

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

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Present: Chair, Councilor Paul Lundberg; Vice Chair, Councilor Steven LeBlanc; Councilor Valerie Gilman; Councilor Jennifer A. Holmgren; Kenneth Hecht; Councilor Scott Memhard; Councilor Sean Nolan; Councilor James O’Hara

Absent: Councilor Cox

Also Present: Joanne Senos; Jim Destino; Kenny Costa; Chip Payson; John Dunn; Donna Leete, Chris Sicuranza, Jill Cahill, Grace E. Poirier

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. The Council President announced that this meeting is recorded by video and audio in accordance with state Open Meeting Law.

Flag Salute & Moment of Silence.

Flag salute was led by Councilor O’Hara. City Council dedicated the moment of silence to Michael Grella, a member of the armed services, who passed away on March 9, 2018.

Oral Communications:

Name: Robin Newhall

Address: 61 Middle Street

Subject: Complaint re: trash issues downtown resulting in seagulls making noise and destructing property (written statement on file).

Name: Grace Edwards

Address: 96 Main St

Subject: Complaint re: trash issues downtown resulting in seagulls tearing into trash and destructing property.

Name: Bradley Royds

Address: 1 Center Street

Subject: Complaint re: seagull issue downtown resulting in destruction of property; proposed relocating seagulls to a safer environment.

Name: Susanne Altenburger

Address: 66 Atlantic Street

Subject: Proposing the organization of a public gathering for the discussion on the options and public policy implications re: Gloucester Fleet innovation and reasserting the viability of America’s oldest fishing port (handout on file).

Name: Lisa Smith

Address: 81 Riverview Road

Subject: Complaint re: potholes on Riverview Road and the delay they are causing for emergency medical services. Asked about there being a discrepancy in Riverview Road being a private/public way.

Name: Gordon Burgess

Address: Riverview Way

Subject: Complaint re: potholes on Riverview Road and the delay they are causing for emergency medical services.

Name: Peter Giordano

Address: 9 Riverview Road

Subject: Complaint re: potholes on Riverview Road and storm drains being in ill repair (pictures on file).

Name: Susan Galusha

Address: 25 Riverview Road

Subject: Complaint re: potholes on Riverview Road; requested that potholes be fixed as Riverview Road is a public way according to deeds she has from 1957, 1997 and 2004 (copies of deeds given to Councilor Gilman).

Name: Steve Mellyn

Address: 73 Riverview Road

Subject: Complaint re: potholes on Riverview Road and the delay they are causing for emergency medical services.

Name: Lianne Palazola

Address: 44 Middle Street

Subject: Complaint re: seagull issue downtown resulting in destruction of property

Name: Kenneth "Buck" Harris

Address: 72 Riverview Road

Subject: Request re: City Council resolution of public/private way issue regarding Riverview Road; requesting potholes be filled.

Name: Sheila Ryder

Address: 64 Riverview Road

Subject: Complaint re: potholes on Riverview Road and the delay they are causing for emergency medical services

Name: Donna Burgess

Address: Riverview Way

Subject: Complaint re: potholes on Riverview Road and the delay they are causing for emergency medical services.

Name: Ainsley Smith

Address: 14 Pine Street

Subject: Proposing the Clean City Commission work with City Council on solutions to the trash downtown

Presentations/Commendations:

None.

New Appointments:

The Ordinances and Administration Standing Committee voted to recommend that the appointment of members to the following boards, commissions and committees be made by City Council. Unless otherwise noted, all new appointees were present at the City Council meeting.

Affordable Housing Trust

Joseph Bertolino

TTE 02/14/20

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Joseph Bertolino to the Affordable Housing Trust, TTE 02/14/20.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent to appoint Joseph Bertolino to the Affordable Housing Trust, TTE 02/14/20.

Clean Energy Commission

Michael Nolan, Debra Darby

TTE 02/14/20

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Michael Nolan to the Clean Energy Commission, TTE 02/14/20.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to recommend that the City Council appoint Michael Nolan to the Clean Energy Commission, TTE 2/14/20.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Debra Darby to the Clean Energy Commission, TTE 02/14/20.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent to appoint Debra Darby to the Clean Energy Commission, TTE 02/14/20.

Note: Ms. Darby was unable to attend the City Council Meeting

Community Preservation Committee Pamela Tobey TTE 02/14/21

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Pamela Tobey to the Community Preservation Committee, TTE 02/14/21.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent to appoint Pamela Tobey to the Community Preservation Committee, TTE 02/14/21.

Historic District Commission Kristal Pooler, Prudence Fish (to Full Member) TTE 02/14/21
 Carmine Gorga (Alternate Member)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Prudence Fish as Full Member to the Historic District Commission, TTE 02/14/21.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to appoint Prudence Fish as Full Member to the Historic District Commission, TTE 02/14/21.

