

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 21, 2010 – 6:15 p.m.
First Floor Conference Room – City Hall**

Present: Council President Jacqueline Hardy; Council Vice President Sefatia Theken; and Councilors Joe Ciolino; Steven Curcuru; Paul McGeary; Robert Whycott; and Greg Verga

Absent: Councilor Mulcahey and Councilor Tobey

Also Present: CAO Jim Duggan and City Clerk Linda Lowe

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Council President Hardy stated that this meeting is being held to discuss the MSBA Green Repair Grant Program and that, prior to this Special City Council Meeting, a Budget and Finance Committee meeting was held for discussion of the Program. Further, the School Committee voted, this evening, to approve the SOI.

On questions of Councilor Curcuru, Mr. Duggan stated that the city has not yet been approved for the Grant; each school stands alone; and, there will be no preference as to which school would benefit. Councilor Hardy reported that the five applications have been submitted to the City Council for review.

Mr. Duggan, on question of Councilor Verga, stated that a feasibility study may not be required. Further, the \$300 million is not yet set aside; and, bonding will be necessary.

Councilor Verga reading from page two of the SOI documents stated that the School Committee voted in favor of the Statement of Interest; the Council will then vote this evening, with the SOI submitted to the MSBA by tomorrow, September 22, 2010. The City will hire a Project Manager on or before December 1, 2010; an interim study is to be completed by February, 2011; followed by a City Appropriation by April 1, 2011. Construction would begin by May 2011, with completion by November 2011.

Councilor Hardy was assured by Superintendent Connelly, Assistant Superintendent Tarr and CAO Jim Duggan that the time frames, above, are realistic and doable.

It was questioned how the Grant information first came to the School Committee and Council's attention. Councilor McGeary stated he had read about the Grant and forwarded the information to DPW Director, Mike Hale, for review and further investigation. Mr. Hale then forwarded additional information to the Council through the Office of the Mayor. Councilor McGeary was thanked for his efforts.

MOTIONS By the Gloucester City Council regarding the MSBA Green Repair Grant Program are as follows:

>**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Curcuru, seconded by Councilor McGeary, the Gloucester City Council voted by Roll Call 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent, to adopt in accordance with its Charter and Ordinances to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) the Statement of Interest by the appropriate municipal authorities dates September 21, 2010 for the:

Beeman Memorial Elementary School located at 138 Cherry Street Gloucester, MA as it relates to the need in accordance with the priority category #5, to replace the deteriorated 22 year old roof system of the Beeman Memorial Elementary School so as to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs and deficiencies due to the active leaks and a damaged insulation system which is affecting the quality of construction and energy efficiency of said school.

FURTHER, the City Council hereby specifically acknowledges that the by the Gloucester Public Schools submitting this Statement of Interest in the MSBA in no way guarantees the acceptance or approval of an application, or the awarding of a grant, or of any other funding commitment from the MSBA, nor does it commit the Gloucester Public Schools to filing an application for funding with the MSBA.

>**MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION** under Section 211 (e) of the City Charter: On motion of Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor Whycott, the City Council voted 0 in favor, 7 Opposed to Move for Reconsideration of the Vote. **MOTION FAILS.**

>**MOTION:** On motion by Councilor Curcuru, seconded by Councilor McGeary, the Gloucester City Council voted by Roll Call 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent, to recommend to adopt in accordance with its Charter and Ordinances to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) the Statement of Interest by the appropriate municipal authorities dates September 21, 2010 for the:

Plum Cove Elementary School located at 15 Hickory Street, Gloucester, MA as it relates to the need in accordance with the priority category #5, to replace the deteriorated 20 year old roof system of the Plum Cove Elementary School so as to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs and deficiencies due to the active leaks and a damaged insulation system which is affecting the quality of construction and energy efficiency of said school.

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>MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION under Section 2-11 (e) of the City Charter: On motion of Councilor Theken, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the City Council voted 0 in favor, 7 Opposed to Move for Reconsideration of the Vote. MOTION FAILS.

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Veterans' Memorial Elementary School, located at 11 Webster Street, Gloucester, MA as it relates to the need in accordance with the priority category #5, to replace the deteriorated 20 year old roof system of the Veterans' Memorial Elementary School so as to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs and deficiencies due to the active leaks and a damaged insulation system which is affecting the quality of construction and energy efficiency of said school.

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East Gloucester Elementary School, 8 Davis Street Extension, Gloucester, MA, as it relates to the need in accordance with the priority category #5, to replace the deteriorated 22 year old roof system of the East Gloucester Elementary School so as to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs and deficiencies due to the active leaks and a damaged insulation system which is affecting the quality of construction and energy efficiency of said school.

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Ralph B. O'Maley Middle School, 32 Cherry Street, Gloucester, MA, as it relates to the need in accordance with the priority category #5, to replace the deteriorated 20 year old roof system of the Ralph B. O'Maley Middle School so as to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs and deficiencies due to the active leaks and a damaged insulation system which is affecting the quality of construction and energy efficiency of said school.

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2. Budget and Finance minutes of September 9, 2010 re: Establishment of Talbot Rink Enterprise Fund. Councilor Curcuru reported that this item is being postponed pending receipt of additional information and further discussion at the September 23, 2010 Budget and Finance Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Marchand
Substitute Recorder

Attachments: Memorandum from CAO, Jim Duggan re MSBA Green Repair Program dated September 21, 2010