the equation on spending funds for a feasibility study. She lauded the education her children receive at the West Parish School. She recounted that the new West Parish School has a “fantastic learning environment;” and that there is a charged energy in the school’s atmosphere. She also listed many of the new school’s amenities comparing it to what the old West Parish School didn’t have. She noted that this is a slow process citing that West Parish took six years but was worth it (written statement placed on file).

Graziella Paone, 4 Cedarwood Road, a West Parish parent, said the entire city deserves schools like West Parish. She said every student and teacher deserves to have access to the most current technology and a pristine school. It gives the school population something to be proud of, she pointed out, and permeates the whole school environment – this is the future of Gloucester, she said. Asking people in the audience to stand up in support, 36 people stood in favor of the loan authorization.

Aria McElhenny, 19 Allen Street, noted that she has three children, one of whom has already been through East Gloucester Elementary School, one child in the school now, and a three year old who will be in school in a few years. She spoke in support of the feasibility study loan authorization noting that the current school’s condition is a hindrance to the students’ learning ability even though they have amazing teachers to do their best under difficult conditions. She said the community deserves to have updated schools.

Kristie Lambert, 41B Friend Street, a literacy coach at Veteran’s School and parent of students there expressed full support for consolidation of the Veterans and East Gloucester schools, saying she wants her youngest to learn in the type of school environment found at the new West Parish Elementary School.

Adam Rosell, 38 Summer Street, said he organized a parent volunteer clean up and fix up of East Gloucester Elementary School. Attempts to upgrade the elementary school have been difficult with the building’s current condition, he noted. He expressed his support for the loan authorization.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions:

Councilor LeBlanc asked for an explanation of the benefits of a feasibility study for the MSBA and what a study triggers. **Mr. Pope** said for the city to be subsidized for the building of a new school, they have to go through the MSBA vetting process, and they have to do this step, just as with an SOI during the eligibility period. He explained that the advantage of the study and the way the MSBA works today as opposed to when the GHS renovation was done, it is much more professional. He pointed out that the MSBA requires they hire not just a foreman, or Clerk of the Works, but that they hire an Owners Project Manager who is certified by the state -- there are only so many certified in the state which limits to how many people they can choose from. What this results in is obtaining very professional oversight of the building project. The same requirements are made for the school designer, he noted, for which they put out an RFP. He noted that the MSBA is very strict on who can be hired and have input on it, reiterating that there is only a limited number of certified firms. The current reimbursement rate for eligible expenses is 58% to the city, which was about the same for West Parish. He cautioned that not every expense is eligible, such as swing space, site work reimbursement is very limited; the purchase of property if necessary, is excluded from reimbursement. By way of example, some of the GHS gym renovation wasn’t eligible for reimbursement due to MSBA size limitations on square footage. **Councilor LeBlanc** said that some of the sitting Councilors were part of the West Parish School process and suggested the reimbursement was actually higher because of “green” elements built into the school. **Mr. Pope** said that there are a number of things that can raise the reimbursement level to rise above the base rate and noted several including building a green building.

Councilor Gilman asked what the competition is for the city in this current MSBA round during the feasibility phase. **Mr. Pope** said when the School District submitted the SOI last year, there were about 88 requests for new schools and renovations to schools -- MSBA accepted 17. He said it’s done by need determined by the MSBA who came and looked at the East Gloucester Elementary School and placed the school in their top level of need and also look for community support. By being accepted in the feasibility phase the viability of the project is determined by the study, he said. As long as they get the funding it is likely they’ll move into the MSBA’s feasibility phase, he noted.

Councilor Orlando said if they don't do this loan they're not eligible for the next step and the city will have to build the school on its own as there'd be no reimbursement which **Mr. Pope** confirmed would be the case.

Councilor O'Hara asked what sites are being considered for a new school. **Mr. Pope** said the MSBA will make them look at both existing sites, whether the buildings can be renovated to fit the requirements as with West Parish. He said they're also looking at city-owned sites only. He noted the three sites are: Green Street between the playground and Ledgemont Avenue which is 13 acres and an additional 2.5 acres on Essex Street which may not be needed; city-owned property on Harrison Avenue; and the Pines/Swinson Field, also city-owned. Once they bring on an Owner's Project Manager the sites will be prioritized. He pointed out that Councilors have been invited to walk the sites.

Councilor O'Hara asked if the Fuller property is under consideration. **Mr. Pope** said the property hasn't been indicated to the Building Committee by the city as available

Councilor Cox asked if the city isn't selected and this loan is approved, what happens with the authorized loan. **John Dunn**, CFO, said the Council can vote to rescind the order.

Council President Ciolino asked about the expenses associated with a new school -- what is reimbursable and what isn't and if the \$1 million loan is eligible. **Mr. Pope** said these funds, should the project go to completion will be part of the expenses. If this money is appropriated and the building doesn't happen it isn't reimbursable -- if the building moves forward he said he didn't know if the \$1 million is 100% reimbursable. He advised it falls under design costs and explained that there is a percentage of site work which has a cap on what can be reimbursed. Should the new school end up costing \$450/Square Foot, the MSBA current square footage cap is \$380/Square Foot. He noted that the West Parish School including the swing space cost about \$38 million and got back from the state about \$17 million. **Council President Ciolino** asked if the feasibility study will be included in the 58%. **Mr. Pope** reiterated that the feasibility study is part of the design work.

This public hearing is closed at 7:57 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Lundberg, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council authorize the following loan order:

Ordered: That the City appropriate the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study for the East Gloucester Elementary School located at 8 Davis Street Extension, Gloucester, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Gloucester School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Memhard said that as Ward Councilor he had received a large number of constituent comments asking this matter move forward (not forwarded to the Council for the record).

Councilor Orlando said he got five or six emails in support of the loan order (not forwarded to the Council for the record). He said he would support the loan order. The elementary schools, with the exception of Fuller, were built between WWII and the Korean War. They are all in "rough shape" he said, and that they have to put children into the best possible learning environment. With four elementary schools in need of replacement, he said that if there is any benefit they can derive from this feasibility study for other parts of town to then be used for other school replacements it would be a good thing. If they don't do this loan order, the city won't be eligible to receive reimbursement funds from the MSBA, he concluded.