Note: Ms. Fish was unable to attend the City Council meeting.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Kristal Pooler to the Historic District Commission, TTE 02/14/21.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to appoint Kristal Pooler to the Historic District Commission, TTE 02/14/21.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Carmine Gorga as an Alternate Member to the Historic District Commission, TTE 02/14/21.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Gilman, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to appoint Carmine Gorga as an Alternate Member to the Historic District Commission, TTE 02/14/21.

Note: Mr. Gorga was unable to attend the City Council Meeting

Planning Board Beverly Bookin TTE 02/14/23

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Beverly Bookin to the Planning Board, TTE 02/14/23.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent to appoint Beverly Bookin to the Planning Board, TTE 02/14/23.

Traffic Commission

Michael Mitchell

TTE 02/14/21

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Michael Mitchell to the Traffic Commission, TTE 02/14/21.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent to appoint Michael Mitchell to the Traffic Commission, TTE 02/14/21.

Note: Mr. Mitchell was unable to attend the City Council meeting.

Consent Agenda:

- **CONFIRMATION OF REAPPOINTMENTS**

Board of Health	Richard Sagall	TTE 02/14/21
Capital Improvement Advisory Board	Joel Favazza	TTE 02/14/21
Clean Energy Commission	Candace Wheeler	TTE 02/14/20
Conservation Commission	John Feener, Barry Gradwohl, Linda Charpentier	TTE 02/14/21
Downtown Development Commission	Joseph Giacalone	TTE 02/14/21
Gloucester Cultural Council	Jane Keddy	TTE 02/14/21
Historical Commission	Robert Whitmarsh	TTE 02/14/21
Magnolia Woods Oversight & Advisory Committee	David Marro, Richard Jabba, Dean Sidell	TTE 02/14/21
- **MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd from March 13, 2018)**
 1. Reappointments:

Clean Energy Commission	TTE 02/14/20	Linda Stout-Saunders	
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 2. Memorandum from IT Director re: request to pay FY17 invoices with FY18 funds (Refer B&F)
 3. Special Budgetary Transfer Request 2018-SBT-7 from the Fire Department (Refer B&F)
 4. Special Budgetary Transfer Request 2018-SBT-8 from the Fire Department (Refer B&F)
 5. Memorandum from the Mayor's Office re: Recreational Marijuana Task Force Updates (Info Only)
- **MAYOR'S REPORT**
 1. Special Budgetary Transfer Request 2018-SBT-9 from the Fire Department (Refer B&F)
 2. Special Budgetary Transfer Request 2018-SBT-10 from the Fire Department (Refer B&F)
 3. Letter from Clean City Commission Chair re: City Council acceptance of three Sidewalk Buttler cigarette receptacles from Keep Massachusetts Beautiful in the amount of \$297 (Refer B&F)
 4. Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Transfer Request 2018-SA-24 from the Treasurer (Refer B&F)
 5. Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Transfer Request 2018-SA-25 from the Treasurer (Refer B&F)
 6. Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Transfer Request 2018-SA-26 from the Treasurer (Refer B&F)
 7. Memorandum from CFO re: request loan authorization in the amount of \$675,000 for municipal building improvements (Refer B&F)
- **COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS**
- **APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS**
 1. Special Events Application: Request to hold the Boston Wounded Veterans 5K Road Race on May 12, 2018 (Refer P&D)
 2. PP2018-001: Request from National Grid to replace pole #376 and to install 130 feet of underground conduit from 12 Beachland Avenue to pole #376 (Refer P&D)
- **COUNCILORS ORDERS**
 1. CC2018-010 (O'Hara/Nolan): Request the City Council, School Committee and Mayor identify Gloucester Public School building safety improvements to prevent unauthorized entry into schools and identify and authorize the funding to make such improvements as soon as possible (Refer CC, School Comm., Mayor)
 2. CC2018-011 (LeBlanc): Request the Traffic Commission review whether or not there should be directional pavement markings for the delineation of traffic at "Tally's Corner" and make a written recommendation to O&A (Refer O&A & TC)
 3. CC0218-012 (Nolan): Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles" Sec. 22-267 "One-way streets-Generally" by ADDING Cliff Avenue, from Lexington Avenue, in an easterly direction to Shore Road (Refer O&A & TC)
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
 1. City Council Meeting: 02/27/2018 (Approve/File)
 2. Joint Meeting of the City Council & School Committee 3/6/2018 (Approve/File)
 3. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 03/13/2018 (no meeting), 03/22/2018 (under separate cover); O&A 3/5/2018, 3/19/2018 (under separate cover); P&D 03/7/2018, 3/21/2018 (no meeting) (Approve/File)

Items to be added/deleted from the Consent Agenda:

Councilor Lundberg reported to the Council that the Mayor submitted an addendum to the Mayor's Report which contained a memorandum regarding renegotiations of the Affordable Housing component of Fuller Mixed Use

Venture LLC application for a Special Council Permit, to be referred to P&D for their April 4, 2018 meeting and come back to City Council for a vote on April 10, 2018

It was voted unanimously to add this item to the Consent Agenda.

