

SPECIAL GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 21, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

Council Meeting 2010-27

- MINUTES -

Present: Chair, Councilor Jacqueline Hardy; Vice Chair, Councilor Sefatia Theken; Councilor Steven Curcuru; Councilor Paul McGeary; Councilor Robert Whynott; Councilor Ann Mulcahey; Councilor Greg Verga; Councilor Joseph Ciolino

Absent: Councilor Bruce Tobey

Also Present: Linda T. Lowe; Jim Duggan; Kenny Costa; Jeff Towne; Mike Hale; Superintendent Connelly; Val Gilman; Kathy Clancy

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

1. School Repairs:

A) Tentative Approval by Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) of Green Repair Grant Program for five schools:

- O'Maley Middle School
- Plum Cove Elementary School
- Veteran's Memorial Elementary School
- East Gloucester Elementary School
- Beeman Memorial Elementary School

Dr. Joseph Connelly, Superintendent of Schools stated he had just spoken with Diane Sullivan, their liaison at MSBA. The one missing step to get this "locked in" was an on-site inspection by their organization, which they had been unable to conduct to date. She will give two additional dates and anticipates if not this week; it will be early next week. The inspectors will validate that the roofs do need the repair work. There would be a more in depth explanation in the Special Budget & Finance Meeting immediately following this City Council meeting.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Hardy, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the City Council voted 7 in favor, 0 opposed to refer the matter of the tentative approval by the Massachusetts School Building Authority's Green Repair Grant Program for five Gloucester Public Schools to the Budget & Finance Committee.

B) Discussion related to grant application and process for potential repair/reconstruction of West Parish School

By unanimous consent, this matter was referred to B&F (immediately following hereafter).

2. Councilor Hardy stated that in order for a discussion to take place on a complaint of a possible breach of the Open Meeting Law by the Planning & Development Committee, the matter had to be referred to that Committee in order to conduct a discussion which was under the Council Rules of Procedure, Agenda Procedure, Rule 3-E: "Whenever correspondence, written reports or other pertinent documents, are received by the Council President or an individual Councilor (in the name of the City, the Council or agencies of the Council) copies of said document(s) shall be filed with the City Clerk for inclusion on the

next Council calendar of business; and when possible, copies shall be forward to individual Councilors.”
[Also see City Charter, Sec. 10-6 (e) Filings with Multiple-Member Bodies].

Councilor Ciolino, who has at this point just arrived at the meeting, voiced his objection to the proposal to refer this matter to P&D as he believed it had been under advisement of the Legal Department and required no further action at this time and would not support the referral.

Councilor Whynott also voiced his objection to the referral.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Hardy, seconded by Councilor McGearry the City Council voted 6 in favor, 2 (Ciolino, Whynott) opposed to refer a matter of a complaint of a possible breach of the Open Meeting Law to the Planning & Development Committee.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dana C. Jorgensson
Clerk of Committees**

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.