Councilor Cox spoke in favor of the loan order. Noting she read to three first grade classes last Friday, she said that all the city's children deserve a facility like West Parish. She said having read to students at East

Gloucester and Veterans Memorial Elementary Schools she's seen first-hand the environmental conditions those students learn in. She said she looks forward to the ribbon-cutting at new city schools in the future.

Councilor Lundberg voiced his support for the loan order. He said many of them have had conversations on the value of the city's public school system, and that they recognize the greatest value is the elementary school years where students develop a love of lifelong learning and where those skills are "nurtured and seeded." He cited that it's been proven with West Parish that it isn't just the building but the cohesion of the community which enhances learning. This is a great project for the city to take on to completion, he said.

Councilor Gilman expressed her support noting that since 2004 the MSBA has made over \$12.5 billion in reimbursements for school construction; 650,000 of today's 900,000 Mass. students either attend or have attended a school reimbursed by the MSBA. She said the reimbursement is so important. She recalled the ribbon cutting at West Parish having just ended her six years on the school Committee and was attending a citizen. She said Councilor LeBlanc handed her one of the "golden" shovels used in the ground breaking, and cited that it was such a proud day. She pointed out that all kids deserve a 21st century learning environment. She extended her thanks to the School Committee for their hard work bringing this forward.

Councilor O'Hara expressed his support, pointing out that they owe it to the parents and students to provide the best public education available. Part of the students learning experience is in their buildings. He commended the DPW Director, the CAO and the Mayor for maintaining the buildings to the highest priority and ensures that they will continue to work to maintain their buildings across the long journey to build new schools. He commended the public who came to this evening's public hearing, emails that Councilors received and urged continued participation by the public. The city has lost around \$2 million to school choice students and with this new school it is hoped that it will bring many of these students back, he added.

Councilor LeBlanc said some of the Councilors had the pleasure of being a part of the new West Parish School from the start of the project to the ribbon cutting. He said he, too, sees what the conditions of the city's other schools are, and while he won't have children benefiting from a new school, people moving to Gloucester will see that the city committed to education is a good thing. The MSBA reimbursement is important to the city, he added. For West Parish he said he was sure ultimately it was about 62% in the end for reimbursement. The \$1 million investment is a good one, he said, expressing his support for the loan order.

Council President Ciolino also expressed his support for the loan order. He recalled the feasibility study for West Parish which seemed like a lot of money at the time, but now the city has a viable blueprint of how to build a modern school in partnership with the state. If there is help available the city should seek it out, he noted. He said he received a comment that the West Parish School was a "Taj Mahal" but he said it is a school that will serve the city for many years. He pointed out that if that school was built in Manchester or Rockport that same person would be the first one saying, "Why can't we build that here." West Parish came in under budget which is a credit to the School Committee and now they're moving forward again, he said. Schools have to be replaced, and this is the opportunity to get the 58% reimbursement -- they will work together to make it happen, he pointed out. He said that they'll find that five years from now when this school may be on line, that kids will stay in Gloucester because there'll be another technologically savvy school in the city as well as state-of-the-art internal systems like installed at West Parish that benefits the health of all the school's students.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to authorize the following loan order:

Ordered: That the City appropriate the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study for the East Gloucester Elementary School located at 8 Davis Street Extension, Gloucester, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Gloucester School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the

payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 0 in favor, 8 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to Reconsider its vote for a loan order for \$1,000,000 for an East Gloucester Elementary School Feasibility Study.

MOTION FAILS.

Councilor LeBlanc noted that Councilor Nolan, being unable to attend this evening, had expressed to him that he was in support of the Loan Order.

- 4. PH2017-071: SCP2017-013: 120 Maplewood Avenue (Maplewood School), Map 39, Lot 4, Modification of SCP 2015-004 (granted under GZO Sec.'s 1.8.3, 2.3.1(8), 5.7.1, 1.10.1(a)(1), 1.10.1(a)(3), 3.2.2 footnote (a) and Major Project Sec. 5.7.1)**

This public hearing is opened at 8:16 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

James Perrine, representing Schoolhouse Residences, LLC, Managing Partner, Cambridge, MA conveyed the following information: This is a request for minor changes to the original Special Council Permit granted in November of 2015 and an extension of the original permit. The project involves adaptive reuse and restoration of the existing Maplewood Avenue School to create 12 residential condominium units. The development team has secured the construction financing and is ready to proceed with the purchase of the site and close on the property and start construction. In order to do so an extension of the permit is necessary. Also requested is the modification to the approved plans to relabel rooms from “study” or “family room” in ten of the units to “bedrooms.” This ends up with 10 two-bedroom units and two one-bedroom units in all. This change is to support and accept an appraisal to the development team’s construction lender. There are no physical changes that are necessary to the unit layouts. There is also a request to remove the reference to the purchase and sale agreement that has since expired from 2013. The expired P&S contemplated a Payment in Lieu to the Affordable Housing Trust instead of providing a second affordable housing unit. Schoolhouse Residences will now contain two one-bedroom affordable housing units. There has been good support by the neighbors, and a well-attended neighborhood meeting; and they are looking forward to having the property developed, **Mr. Perrine** said.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions:

Councilor Lundberg asked for a recitation of the six criteria under GZO Sec. 1.8.3 for a Special Council Permit. **Mr. Perrine** reviewed this modification to the Special Council Permit meets: the social and community needs by providing housing for people of various income levels; traffic flow and safety isn’t hindered – the traffic generated from the property will be less than when it was a school; the property is serviced by adequate utilities and other public services, and at the developer’s expense new water service has been brought to the edge of the property prior to the repaving of Maplewood Avenue; the reuse of the school reinforces the character and social structure of the neighborhood and is good change; qualities of the natural environment will be improved with plantings on site and water-efficient fixtures. There will be taxable housing units to the benefit of the city. **Mr. Perrine** added that these points were addressed in the original permit, and not much has changed since.