Councilor Lundberg put forward for a vote that the Unanimous Consent Calendar be added to the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted unanimously to add the Unanimous Consent Calendar to the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to accept the Consent Agenda as amended.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance: March 8 (no meeting), March 22

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2018-SA-18 in the amount of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) from the Highway Force Fund, Transfers to the General Fund, Account #32085-596001 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, Drain Cover Supplies, Account #640052-553012 for the purpose of funding various cover/manhole replacements during paving projects in the City of Gloucester.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Hecht, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2018-SA-18 in the amount of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) from the Highway Force Fund, Transfers to the General Fund, Account #32085-596001 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, Drain Cover Supplies, Account #640052-553012 for the purpose of funding various cover/manhole replacements during paving projects in the City of Gloucester.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2018-SA-19 in the amount of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) from the Highway Force Fund, Transfers to the General Fund, Account #32085-596001 to the General Fund, DPW Public Services, Care of Trees, Account #0147052-529005 for the purpose of funding public street tree maintenance projects in the City of Gloucester.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Hecht, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2018-SA-19 in the amount of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) from the Highway Force Fund, Transfers to the General Fund, Account #32085-596001 to the General Fund, DPW Public Services, Care of Trees, Account #0147052-529005 for the purpose of funding public street tree maintenance projects in the City of Gloucester.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2018-SA-20 in the amount of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) from the Highway Force Fund, Transfers to the General Fund, Account #32085-596001 to the General Fund, DPW Public Services, Repairs & Maintenance - Paving, Account #0147052-524014 for the purpose of funding street paving projects in the City of Gloucester.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Hecht, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2018-SA-20 in the amount of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) from the Highway Force Fund, Transfers to the General

Fund, Account #32085-596001 to the General Fund, DPW Public Services, Repairs & Maintenance - Paving, Account #0147052-524014 for the purpose of funding street paving projects in the City of Gloucester.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2018-SA-21 in the amount of \$3,000 (Three Thousand Dollars) from Waterways Enterprise Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance-Retained Earnings ("Free Cash") Account #7000-359000, to Waterways Enterprise Fund, Repairs & Maintenance - Communication Equipment, #700052-524006, for the purpose of purchasing two (2) new response radios to communicate with the Fire and Police Departments for use by the Harbormaster's Office.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Hecht, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2018-SA-21 in the amount of \$3,000 (Three Thousand Dollars) from Waterways Enterprise Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance-Retained Earnings ("Free Cash") Account #7000-359000, to Waterways Enterprise Fund, Repairs & Maintenance - Communication Equipment, #700052-524006, for the purpose of purchasing two (2) new response radios to communicate with the Fire and Police Departments for use by the Harbormaster's Office.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2018-SA-22 in the amount of \$8,000 (Eight Thousand Dollars) from Waterways Enterprise Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance-Retained Earnings ("Free Cash") Account #7000-359000, to Waterways Enterprise Fund, Repairs & Maintenance – Boat & Marine Maintenance, #700052-524037, for the purpose of repairs to 25 foot Parker Harbormaster's Department boat's stern transom fiberglass.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Hecht, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2018-SA-22 in the amount of \$8,000 (Eight Thousand Dollars) from Waterways Enterprise Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance-Retained Earnings ("Free Cash") Account #7000-359000, to Waterways Enterprise Fund, Repairs & Maintenance – Boat & Marine Maintenance, #700052-524037, for the purpose of repairs to 25 foot Parker Harbormaster's Department boat's stern transom fiberglass.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2018-SA-23 in the amount of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) from Waterways Enterprise Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance-Retained Earnings ("Free Cash") Account #7000-359000, to Waterways Enterprise Fund, Salaries & Wages - Temporary, #700051-512000, for the purpose of paying for part-time Harbormaster's Department employees' salaries of unexpected hours due to storm coverage.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Hecht, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2018-SA-23 in the amount of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) from Waterways Enterprise Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance-Retained Earnings ("Free Cash") Account #7000-359000, to Waterways Enterprise Fund, Salaries & Wages - Temporary, #700051-512000, for the purpose of paying for part-time Harbormaster's Department employees' salaries of unexpected hours due to storm coverage.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council accept under MGL c. 44, §53A a grant from the Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) through the Massachusetts Secretary of State's Office in the amount of \$1,227.75 to the Gloucester Committee of the Arts for the purpose of supporting the preservation of the City of Gloucester's Civil War Uniform Coat.

