

Inaugural Ceremony 2018

Monday, January 1, 2018 – 1:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

- Minutes -

Present: City Council: Melissa Cox; Jennifer A. Holmgren; Steve LeBlanc, Jr.; Paul Lundberg; Valerie H. Gilman; R. Scott Memhard; Sean P. Nolan; James W. O’Hara

Absent: None.

Councilor Participating Remotely: Kenneth Hecht

Mayor-Elect Sefatia Romeo Theken

School Committee members: Mayor Sefatia Theken; Kathleen Clancy; Joel Favazza; Anthony Gross; Jonathan Pope; Michelle Sweet; Melissa Teixeira

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Clerk, Joanne M. Senos; CAO, James Destino; State Senator Bruce Tarr, State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante; Former Mayor John Bell; Former City Councilor Joseph Ciolino Interim Police Chief John McCarthy; Fire Chief Eric Smith; General Counsel, Chip Payson; Harbormaster T.J. Ciarametaro; Director of Community Development, Jill Cahill; Principal Assessor, Nancy Papows; IT Director, James Pope; City Auditor, Kenny Costa; Director of Council on Aging, Lucy Sheehan; Personnel Director, Donna Leete; CFO, John Dunn; Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Richard Safier; Planning Director, Gregg Cademartori; Public Health Director, Karin Carroll; Director of Communications & Constituent Services, Christopher Sicuranza; Assistant City Clerk, Grace Poirier; Clerk of Committees, Dana C. Jorgensson, Clerk of Committees; Secretary to the Mayor, Enza Taormina

Prelude: Gloucester High School Docksiders

Welcome: Cape Ann Museum Director, Rhonda Faloon

God Bless America: Gordon Baird

Presentation of Colors: Gloucester High School Junior ROTC

Pledge of Allegiance: AJ Romero-Oliver; Bianca Oliver; Lia Numerosi

National Anthem: Alexandra Grace

Invocation: Rabbi Steven Lewis; The Rev. Rona Tyndall

“You’ve Got a Friend”: Alexandra Grace, Josh Cominelli

“We Helmsmen”: Poem - John J. Ronan

Guest Speakers: PAARI/Stop Handgun Violence Founder – John Rosenthal
State Minority Leader, Senator Bruce Tarr

Musical Interlude: Fly Amero

Swearing In Ceremonies: City Clerk, Joanne M. Senos

Ms. Senos announced the results of the November 7, 2017 City of Gloucester municipal election for the membership of the 2018-2019 Gloucester School Committee as follows: Kathleen A. Clancy; Joel Favazza; Anthony M. Gross; Jonathan A. Pope; Michelle M. Sweet; Melissa Joy Teixeira

Oath of Office of Gloucester School Committee Members-Elect administered by Joanne M. Senos, City Clerk to:

Kathleen A. Clancy; Joel Favazza; Anthony M. Gross; Jonathan A. Pope; Michelle M. Sweet; Melissa J. Teixeira; Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken, Ex-Officio Member

Special Meeting of the School Committee – Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the School Committee: The special meeting of the Gloucester School Committee meeting was called to order at **1:50 p.m.** by Mayor Theken.

MOTION: On a nomination by Melissa Teixeira, seconded by Michelle Sweet, the School Committee voted by ROLL CALL 6 in favor, 1 (Favazza) opposed, to elect Jonathan Pope as Chairperson of the School Committee.

MOTION: On a nomination by Mayor Theken, seconded by Melissa Teixeira, the School Committee voted by ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, to elect Kathleen Clancy as Vice-Chairperson of the School Committee.

MOTION: On a nomination by Michelle Sweet, seconded by Melissa Teixeira, the School Committee voted by ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, to elect Anthony Gross as Secretary to the School Committee.

Ms. Senos administered the oath of office for the newly elected Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary of the School Committee.

It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Musical Interlude: Charlee Bianchini; Jack Tomaiolo

NOTE: Councilor Kenneth W. Hecht participated in the swearing in ceremonies remotely via telephone – all votes by the City Council by virtue of the remote participation are by roll call.

Joanne M. Senos, City Clerk announced the results of the municipal election of November 7, 2017 for the 2018-2019 Gloucester City Council as follows:

Councilors At Large: Melissa A. Cox; Jennifer H. Holmgren; Paul Lundberg; James W. O'Hara, Jr.
Ward 1 Councilor: R. Scott Memhard
Ward 2 Councilor: Kenneth W. Hecht
Ward 3 Councilor: Steven G. LeBlanc, Jr.
Ward 4 Councilor: Valerie Hanson Gilman
Ward 5 Councilor: Sean P. Nolan

The Oath of Office of Gloucester City Councilors was then administered by Ms. Senos, to:

Melissa A. Cox; Valerie Hanson Gilman; Kenneth W. Hecht; Jennifer A. Holmgren; Steven G. LeBlanc, Jr.; Paul A. Lundberg; R. Scott Memhard; Sean P. Nolan; James W. O'Hara, Jr.

The Special City Council meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Ms. Senos.

Ms. Senos opened the floor to the Councilors for the purpose of nominations for Council President.

Councilor Steven LeBlanc nominated **Councilor Lundberg** President of the City Council, **seconded by Councilor Nolan.**

Ms. Senos closed the floor for nominations for the office of City Council President.

MOTION: On a nomination by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to elect Councilor Paul Lundberg as President of the City Council.

Ms. Senos then opened the floor for the purpose of nominations for the position of Council Vice President.

Councilor Lundberg nominated Councilor Steven LeBlanc, Jr. as Vice President of the City Council, seconded by Councilor Gilman.

MOTION: On a nomination by Councilor Lundberg, seconded by Councilor Gilman, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to elect Councilor Steven LeBlanc, Jr., as Vice-President of the City Council.

Ms. Senos administered the oath of office to the President and Vice-President of the City Council.

It was moved and seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the Special City Council meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Musical Interlude: Allen Estes

Oath of Office to Mayor: The Honorable Sefatia Romeo Theken, Mayor as administered by City Clerk, Joanne M. Senos who acknowledged that the Mayor was duly elected in a municipal election held on November 7, 2017.

Inaugural Address: The Honorable Sefatia Romeo Theken, Mayor

Benediction: Interfaith Community Blessing for the New Year

Recessional Closing: Gloucester High School Docksidiers

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgenson
Clerk of Committees
Gloucester City Council

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING(S):

Remarks by the Mayor of Gloucester, Sefatia Romeo Theken
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