Councilor LeBlanc noted the well-attended neighborhood meeting, with Councilors Orlando and O’Hara in attendance. A concern was raised for some fencing at the neighborhood meeting and at P&D last week. He requested stockade fencing on the sides of the property to prevent noise and lights reflecting into neighboring homes.

This public hearing is closed at 8:24 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Gilman, the Planning and Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council grant the application by Schoolhouse Residences, LLC, to modify the Special Council Permit for 120 Maplewood Avenue, Map 39, Lot 4, granted October 13, 2015 under GZO Sections 1.8.3, 2.3.1(8), 5.7.1, 1.10.1(a)(1), 1.10.1(a)(3), 3.2.2 footnote (a) and Major Project Permit Section 5.7.1 and now as shown on plans received by the City Council November 14, 2017 prepared by Derby Square Architects, Salem, MA for Schoolhouse Residences, LLC for the

Maplewood School Residences, 120 Maplewood Avenue, Gloucester, MA and as signed by Registered Architect, William J. Peterson as follows:

1. That Page 4 of the Decision currently references a no longer valid August 28, 2013 Purchase and Sale Agreement; therefore, that sentence is hereby struck from the record.
2. The Decision, by reference, approved floor plans identifying ten (10) units with a room identified as either a “study” or a “family room.” The set of floor plans as a part of the named architectural plans above now supersede any previously accepted floor plans and show a building with those 10 unit rooms labelled as a “bedroom;” therefore, the Maplewood School Residences now consist of ten (10) two-bedroom and two (2) one-bedroom units.
3. An extension of the Council Special Permit Decision is hereby extended 180 days (through June 1, 2018).

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc moved to amend the main motion by adding, “**Condition #4: Placing adequate stockade fencing facing the abutters at the front facade and back of the building, excepting the Acacia Street side, and was seconded by Councilor Orlando. By a unanimous vote of the Council the main motion is amended.**”

Councilor LeBlanc said he went to 75 homes in the immediate area and 50 people attended the neighborhood meeting and there was no opposition to the project -- they understand this needs to be done and removing the label of study and family room stood in the way of financing, and that the labelling as bedrooms makes more sense.

Councilor Orlando expressed his thanks to the applicant for including two affordable units on the property as the city needs to diversify housing. This is an important, creative solution, he said.

Councilor Gilman said this location is an eyesore and making new condominiums for purchase with the two affordable units is in the city’s best interest. She said she appreciated that one unit is ADA compliant. She expressed her support.

Council President Ciolino said the first time he voted on this matter was in 2001 as a member of the Budget & Finance Committee with Councilor Jim Destino. **Council President Ciolino** added there have been numerous iterations of this project, and the neighbors always wanted units that were owned, and expressed his appreciation for their patience. He expressed his support and thanked the Administration and the P&D Committee for their work on the project.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Lundberg, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to grant the application by Schoolhouse Residences, LLC, to modify the Special Council Permit for 120 Maplewood Avenue, Map 39, Lot 4, granted October 13, 2015 under GZO Sections 1.8.3, 2.3.1(8), 5.7.1, 1.10.1(a)(1), 1.10.1(a)(3), 3.2.2 footnote (a) and Major Project Permit Section 5.7.1 and now as shown on plans received by the City Council November 14, 2017 prepared by Derby Square Architects, Salem, MA for Schoolhouse Residences, LLC for the Maplewood School Residences, 120 Maplewood Avenue, Gloucester, MA and as signed by Registered Architect, William J. Peterson as follows:

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3. An extension of the Council Special Permit Decision is hereby extended 180 days (through June 1, 2018).
4. Placing adequate stockade fencing facing abutters at the front of the building facade and back of the building, excepting the Acacia Street side.
5. PH2017-072: Recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for Round 8, FY17

This public hearing is opened at 8:33 p.m.

Councilor Memhard prefaced the applicant presentations for Community Preservation Funding by saying that it was Mayor Bell’s Administration that had the foresight to institute this tax assessment that qualifies the city for substantial matching funds through the state to fund these “dream projects” that improve the quality of life for the citizens of Gloucester.

Project #4 - Sargent Murray Gilman Hough House Assoc. for Museum's Failing Roof - \$61,500**Those speaking in favor:**

Joanne Michalak, representing the Sargent Murray Gilman Hough House Association, said that this is for funds to repair the failing roof and gutters on the Sargent Murray Gilman Hough House Museum. She conveyed that in 2001 the Museum received a Mass. Historical Commission Preservation Matching Grant that required the museum hire an architectural preservation consultant to develop specifications for the project including nail requirements for hot dipped galvanized nails; shortly thereafter specifications for this kind of construction changed to a standard using stainless steel nails. In 2016 the Museum's building inspection contractor submitted a report that the shanks of the hot dipped nails had separated from the heads and that the roof needed replacement well before the expected 20 year lifespan of the roof which created a funding "emergency." She noted that 150 shingles came off the roof on the north and east side. She also noted four photographs (submitted with the application and on file) showing the roof's poor condition and nail heads separated from the shanks. She asked for the Council's support for the CPA funding to repair the Museum roof.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions: None.

This portion of the public hearing is closed at 8:37 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Lundberg, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appropriate up to \$61,500 (Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Sargent Murray Gilman Hough House Association, for the purpose of the restoration and preservation of the museum's roof in order to preserve an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4733.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to appropriate up to \$61,500 (Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Sargent Murray Gilman Hough House Association, for the purpose of the restoration and preservation of the museum's roof in order to preserve an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4733.

Project #1 - Essex County Greenbelt Association: Seine Field Handicap Access Trail Project - \$5,000

This portion of the public hearing is opened at 8:39 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

David McKinnon, representing the Essex County Greenbelt Association (ECGA), said he is before the Council to request \$5,000 from the CPA fund for the Seine Field Handicap Access Trail Project. He said that the ECGA will be contributing \$21,000 to complete the project and noted letters of support (on file) from the Mayor's Office, the Open Space & Recreation Committee, Cape Ann Trail Association and the Cape Ann Transportation Authority

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions:

Council President Ciolino recounted that when this matter was before the Budget & Finance Committee he'd asked that the neighbors be notified of the work. **Mr. McKinnon** confirmed that abutters would be notified about the work.