Councilor Memhard commended Catherine Ryan and her sons, George and Charles King, for their work pertaining to the grant.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Hecht, the City Council voted 8 in

favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to accept under MGL c. 44, §53A a grant from the Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) through the Massachusetts Secretary of State's Office in the amount of \$1,227.75 to the Gloucester Committee of the Arts for the purpose of supporting the preservation of the City of Gloucester's Civil War Uniform Coat.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Hecht, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, recommend that the City Council accept a federal grant under MGL Chapter 44, §53A, an Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative grant amendment from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services passed through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse services in the amount of \$75,000 for the purpose of activities associated with the High Risk Task Force. This amended amount is to be expended by June 30, 2018.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, Seconded by Councilor Hecht, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to accept a federal grant under MGL Chapter 44, §53A, an Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative grant amendment from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services passed through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse services in the amount of \$75,000 for the purpose of activities associated with the High Risk Task Force. This amended amount is to be expended by June 30, 2018.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, recommend that the City Council pursuant to City Charter Sec. 2-7(a) concerning the election of the City Auditor, recommend that the City Council elect Kenny Costa as the City Auditor for a term of April 2018 to April 2020.

Members of the City Council thanked Mr. Costa for his service.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Hecht, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, pursuant to City Charter Sec. 2-7(a) concerning the election of the City Auditor, to elect Kenny Costa as the City Auditor for a term of April 2018 to April 2020.

Ordinances & Administration: March 5 and March 19

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council permit without prejudice the withdrawal of CC2018-003 (O'Hara): Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-271 "Parking prohibited from May 1 to September 15- Generally," Sec. 22-272 "Same - Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays," Sec. 22-291 "Tow-away zones," & Sec. 22-270.1 "Resident sticker parking only" re: beach parking area."

Councilor LeBlanc reported that, after community meetings and feedback from residents, this order is being withdrawn. An order on the same subject, with new language, will be submitted.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to permit without prejudice the withdrawal of CC2018-003 (O'Hara): Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-271 "Parking prohibited from May 1 to September 15-Generally," Sec. 22-272 "Same - Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays," Sec. 22-291 "Tow-away zones," & Sec. 22-270.1 "Resident sticker parking only" re: beach parking area."

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, pursuant to City Charter Sec. 2-7(a) concerning the election of the City Clerk, elect Joanne M. Senos as the City Clerk for a term of April 2018 to April 2020.

Members of the City Council thanked Ms. Senos for her service.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, pursuant to City Charter Sec. 2-7(a) concerning the election of the City

Clerk, to recommend that the City Council elect Joanne M. Senos as the City Clerk for a term of April 2018 to April 2020.

Upon the vote of the City Council to affirm the reappointment of Ms. Senos as City Clerk, **Ms. Senos** asked that the City Council reappoint **Grace E. Poirier** as Assistant City Clerk, for a concurrent term of April 2018 to April 2020.

Members of the City Council thanked Ms. Poirier for her service.

MOTION: the City Council voted unanimously, pursuant to GCO Ch. 2 “Administration”, Div. III. - City Clerk, Sec. 2-63 “Assistant-established; appointment; oath; removal” to reappoint Grace E. Poirier as the Assistant City Clerk for a term of April 2018 to April 2020.

Planning & Development: March 7, March 21 (no meeting)

There are no matters for Council action under this heading.

Scheduled Public Hearings:

1. **PH2017-059: SCP2017-012: Schoolhouse Road #2, #3 and #4, Map 262, Lots 14 & 37, and Gloucester Crossing Road #7, Map 37, Lots 4 & 5, for a Special Permit under the Mixed Use Overlay District pursuant to GZO Sections 5.29 (including Major Project GZO Sec. 5.7), 5.29.10 and 5.11.8 (TBC 04/10/2018)**

This public hearing was opened at 8:05 p.m. by Council President Lundberg.

This public hearing was continued at 8:05 p.m. by Council President Lundberg to April 10, 2018.

This public hearing is continued to April 10, 2018.

2. **PH2018-010: Loan Authorization 2018-002: Repurposing of loan balances in the amount of \$928,842 for completed sewer Capital Project funds dating back to 1999**

This public hearing was opened at 8:06 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

John Dunn, CFO, reported that this request is to move unexpended balances from 10 old sewer capital project funds dating back to the late 1990s (these unexpended balances arise when the scope of the project changes). He is proposing to move them to a new capital project fund for sewer main/pump station work, the need to be identified by the DPW.

Those speaking in opposition: None

Communications: None

Councilor Questions: None

This public hearing was closed at 8:08 p.m.

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

Ordered: That in accordance with c. 44, §20 of the General Laws, the \$32,493.30 unexpended balance of Fund #6401 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP 2005 Sewer Project, the \$67.05 unexpended balance of Fund #6403 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP 1999 Surface Drains, the \$96,702.30 unexpended balance of Fund #6404 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP 2000 Kent Sewer Recondition, the \$140,930.97 unexpended balance of Fund #6405 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP 2000 Sewer Electric, the \$5,498.57 unexpended balance of Fund #6406 initially borrowed to pay the costs of Combined Sewer Overflow, the \$26,332.25 unexpended balance of Fund #6407 initially borrowed to pay the costs of EPA Storm-water, the \$44,757.12 unexpended balance of Fund #6408 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP 2004-Combined Sewer Overflow, the \$150,000 unexpended balance of Fund #6410 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP Vactor Pad, the \$101,810.93 unexpended balance

of Fund #6411 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP Sewer Pump Station Improvements and the \$327,250.00 unexpended balance of Fund #6412 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP Surface Drainage Improvements - West Gloucester, which projects are complete and such amounts are no longer needed for the projects, are hereby appropriated by this Council to a new Sewer Capital Project Fund #6417 to pay the costs of Miscellaneous Sewer Main and Sewer Pump Station improvements within the City, including the payment of any and all costs incidental and related thereto.

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

Ordered: That in accordance with c. 44, §20 of the General Laws, the \$32,493.30 unexpended balance of Fund #6401 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP 2005 Sewer Project, the \$67.05 unexpended balance of Fund #6403 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP 1999 Surface Drains, the \$96,702.30 unexpended balance of Fund #6404 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP 2000 Kent Sewer Recondition, the \$140,930.97 unexpended balance of Fund #6405 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP 2000 Sewer Electric, the \$5,498.57 unexpended balance of Fund #6406 initially borrowed to pay the costs of Combined Sewer Overflow, the \$26,332.25 unexpended balance of Fund #6407 initially borrowed to pay the costs of EPA Storm-water, the \$44,757.12 unexpended balance of Fund #6408 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP 2004-Combined Sewer Overflow, the \$150,000 unexpended balance of Fund #6410 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP Vactor Pad, the \$101,810.93 unexpended balance of Fund #6411 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP Sewer Pump Station Improvements and the \$327,250.00 unexpended balance of Fund #6412 initially borrowed to pay the costs of CIP Surface Drainage Improvements - West Gloucester, which projects are complete and such amounts are no longer needed for the projects, are hereby appropriated by this Council to a new Sewer Capital Project Fund #6417 to pay the costs of Miscellaneous Sewer Main and Sewer Pump Station improvements within the City, including the payment of any and all costs incidental and related thereto.

- 3. PH2018-011: SCP2018-001: School Street #1, Map 14, Lot 67, to convert a basement level storage area to a studio apartment pursuant to GZO Sec. 2.3.1(8) conversion to or new multi-family or apartment dwelling, seven or more dwelling units in the R-5 district**

This public hearing is opened at 8:12 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

Attorney Mark Nestor, 45 Middle Street, represented 80 Middle Street Partners, LLC of Winchester, MA, owner of 1 School Street (formerly the Loraine Apartment Building). He addressed the council and explained the scope of the project [see public hearing heading above]. **Mr. Nestor** reported the following:

- This application has been approved by the ZBA as well as at the Planning & Development Standing Committee level
- In keeping with the 2001 Development Plan created by the City of Gloucester, 80 Middle Street Partners, LLC, is seeking to increase the number of residential dwelling units in the downtown area
- It is anticipated that this housing will be for moderate income levels
- All maintenance issues have been addressed with the Building Inspector
- 80 Middle Street Partners, LLC is willing to make this apartment handicap accessible
- It meets the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance Special Permit criteria

Mr. Nestor asked that the City Council approve this application.

Those speaking in opposition: None

Communications: None

Councilor Questions: None

This public hearing is closed at 8:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Holmgren, seconded by Councilor Lundberg, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council grant 80 Middle Street Partners, LLC, 30 Mystic Avenue, Winchester, MA, a Special Council Permit (SCP2018-001) for

School Street #1, Map 14, Lot 67 in the R-5 Zoning District pursuant to GZO Sec. 1.8.3 and Sec. 2.3.1 (8) Conversion to or new multi-family or apartment dwelling, seven or more dwelling units to convert an existing storage space to a studio apartment in the basement level of the building as shown on a plan entitled, "Proposed Studio Apartment, 80 Middle Street," as signed by Daniel F. DiLullo, Registered Architect, 16 Crystal Street, Melrose, Mass., and dated 06-09-17. This Special Council Permit is found to be in harmony with the intent and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilman, seconded by Councilor Holmgren, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to grant 80 Middle Street Partners, LLC, 30 Mystic Avenue, Winchester, MA, a Special Council Permit (SCP2018-001) for School Street #1, Map 14, Lot 67 in the R-5 Zoning District pursuant to GZO Sec. 1.8.3 and Sec. 2.3.1 (8) Conversion to or new multi-family or apartment dwelling, seven or more dwelling units to convert an existing storage space to a studio apartment in the basement level of the building as shown on a plan entitled, "Proposed Studio Apartment, 80 Middle Street," as signed by Daniel F. DiLullo, Registered Architect, 16 Crystal Street, Melrose, Mass., and dated 06-09-17. This Special Council Permit is found to be in harmony with the intent and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance.