This portion of the public hearing is closed at 8:40 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Lundberg, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appropriate up to \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of the Essex County Greenbelt Association (ECGA) to rehabilitate and improve handicapped accessible trails on property known as the Seine Fields off of Farrington Avenue in Gloucester, Massachusetts. The appropriation will be allocated to the Open Space and Recreational category and funded from Open Space and Recreation Reserves in Fund #4510. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Open Space Projects Fund #4604.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Gilman, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to appropriate up to \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of the Essex County Greenbelt Association (ECGA) to rehabilitate and improve handicapped accessible trails on property known as the Seine Fields off of Farrington Avenue in Gloucester, Massachusetts. The appropriation will be allocated to the Open Space and Recreational category and funded from Open Space and Recreation Reserves in Fund #4510. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Open Space Projects Fund #4604.

Project #2 - Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee/Public Works Department of the City of Gloucester Stage Fort Park Restoration Plan - \$32,944

This portion of the public hearing is opened at 8:42 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

David Dow, Chair, Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee, said this funding of \$32,944 will begin the restoration of the Fort at Stage Fort Park. The first stage of funding will allow for securing timbers to create new carriages for three of the four cannons and install cast-iron wheels. The cannons will be accurate reproductions. Additionally funds will be utilized for archeological work of the Fort to be headed up by Mike Hale, DPW Director. He said the cannons will be able to be fired at special events of the city, especially for the city's 400th anniversary celebration.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions: None.

This portion of the public hearing is closed at 8:43 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Lundberg, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appropriate up to \$32,944 (Thirty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Four Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee/Public Works Department, for the purpose of the restoration and preservation of the Stage Fort Park "Fort" including a historical survey and cannon carriage replacement in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Capital Projects Fund #5807.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Orlando said that it's great to restore the Fort and the cannons. The park is a jewel of the city and with the city's 400th anniversary celebration in the offing, this is a wonderful use of CPA funds. He added his support for funding of the project.

Council President Ciolino said there will be a study to learn what exactly was at the Fort when the cannons were active. He said they may even find the foundation of the original barracks, a good venture.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to appropriate up to \$32,944 (Thirty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Four Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee/Public Works Department, for the purpose of the restoration and preservation of the Stage Fort Park "Fort" including a historical

survey and cannon carriage replacement in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Capital Projects Fund #5807.

Project #3 - Cape Ann Museum for Map Conservation - \$3,490

This portion of the public hearing is opened at 8:45 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

Stephanie Buck, Archivist and Librarian for the Cape Ann Museum said the Museum is asking for \$3,490 to stabilize and conserve an 1851 Walling Map of Gloucester and Rockport. She recounted that it was created by Henry Francis Walling who only made 400 individual maps of counties and cities in Massachusetts -- 60 of those maps are in the Library of Congress. This particular map is a snapshot of Cape Ann businesses and residences before Cape Ann separated into two communities and before the introduction of the first city directory in 1860. She conveyed the map allows identification of a particular house or business by the owner's name. She noted the map is already used frequently by researchers and admired by visitors. Having the map framed and hung will make it accessible as well as protect it from the elements, she added.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions: None.

This portion of the public hearing was closed at 8:48 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Lundberg, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appropriate up to \$3,490 (Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Cape Ann Museum, for the purpose of the restoration and preservation of the Walling Map in order to preserve an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4732.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to appropriate up to \$3,490 (Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Cape Ann Museum, for the purpose of the restoration and preservation of the Walling Map in order to preserve an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4732.

Project #5 - Ocean Alliance, Inc. for Capital Improvement to sea wall/foundation of Bldg. E of the Tarr & Wonson Paint Manufactory - \$18,000

This portion of the public hearing is opened at 8:49 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

Ian Kerr, CEO of Ocean Alliance, said that this (Paint Factory) building is sited on a manmade seawall with no work done on it since 1980. Saying while the seawall isn't yet in a critical state, work needs to be done before the wall does become critical. The estimate is \$60,000 to complete the project, he advised, and said that Ocean Alliance will raise \$42,000 to fund the entire project as a match.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions: None.

This portion of the public hearing is closed at 8:51 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Lundberg, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appropriate up to

\$18,000 (Eighteen Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Ocean Alliance, Inc., for the purpose of the restoration and preservation of the seawall and foundation of Building E of the Tarr & Wonson Paint Manufactory in order to preserve an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4734.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to appropriate up to \$18,000 (Eighteen Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Ocean Alliance, Inc., for the purpose of the restoration and preservation of the seawall and foundation of Building E of the Tarr & Wonson Paint Manufactory in order to preserve an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4734.

Project #6 - Lanesville Community Center for Virginia Lee Burton Little House - \$30,000

This portion of the public hearing is opened at 8:52 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

Chris Wagner, 54 High Street, President of the Lanesville Community Center (LCC), cited the author of Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel, the Little House and one of the founders of the Folly Cove Designers -- Ms. Virginia Lee Burton Demetrios. He explained that: in the early 1960's Ms. Burton built a small writing cottage/studio at Folly Point, the cottage having been purchased as a pre-fabricated building from the Building Center. She used the cottage for many years in her creative endeavors. Almost 50 years later, the property had been sold and her nephew, Sandy Burton, in attendance this evening, had the opportunity to obtain the cottage from the current owner. The cottage is in storage on Mr. Burton's property, shrink-wrapped for the last five years. The plan is to move the cottage to the LCC property to re-erect it to be used as a historic structure and center for the development of reading programs for children in North Gloucester.

Mr. Wagner said that the LCC is requesting CPA funding for \$30,000. The project costs are about \$50,000, and he advised the LCC has commitments from donors and will seek other grant funding to complete the project. He said the CPA funding will get the walls up and the building dried in, preserving it for generations to come.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions:

Councilor Gilman thanked Mr. Wagner and another (unnamed) member of the LCC noting she and the members met six months ago to speak about this process, and expressed her appreciation for the fact that this initiative is all about the history and artists of Lanesville. She cited Sandy Burton with his foresight and being proactive will see to the preservation of this building in order to do something special at the LCC.

Councilor Lundberg extended his thanks to Sandy Burton for his foresight in saving this building that is very valuable.

Councilor Orlando said this is a great project; that with the city's history as America's oldest fishing port, that in addition to the artists of the community, the city has some very famous authors in its midst. The LCC needs help to raise the funds to do this project so that the city's children can learn in the cottage that a famous writer created her books.

Councilor Cox expressed her support for the project funding saying that the "second to the last book" she read at West Parish Elementary School was a Burton book but couldn't recall which one when asked by Councilor Memhard.

Council President Ciolino said this is a great use of CPA funds. Without CPA funds many project wouldn't get off the ground, he said. This is seed money that the LCC can build upon, he noted, and that the preservation of Ms. Burton's studio is a great idea. This is a Building Center constructed cottage and said he'd worked at the Center in that era. He said he looked forward to the ribbon cutting.

Sandy Burton, High Street, conveyed that it was a proud moment to come back to Gloucester and have this experience. He said that Virginia Lee Burton wrote books about values and said he couldn't imagine a higher honor of values than this acknowledgement for which the children of the Gloucester community will be the beneficiary for many generations. He extended his "personal thanks" to the Council for this opportunity to move this project forward.

This portion of the public hearing is closed at 9:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Lundberg, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appropriate up to \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Lanesville Community Center for the purpose of the restoration and preservation of the studio of Virginia Lee Burton in order to preserve an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4735.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to appropriate up to \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Lanesville Community Center for the purpose of the restoration and preservation of the studio of Virginia Lee Burton in order to preserve an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4735.

Project #7 - Gloucester Cemeteries Advisory Committee for Historic Cemetery Repair - \$9,500

This portion of the public hearing is opened at 9:01 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

Sandy Barry, member of the Cemeteries Advisory Committee, said they're working through two cemeteries to date. She noted the presence of committee members Patty Amaral, Carol Kelly (Beverly McKean, member not in attendance). She acknowledged that it was Councilor Cox who had a hand in resurrecting this committee. The First Parish Burial Ground was established in 1644 which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and adjacent to it is Clark Cemetery, she said. She explained that the committee has a crew of volunteers that work their way through (repairing gravestones) but that the more severely vandalized and cracked stones and those that are destroyed need professional care which this funding would pay for. She noted that the committee just finished \$7,000 worth of work funded from a grant from the Mass. Historical Commission to restore a lot of stones in First Parish that were of the Revolutionary War era. This next set of stones to be repaired and preserved with CPA funds has to do with sea captains and their wives, she said.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions:

Councilor LeBlanc thanked the Committee for such a great job and keeping Councilors up to date on their activities. He asked what it costs to restore one stone. **Carol Kelly**, Cemeteries Advisory Committee member said it is dependent on how badly a stone is damaged and how it's damaged which she briefly touched upon, but that she didn't have the exact costs on hand. She noted that these funds being voted on tonight should repair 14 stones that are badly damaged.

This portion of the public hearing was closed at 9:05 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Lundberg, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appropriate up to \$9,500 (Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Gloucester Cemeteries Advisory Committee, for the purpose of the restoration and preservation of the historic headstones in the First Parish Burial Ground and the adjoining Clarks Cemetery in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Capital Projects Fund #5808.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Orlando thanked the Cemeteries Advisory Committee for all their hard work. He explained that early in his term, when Mr. Clark came before the Council under Oral Communications to seek help for Clark

Cemetery he'd never heard of it; and when he did view it what he saw "horrified" him. With help from City Councilors, professional landscapers who volunteered their time and equipment, the DPW that did in-kind work; Veteran's Services Director, Adam Curcuro and his crew of volunteers, all in a public/private partnership, brought Clark Cemetery "back to life." He acknowledged the many damaged headstones and recounted that in Clark Cemetery there are 26 veterans of the Civil and Spanish American War buried there including the first enlisted black soldier in the Grand Army of the Republic. Thanks to all the hard work of so many people, Clark Cemetery is no longer in dire condition, he said. He urged the Council moving forward to not forget about this project. He said he supported the funding as the cemeteries should be brought back to how they should be cared for and expressed his hope for a rededication of the cemetery. He asked for the Council's support.

Councilor Cox said the reason she worked to bring back the Cemeteries Advisory Committee is because she and Patti Amaral had observed trash from the trains with the One Hour Gang. She said what they found was "disgusting" with headstones used as a fire pit. Mike Hale, DPW Director said there wasn't a committee to deal with these issues and it prompted her to act, she noted. She said the women of the Cemeteries Advisory Committee "have a lot of heart and soul." Having been involved in some restoration work early on, she said the difference is remarkable when the headstones are cleaned. She urged the public to participate to give them a sense of worth. This is where the city's heritage lays, and this final resting place deserves respect, she said.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to appropriate up to \$9,500 (Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Gloucester Cemeteries Advisory Committee, for the purpose of the restoration and preservation of the historic headstones in the First Parish Burial Ground and the adjoining Clarks Cemetery in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Capital Projects Fund #5808.

Project #8 - Cape Ann Women's Softball League & DPW for the Mattos Field Rehabilitation Project II - \$34,129

This portion of the public hearing is opened at 9:10 pm.

Those speaking in favor:

Patti Amaral, Cape Ann Women's Softball League, expressed her thanks saying that without the help of CPA funds this project wouldn't have moved forward. She also thanked Stephen Winslow, Senior Project Manager with the city for his assistance. New lights have gone up, she noted. The rededication of the field will be next year which is the 100th anniversary of Joseph Mattos' death.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions: None.

This portion of the public hearing is closed at 9:13 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Lundberg, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appropriate up to \$34,129 (Thirty Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Cape Ann Women's Softball League/Public Works Department for the purpose of the continued rehabilitation of Mattos Field under the Mattos Field Rehabilitation Project II. The appropriation will be allocated to the Open Space and Recreational category and funded from Open Space and Recreation Reserves in Fund #4510. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Open Space and Recreational Capital Projects Fund #5717.