4. PH2018-012: Amend GCO Ch. 17 "Police", Art. II "Police Department" Sec. 17-18 "Selection of police chief; Manner of Appointment"

This public hearing is opened at 8:17 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

Donna Leete, Human Resources Director, reported that she worked with General Counsel in drafting the proposed ordinance revisions. She reported the main goal is to recruit and hire the best qualified candidate for what is a key management position in the city. **Ms. Leete** listed the following supporting goals:

- Streamline the process for efficiency
- Maximize recruitment efforts
- Public Process
- Better match selection standards of other communities

Ms. Leete reported that the City Council will retain the right of final approval of the Police Chief.

Those speaking in opposition: None

Communications: None

Councilor Questions:

Responding to Councilors' questions, **Ms. Leete** reported that the selection of a consultant is done by RFP and after bids are made, the choice would be made according to proper procurement process. The scope of services will be clearly defined. References will be checked on the consultant prior to final selection. Public input is still a part of the process in the revised ordinance.

This public hearing is closed at 8:26 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. 17 "Police", Art. II "Police Department", Sec. 17-18 "Selection of Police Chief; manner of appointment" by DELETING Section 17-18 "Selection of Police Chief; manner of appointment" in its entirety and ADDING new Section 17-18 "Selection of police chief; manner of appointment as follows:

"17-18. Selection of police chief; manner of appointment.

(a) Upon such time as the mayor shall become aware of a vacancy in the office of police chief, the mayor shall commence the process to fill the vacancy in the manner prescribed in this section. The mayor may select an interim police chief to serve until a permanent police chief is hired.

(b) The mayor shall select a qualified recruitment and assessment consultant. The consultant shall establish an assessment process that shall include a screening committee appointed by the mayor. The consultant and the screening committee shall hold at least one public meeting to discuss the process and the candidates. At the

conclusion of the assessment process, the screening committee, with guidance and input from the consultant, shall select three candidates to forward to the mayor for consideration.

(c) The mayor shall make a selection from the three candidates and negotiate a contract with the successful candidate; the term of said contract shall be for at least three years but no longer than five years. The mayor shall appoint a candidate from the list subject to a comprehensive background investigation conducted by the consultant as well as the funding of the contract and confirmation of the candidate by the city council.

(d) The mayor may reappoint the police chief for subsequent contractual terms of at least three years but no longer than five years subject to confirmation by the city council.

(Ord. of 9-28-2010(01); Ord. of 3-27-2012(03); Ord. of 9-10-2013(216))”

Councilor Lundberg commended Ms. Leete, General Counsel, and their team for their work.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to amend GCO Ch. 17 “Police”, Art. II “Police Department”, Sec. 17-18 “Selection of Police Chief; manner of appointment” by DELETING Section 17-18 “Selection of Police Chief; manner of appointment” in its entirety and ADDING new Section 17-18 “Selection of police chief; manner of appointment as follows:

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(Ord. of 9-28-2010(01); Ord. of 3-27-2012(03); Ord. of 9-10-2013(216))”

5. PH2018-013: Amend GCO Ch. 8 “Fire Prevention and Protection” Art. II “Fire Department” Sec. 8-18 “Screening of fire chief - Manner of appointment”

This public hearing is opened at 8:31 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

Ms. Leete reported that this ordinance amendment mirrors the process and goals established for the Police Chief selection process.

Those speaking in opposition: None

Communications: None

Councilor Questions: None

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

Councilor LeBlanc moved to waive the reading of the Committee recommendation as it mirrored the changes read in the previous public hearing. This motion was seconded by **Councilor Gilman** and voted unanimously by the City Council.

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. 8 "Fire Prevention and Protection", Art. II "Fire Department", Sec. 8-18 "Screening of fire chief-Manner of appointment." by DELETING Section 8-18 "Screening of fire chief-manner of appointment." in its entirety and ADDING new Section 8-18 "Screening of fire chief-manner of appointment as follows:

- (a) Upon such time as the mayor shall become aware of a vacancy in the office of fire chief, the mayor shall commence the process to fill the vacancy in the manner prescribed in this section. The mayor may select an interim fire chief to serve until a permanent fire chief is hired.
- (b) The mayor shall select a qualified recruitment and assessment consultant. The consultant shall establish an assessment process that shall include a screening committee appointed by the mayor. The consultant and the screening committee shall hold at least one public meeting to discuss the process and the candidates. At the conclusion of the assessment process, the screening committee, with guidance and input from the consultant, shall select three candidates to forward to the mayor for consideration.
- (c) The mayor shall make a selection from the three candidates and negotiate a contract with the successful candidate; the term of said contract shall be for at least three years but no longer than five years. The mayor shall appoint a candidate from the list subject to a comprehensive background check investigation conducted by the consultant as well as the funding of the contract and confirmation of the candidate by the city council.
- (d) The mayor may reappoint the fire chief for subsequent contractual terms of at least three years but no longer than five years subject to confirmation by the city council.