DISCUSSION:

Council President Ciolino said once again CPA funding has been put to good use, and that this is great work. He expressed thanks to the Community Preservation Committee for their recommendation of great projects for funding.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to appropriate up to \$34,129 (Thirty Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the

Community Preservation Committee, to the Cape Ann Women's Softball League/Public Works Department for the purpose of the continued rehabilitation of Mattos Field under the Mattos Field Rehabilitation Project II. The appropriation will be allocated to the Open Space and Recreational category and funded from Open Space and Recreation Reserves in Fund #4510. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Open Space and Recreational Capital Projects Fund #5717.

6. **PH2017-073: Amend GCO Chapter 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles" Sec. 22-274 "Two Hour Parking – Between certain hours" by DELETING "Commercial Street, for a distance of 27 feet from its southerly intersection with Beach Court"; AND Amend GCO Chapter 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles" Sec. 22-277 "One Hour Parking – Generally" by ADDING "Commercial Street for a distance of 27 feet from its southerly intersection with Beach Court"**

This public hearing is opened at 9:17 p.m.

Those speaking in favor: None.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions: None.

This public hearing is closed at 9:17 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 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Sec. 22-274 "Two Hour Parking-Between Certain Hours" by DELETING: "Commercial Street, for a distance of 27 feet from its southerly intersection with Beach Court."

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Orlando said this is the section of Commercial Street where there is a dentist office and "Mom's Kitchen" whose owners reached out to him to reduce the parking time in front of their places of businesses. **Councilor LeBlanc** pointed out that this section of Commercial Street's parking scheme has been changed more than a few times since he's been on the Council. **Councilor Cox**, co-sponsor of the Council Order, said this is the third time she brought changes forward for this portion of Commercial Street in her tenure as Ward Councilor.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Sec. 22-274 "Two Hour Parking-Between Certain Hours" by DELETING: "Commercial Street, for a distance of 27 feet from its southerly intersection with Beach Court."

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 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Sec. 22-277 "One Hour Parking-Generally) by ADDING: "Commercial Street, for a distance of 27 feet from its southerly intersection with Beach Court."

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Sec. 22-277 "One Hour Parking-Generally) by ADDING: "Commercial Street, for a distance of 27 feet from its southerly intersection with Beach Court."

7. **PH2017-074: Amend GCO Chapter 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles" Sec. 22-279 "Thirty-minute parking" by DELETING "Cleveland Street, northerly side, beginning at a point 20 feet from the corner of Cleveland Street and Maplewood Avenue for 37 feet in an easterly direction" and DELETING "Maplewood Avenue, easterly side, beginning at a point 20 feet from the corner of Maplewood Avenue and Cleveland Street in a northerly direction for a distance of 40 feet"**

This public hearing is opened at 9:20 p.m.

Those speaking in favor: None.
Those speaking in opposition: None.
Communications: None.
Councilor Questions: None.
This public hearing is closed at 9:20 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, "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Sec. 22-279 "Thirty-minute parking" by DELETING:

"Cleveland Street, northerly side, beginning at a point 20 feet from the corner of Cleveland Street and Maplewood Avenue for 37 feet in an easterly direction."

AND

Maplewood Avenue, easterly side, beginning at a point 20 feet from the corner of Maplewood Avenue and Cleveland Street in a northerly direction for a distance of 40 feet."

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc moved to amend the main motion, seconded by **Councilor Orlando** to include "for compact cars only" after the words, "for a distance of 40 feet".

Councilor LeBlanc explained for **Councilor Cox** that the former "Uncle Moe's" restaurant on the corner of Maplewood Ave. and Cleveland St. has been closed for some time and the building has been turned into apartments. The building's owner asked for the removal of the 30-minute parking on either side of the building. He pointed out that the spot on Maplewood Ave. is very small and concerns had been expressed by neighbors for big trucks parking there sticking out into the road. When pulling out of Cleveland St. these trucks block drivers' views down Maplewood Ave. towards Derby Street, and if travelling up Maplewood Ave. you have to cross the center line to avoid the overlarge parked vehicle. He said that the Traffic Commission Chair agreed this is an appropriate thing to do for vehicular safety on the roadway. This isn't taking away parking, he pointed out, but creating "sensible" parking.

By unanimous voice vote, the Council amended the main motion.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Sec. 22-279 "Thirty-minute parking" by DELETING:

"Cleveland Street, northerly side, beginning at a point 20 feet from the corner of Cleveland Street and Maplewood Avenue for 37 feet in an easterly direction."

AND

Maplewood Avenue, easterly side, beginning at a point 20 feet from the corner of Maplewood Avenue and Cleveland Street in a northerly direction for a distance of 40 feet for compact cars only."

8. PH2017-075: Amend GCO Chapter 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles" Sec. 22-284 "Service or loading zones" by DELETING "Main Street, southerly side, beginning at its intersection with Mansfield Way for a distance of 22 feet in an easterly direction"; and Amend GCO Chapter 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles" Sec. 22-280 "Fifteen-minute parking" by ADDING "Main Street, southerly side, beginning at its intersection with Mansfield Way for a distance of 22 feet in an easterly direction"

This public hearing is opened at 9:25 p.m.
Those speaking in favor: None.
Those speaking in opposition: None.
Communications: None.
Councilor Questions: None.
This public hearing is closed at 9:25 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 Ch. 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles”, Sec. 22-284 “Service or loading zones” by DELETING: “Main Street, southerly side, beginning at its intersection with Mansfield Way for a distance of 22 feet in an easterly direction.”

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc advised that the owner of Virgilio’s had reached out to several Councilors saying he didn’t use the loading zone in front of his business and that there is room on either side of it that could create more parking spots for the downtown area.

Councilor Cox said the Virgilio family had also conveyed that the loading zone causes fumes from idling trucks to seep into the building and affects their employees. The loading zone further up the street that is actively used which would suffice, she pointed out. She said she’d reach out to the DPW Director to put in a 15 minute parking spot and a metered spot in the empty space ahead of the loading zone in question. She pointed out Mansfield Way has no curb cut that leads onto Main St. The loading zone is relatively large and it is hoped this adds parking on Main Street. **Councilor Orlando** noted that there is a curb cut on the Rogers Street side of Mansfield Way and this won’t affect that and Virgilio’s loading of bread from the business on Mansfield Way. **Councilor Cox** confirmed that was the case and this would be “standard business.”

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to Amend GCO Ch. 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles,” Sec. 22-284 “Service or loading zones” by DELETING: “Main Street, southerly side, beginning at its intersection with Mansfield Way for a distance of 22 feet in an easterly direction.”

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 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles,” Sec. 22-280 “Fifteen Minute Parking” by ADDING, “Main Street, southerly side, beginning at its intersection with Mansfield Way for a distance of 22 feet in an easterly direction.”

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to Amend GCO Ch. 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles,” Sec. 22-280 “Fifteen Minute Parking” by ADDING, “Main Street, southerly side, beginning at its intersection with Mansfield Way for a distance of 22 feet in an easterly direction.”

For Council Vote:

1. **CC2017-053 (Orlando/LeBlanc): request the Administration amend the City Fee of \$100 per amusement, pursuant to MGL Ch. 140, §177 by deleting said fee and ADDING a fee of \$50 per amusement with a cap of \$1,000**

Councilor Orlando explained that there are three businesses that have video games/amusements. He said it was the bowling alley that made the inquiry that has 23 of the machines in their establishment. The fee is \$100 and multiplied out would sap their profit, he pointed out. He said this effort is to try to make a small business-friendly environment by capping the cost to those businesses so as not to overburden them, but ensure the city will still get a fee.

Councilor LeBlanc, noting he’s done quite a bit of research, spoke to General Counsel and to Jim Destino about what would happen by lowering the fee to \$50 per amusement. He asked what the city gains in a year with the current fee. **Joanne Senos**, City Clerk, said that is with the Licensing Board, and she isn’t sure of what the fees are now. In meeting with General Counsel and the CAO, she understood that when the Licensing Board increased the fees, in 2010 \$11,900 was gained in revenue for the General Fund from amusement fees. She said they had to take into account about \$6,000 of that was generated by the Lucky Seven which was closed. She said she estimated it’s about \$4,000 to \$5,000 now (annually). Responding to further inquiry by **Councilor LeBlanc**, **Ms. Senos** said there has to be five or more amusements to be called an arcade which changes the licensing of the establishment which is done through the Licensing Board. She added she wasn’t sure if there is an arcade fee on the books.

Councilor Memhard questioned how the Council Order would affect other arcade establishments and what other businesses in the city currently have these machines. **Council President Ciolino** said this is just to move it

forward to the Administration and then it will come back to the Council. This is to seek a review by the Licensing Commission, he said.

Councilor Cox said she was unsure what the point of a “For Council Vote” is on this matter and the one that follows when in the past a Council Order is created, goes through a Standing Committee, gets help of the Administration as needed and then goes to the Council. This “For Council Vote” for Council Orders is new, she highlighted. **Ms. Senos** said these are Administration fees which fall under Mass. General Law and also means amending the city’s Code of Ordinances and Councilor Orlando wanted to obtain support of the request to the Administration from the Council.

Councilor Orlando said he’s done this in the past to take a Council Order up under “For Council Vote” in order to gauge the support of the Council which he admitted was a kind of Request to the Mayor but that it sends a message that the Council is asking for a harder look at a matter. The Administration decides administrative fees, he pointed out, saying that this came to him from folks in Councilor LeBlanc’s ward, and this is a request to change a fee with the next step to change the ordinance.

Councilor Lundberg expressed agreement with Councilor Cox saying that phrasing the Council Order in this manner is more than just asking the Administration to look into fees because it is very specific. He indicated he was unsure this is something he can support. He said he can support asking the Administration to look into these kinds of fees with the idea of raising revenue or addressing some inequity, but expressed he was uncomfortable voting for something this specific without having any background.

Councilor Cox said while she was in agreement with the basis of Councilor Orlando’s request, there is proper Council procedure, and she disagreed with using “For Council Vote” in this manner.

Councilor Orlando asked to withdraw Council Order CC2017-053 (Orlando/LeBlanc): request the Administration amend the City Fee of \$100 per amusement, pursuant to MGL Ch. 140, §177 by deleting said fee and ADDING a fee of \$50 per amusement with a cap of \$1,000 without prejudice, seconded by **Councilor LeBlanc**.

The Council voted unanimously to permit withdrawal of CC2017-053 without prejudice.

2. **CC2017-054 (Orlando/LeBlanc/O’Hara): request the Administration establish a non-resident Walk-on Beach Fee for Good Harbor and Wingaersheek Beaches and that said fees be placed in a special revenue fund to be designated to promote tourism**

Councilor Orlando explained that this is a request to establish a fee for a specific request for a specific issue. He then moved withdrawal of **CC2017-054 (Orlando/LeBlanc/O’Hara): request the Administration establish a non-resident Walk-on Beach Fee for Good Harbor and Wingaersheek Beaches and that said fees be placed in a special revenue fund to be designated to promote tourism**, seconded by **Councilor O’Hara**.

By a unanimous vote of the Council CC2017-054 was withdrawn without prejudice.

3. **Decision to Adopt: SCP2017-004: Commercial Street #33 Map 1, Lot 22, GZO Sec. 2.3.6(1) for parking of motor vehicles to service a use in the MI District & GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-153 “Privately owned open-air parking spaces”**

Councilor LeBlanc noted this matter was asked to be withdrawn by the applicant (letter on file). **Ms. Senos** explained that under the Zoning Ordinance the withdrawal period is before the Council votes on the Special Council Permit. She said that General Counsel then prepares the decision and gives it to the Council – the Council must adopt that decision within 90 days. She noted she received the decision before the letter asking to withdraw (after the Council vote), and that it was too late to withdraw -- it is now up to the applicant to not exercise their rights.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Lundberg, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to adopt the Special Council Permit decision (SCP2017-004) for Commercial Street #33 pursuant to Sec. 2.3.6(1) of the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance and GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-153 .