(Ord. of 1-11-2011; Ord. of 3-27-2012(02); Ord. of 9-10-2013(217))

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Councilor Gilman thanked Ms. Leete, General Counsel, and their team for their collaboration with the City Council.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to amend GCO Ch. 8 "Fire Prevention and Protection", Art. II "Fire Department", Sec. 8-18 "Screening of fire chief-Manner of appointment." by DELETING Section 8-18 "Screening of fire chief-manner of appointment." in its entirety and ADDING new Section 8-18 "Screening of fire chief-manner of appointment as follows:

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- (b) The mayor shall select a qualified recruitment and assessment consultant. The consultant shall establish an assessment process that shall include a screening committee appointed by the mayor. The consultant and the screening committee shall hold at least one public meeting to discuss the process and the candidates. At the conclusion of the assessment process, the screening committee, with guidance and input from the consultant, shall select three candidates to forward to the mayor for consideration.**
- (c) The mayor shall make a selection from the three candidates and negotiate a contract with the successful candidate; the term of said contract shall be for at least three years but no longer than five years. The mayor**

shall appoint a candidate from the list subject to a comprehensive background check investigation conducted by the consultant as well as the funding of the contract and confirmation of the candidate by the city council.

(d) The mayor may reappoint the fire chief for subsequent contractual terms of at least three years but no longer than five years subject to confirmation by the city council.

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- 6. PH2018-014: Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles Sec. 22-288 "Off-Street Parking Areas" by DELETING under "Rogers Street parking lot, at #65 Rogers Street," the statement following "July 29, 2013," as follows: "to expire two years from the date of Approval with three one-year renewals subject to city council review and approval at one-year intervals." and ADDING under "Rogers Street parking lot, at #65 Rogers Street," the statement following "July 29, 2013" as follows: "subject to annual city council review and approval."**

This public hearing is opened at 8:35 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

Jill Cahill, Community Development Director, reported that the five year agreement for the temporary use of parking at 65 Rogers Street [AKA I4-C2] is up for renewal by City Council. This renewal coincides with application for renewal of the Chapter 91 license. She reported some of the work the city has done in developing the site:

- RFP in 2013 which generated no responses due to DPA restrictions
- Feasibility study for marine innovation center
- Feasibility study for a Harbormaster's station and visiting boater center
- Four prospective developers have looked at the property recently
- Advertised the property at the Seafood Expo
- Listed the property in the directory of top developable sites on the North Shore of the North Shore Alliance for Economic Development

Those speaking in opposition: None

Communications: None

Councilor Questions:

In response to Councilors' questions, Ms. Cahill confirmed that rather than a ten year term, the City Council does have the option of changing the term and going for a five year term, and yearly renewals after that, up to the maximum ten years. City Council can also change the use of the property, which would require going before the DEP.

This public hearing is closed at 8:40 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. 22-288 "Off-Street Parking Areas" as follows:

By DELETING under "Rogers Street parking lot, at #65 Rogers Street," the statement following "July 29, 2013," as follows: "to expire two years from the date of approval with three one-year renewals subject to city council review and approval at one-year intervals."

AND ADDING under "Rogers Street parking lot, at #65 Rogers Street," the statement following "July 29, 2013," as follows: "subject to annual city council review and approval."

Councilor LeBlanc moved to amend the main motion as follows: approve 65 Rogers Street as a parking lot for 5 years, and after the five years, subject to City Council approval every year up to ten years. The motion to amend was seconded by **Councilor Nolan** and voted unanimously by the City Council.

MOTION TO AMEND PASSES

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to amend GCO Ch. 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles”, Sec. 22-288 “Off-Street Parking Areas” as follows:

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AND ADDING under “Rogers Street parking lot, at #65 Rogers Street,” the statement following “July 29, 2013,” as follows: “to expire five years from the date of approval, and after the five years, subject to annual city council review and approval up to ten years.”

- 7. PH2018-015: Amend GCO Ch. 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles” Sec. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times” AND Sec. 22-291 “Tow-Away Zones” by ADDING “Granite Street, northerly side, from its intersection with Blynman Avenue, in an easterly direction, to the westerly intersection of Hampden Street**

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

Those speaking in favor: None

Those speaking in opposition: None

Communications: None

Councilor Questions: None

This public hearing is closed at 8:46 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. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times by ADDING “Granite Street, northerly side, from its intersection with Blynman Avenue, in an easterly direction to the westerly intersection of Hampden Street.”