4. **Decision to Adopt: Denial of SCP2017-011: Colburn Street #1, Map 157, Lots 72 & 39, GZO Sec.3.1.6(b) and Sec. 3.2 for a building height in excess of 35 feet**

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Lundberg, seconded by Councilor Gilman, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to adopt the Special Council Permit decision (SCP2017-004) for Commercial Street #33 pursuant to Sec. 3.1.6(b) of the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance.

Unfinished Business: None.

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

Update on the Downtown Development Commission by City Council Representative, Councilor Melissa Cox said there is no update at this time.

Councilors' Requests to the Mayor:

Councilor Gilman requested that the Mayor through the DPW Director and the Electrical Inspector, provide the Council with a presentation at a nearby regularly scheduled meeting summarizing the causes of the various city-wide power outages that occurred on October 30, 2017 lasting until November 3, 2017 as well as more recent outages, and for a review of National Grid's obligation of "preventative maintenance" as written in their contract with the city, such as cutting back tree branches from city electrical wires. She said she wanted to learn more about what can be done to prevent such widespread and long-term outages particularly if such an event were to occur during the winter months which could have grave consequences. She pointed out the Council may wish to consider associated budgetary issues such as re-establishing the position of Tree Warden. **Councilor LeBlanc** said that there should be a protocol for steps to be taken in the community to keep everyone informed and if sheltering is available when necessary during such emergencies. **Councilor Gilman** also announced the city is hosting Sen. Elizabeth Warren's Town Hall at Gloucester High School on Saturday, Dec. 16 doors will open at 10:00 a.m. and the Town Hall starts at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. Speakers will be Mayor Sefatia Theken, Sen. Bruce Tarr, Rep. Ann Margaret Ferrante and Senator Warren will have a question and answer period with selected questions from a lottery of questions submitted by attendees. She wished everyone a Happy Chanukah adding that she was pleased to see Councilors Cox and Lundberg at Temple Ahavat Achim's Lobster Trap Menorah lighting and the 10 year anniversary of the Temple fire, with the great turnout, it was a tribute of support of the community.

Councilor O'Hara asked Councilor Orlando to relay information about Wreaths Across America that will likely conflict with Sen. Warren's visit to the city. **Councilor Orlando** said at 11:15 a.m. at Beechbrook Cemetery they'll set up for a ceremony to lay wreaths and flags at the gravestones of veterans which will conflict with Sen. Warren's visit. However, he said that the ceremony will go forward, and advised that it's not too late for member of the public to contribute to this worthwhile annual effort to honor the veterans interred in Cape Ann cemeteries. He said this project is dear to him as his grandfather was a WWII veteran and has a cousin on active duty with the Marines

Councilor LeBlanc extended his thanks to DPW Director, Mike Hale, for allowing the use of New Balance Newell Stadium at Gloucester High School at Gloucester High School for the first ever Veteran's Flag Football game prior to the start of the Army/Navy football game. This will be an annual event, he said, organized by Brendan Chipperini and the city's Veterans Director, Adam Curcuru. He said it is hoped in the future this will become a fundraising event. He also thanked Councilor Gilman for hosting the Council last Friday evening in her home. He said it has been an honor to serve with Councilors Orlando and Ciolino, and that they won't be forgotten. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilor Lundberg thanked Councilors Orlando and Ciolino for being such generous public servants.

Councilor Cox said the toy drive Thursday night 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Cape Ann Savings Bank put on by Sen. Tarr benefits the Shriner's Children Hospital. **Councilor Orlando** added that there are also five toy drop-off locations for the toy drive for the Shriner's Children Hospital available until Monday, Dec. 18. They are: Orlando & Associates; the Weathervane; Extreme Truck & Auto; Pauline's Gifts and the Gloucester United Methodist Church. **Councilor Cox** also noted that on Friday, 15th Magnolia Craft Fair Sip and Stroll; and she reminded the Council that former City Councilor Bob Whynott's annual Christmas caroling party at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17.

Councilor Memhard said if Councilor Nolan were here he'd like to remind everyone of the Special Council meeting tomorrow evening when the Council will vote to award the Linzee Coolidge Philanthropic Award.

Councilor Orlando thanked Councilor Gilman for the Council event at her home. He said that his term of two years on the Council went by quickly. During that time he said he grew a great deal as a person and learned a great deal about legislation. He noted the signed photo of the Council and its staff presented to him Friday evening is already on his office wall, and that he will look back on his time on the Council with pride. He reminded the community that they may have differences about political or community issues but they all want what's best for the city. He encouraged debate and engagement in the most respectful manner possible, and expressed his hope for civil discourse as they're all on the same team. He ended his remarks and Council tenure with the words, "Orlando out."

Council President Ciolino also extended his thanks to Councilor Gilman for hosting the Council in her home which he said was a lovely farewell. He said he was very proud to have been elected two years ago as Council President by his peers, something that he will always remember. He recounted it was a daunting prospect at the start of this Council term with an unprecedented five new Councilors but that he tried to bring them all together, encouraging civility both to the Council and to the public they serve. He said this was one of the better Council's he's served with since being elected to the Council in 2001. He pointed out that the Council has done much to be proud of. He said that whoever becomes the next Council President that professionalism and civility has to be how they move forward. He lauded the Councilors' devotion to the job and community. He thanked the voters for their trust over his 17 years of service to the city. He highlighted the city's CSO project, a clean harbor, the city being a place of renewable energy pointing to the city's wind turbines, as well as the return of clamming on the Annisquam River to name a few. He concluded his remarks by thanking the citizens of Gloucester for bestowing on him the honor of serving the city he loves.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgensson
Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING:

- **Written statements by Carol Dagle**, 11 Marina Drive; **Rachel Refalo**, 225 Bray Street related to the authorization of a \$1 million loan for a feasibility study