Councilor LeBlanc explained the coordinates of the streets and where the parking issues are occurring and reported that the Traffic Commission voted unanimously to support this change to the Gloucester Code of Ordinances.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted in 8 favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to amend GCO Ch. 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles”, Sec. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times by ADDING “Granite Street, northerly side, from its intersection with Blynman Avenue, in an easterly direction to the westerly intersection of Hampden Street.”

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council amend GCO Ch. 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles”, Sec. 22-291 “Tow-Away Zones” be amended by ADDING “Granite Street, northerly side, from its intersection with Blynman Avenue, in an easterly direction, to the westerly intersection of Hampden Street.”

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Cox) absent, to amend GCO Ch. 22 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles”, Sec. 22-291 “Tow-Away Zones” be amended by ADDING “Granite Street, northerly side, from its intersection with Blynman Avenue, in an easterly direction, to the westerly intersection of Hampden Street.”

For Council Vote: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

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

Update of the Council on Aging by City Council Representative, Valerie H. Gilman asked that this matter be moved to the next meeting.

Councilors' Requests to the Mayor:

Councilor Holmgren reported the following: she will be attending the National Honor Society induction at the Gloucester High School on Thursday, March 29; and, she will be attending the launch of the first meeting of the Cape Ann Innovators Collaborative, to be held on Thursday, March 29, at 5:30 p.m. at Cruise Port. This is a free event.

Councilor Memhard reported the following: he had a meeting with Police Chief McCarthy regarding parking issues in the Mt. Pleasant Avenue area and options for the Gloucester Stage Company; he advised residents to be careful of potholes on Souther Ave, Moorland Road, and Brightside Avenue; the DPW has trucks on Beach Road to fill potholes; and he thanked Councilors Lundberg and O'Hara for attending the meeting with the Mayor's office regarding the best ways to manage discussion on the noise ordinance.

Councilor Nolan reported the following: Ward 5 is still working on the Magnolia Pier. He thanked Councilors O'Hara and Holmgren for working with him on this, along with the administration, Bruce Tarr, and Ann Margaret Ferrante's office. He asked residents to address their concerns regarding public/private road discrepancies with City Council.

Councilor Hecht reported the following: he has been developing a vision for Ward 2 and downtown and has had various meetings to work on this. The Seafood show went well and good progress being made; he met with Elizabeth Kerry of Discover Gloucester; he attended the Gloucester Downtown Association meeting which was working to address concerns of downtown beautification; he will be meeting with Ringo Tarr to work on getting decorative lights back in the trees downtown; he met with Ken Reese CEO of Gorton's to find his vision in respect to downtown; he met with the Historic District Commission and they are excited about the rehab of the American Legion hall - he is having a meeting with Kevin Buckley, the City's architect, on Friday, March 30, at 8:00 a.m. at the American Legion hall regarding the restoration of the legion hall; he met with Jill Cahill and Gregg Cademartori regarding downtown vision and planning; attended Gloucester High School resilience program; he, and Councilors Lundberg and Memhard attended the Cape Ann Caucus; he met with Judith Hoglander, Committee for the Arts chair, to discuss the vision for downtown; a week from tonight is a Ward 2 meeting on Tuesday, April 3, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sawyer Free Library regarding traffic and parking issues ; he will be attending the Life Sciences in the Suburbs Conference in Boston on April 4.

Councilor Gilman reported the following: she wished a happy birthday to Councilor Lundberg (his birthday was yesterday); she commended the Youth Awareness students at Gloucester High School who received scholarships; the Recreational Marijuana Task Force dissolved after its final meeting on March 22 and made a recommendation to the Mayor; met with Eric Magers of Seaside Sustainability, and discussed ways to help restaurant owners be compliant with the upcoming polystyrene ban.

Councilor O'Hara reported the following: he thanked Governor Baker for visiting after the most recent nor'easter; he thanked everyone who came to the blood drive at the Magnolia Library Center on March 26 and said that one is also coming up on May 21; on March 31 the Magnolia Library Center will be hosting an Easter egg hunt at 9:00 a.m. - this will be open the public; the Magnolia Pier is non-functional right now and he hopes it will be back up and operational sometime in May; he thanked Councilor Lundberg for the joint City Council/School Committee meeting.

Councilor Lundberg reported the following: he applauded the session and recommendations by the students (from a seawall and ecology standpoint) at the Gloucester High School (as mentioned by Councilor Gilman); the state has provided funding for cities and town to have a municipal vulnerability assessment - this funding would be to hire a consultant from the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission; he appreciates councilors giving reports of their day to day council duties.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace E. Poirier
Assistant City Clerk

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING:

- **Statement of Robin Newhall; pictures from Peter Giordano; addendum to the Mayor's Report**