

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 11, 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 Valerie Gilman; Councilor Scott Memhard; Councilor Sean Nolan; Councilor James O’Hara; Councilor Joseph Orlando, Jr.

Absent: Councilor Lundberg

Also Present: Mayor Sefatia Theken; Joanne Senos; Jim Destino; Kenny Costa; Chip Payson; Grace Poirier

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. The Moment of Silence is dedicated to Virginia Bergmann, former member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for many years who passed away recently. **Council President Ciolino** lauded the active volunteerism of Ms. Bergmann whom he said gave so much to the City of Gloucester.

Oral Communications:

Jennifer Holmgren, 385 Magnolia Avenue, noted the Council is being asked about creating more affordable housing and pointed to the Fuller Mixed Use Ventures development as moving forward. With respect to Fuller Mixed Use Ventures, and the revenue the city will realize, Gloucester’s affordable housing stock is about 7.4% which she indicated is inadequate. She talked about the difficulties of hard working families who don’t make enough money to qualify for a moderately priced home or an apartment at \$2,000/mo., and seniors on fixed incomes who can’t afford to downsize. She said these are the people in Gloucester who are needful of affordable housing. She pointed out many of these people were raised and went to school here, as were their families before them but now they can’t afford to stay in the same community. She suggested that the city can’t have a thriving maritime economy nor compete with cities such as Beverly, Peabody or Salem if that is where the city’s workers must live. She asked that the city take care of its own. Ms. Holmgren’s written statement was submitted and placed on file.

Lisa Day Copeland, 3 St. Peter Lane, expressed concern about the lack of affordable housing in Gloucester in order for the city to keep its young people who grew up in the city, and hardworking residents to be able to afford to remain in the community including artists, musicians, restaurant workers, and those who work in the city’s tourism industry. People are paying up to 70% of their income in rent, leaving little to spend on essentials, she said. Noting that when an affordable housing unit becomes available for rent there are dozens of applicants, she indicated it makes obtaining such a unit difficult. Citing the 7.4% of affordable housing in the city, she suggested in building 200 dwelling units at the Fuller School property the average for affordable housing units would drop to approximately 6.9%. In addition to attracting and retaining valuable residents, affordable housing helps to prevent homelessness, she noted. She asked that the Council keep these facts in mind when considering any proposal for housing units to be built in the city.

Neil Costa, 134 East Main Street, noted that he and many East Gloucester residents came before the Council several months prior about National Fish & Seafood at the Americold facility in East Gloucester to express concern for issues the neighborhood has with the facility. He said the neighbors continue to be concerned as to how that facility is operating. He advised that formal complaints were lodged by area residents in East Gloucester about the National Fish facility. He expressed his concern that city found there is a noise violation. While Americold executive met with some residents to hear their issues with the East Gloucester plant, but he said that no action has been taken. He asked that there be a formal response and advocacy on behalf of the residents, and said that the company should not be allowed to function in business with the violation in place. He asked for some action through the Mayor’s office and the Council on this matter.

Presentations/Commendations: None.

Confirmation of New Appointments:

Animal Advisory Committee: Jodie Swenson, Jennifer Schmorow, Jennifer Jackman, Beth Klinefelter TTE 02/14/20
Alicia Pensarosa

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 Jodie Swenson to the Animal Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Lundberg) absent, to appoint Jodie Swenson to the Animal Advisory Committee, 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 Jennifer Schmorrow to the Animal Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Lundberg) absent, to appoint Jennifer Schmorrow to the Animal Advisory Committee, 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 Jennifer Jackman to the Animal Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

DISCUSSION: None.

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

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Lundberg) absent, to appoint Alicia Pensarosa to the Animal Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

Archives Committee

Juanita Rivera Melanson

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 Juanita Rivera Melanson to the Archives Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Lundberg) absent, to appoint Juanita Rivera Melanson to the Archives Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Robert McGillvray

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 Robert McGillvray to the Cable TV Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Lundberg) absent, to appoint Robert McGillvray to the Cable TV Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/20.

Downtown Dev. Commission

Walt Kolenda

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 Walt Kolenda to the Downtown Development Commission, TTE 02/14/20.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox welcomed Mr. Kolenda to the Downtown Development Commission, a Commission for whom she is the Council's liaison, and mentioned there was a DDC meeting the following evening and looked forward to Mr. Kolenda's attendance.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Lundberg) absent, to appoint Walt Kolenda to the Downtown Development Commission, TTE 02/14/20.

Fisheries Commission

David Leveille

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 to appoint David Leveille to the Fisheries Commission (Alternate), TTE 02/14/20.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Lundberg) absent, to appoint David Leveille to the Fisheries Commission (Alternate), TTE 02/14/20.

Consent Agenda:

• **MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Memorandum from City Solicitor re: proposed amendments & additions to GCO Sec. 22-1 regarding Electric Vehicle Parking Zones (Refer B&F)
2. Memorandum from Public Health Director re: request to accept a grant from MA Opiate Abuse Prevention Collaborative (MOAPC) in the amount of \$73,000 (Refer B&F)
3. Memorandum from Public Health Director re: request to accept grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation through the 2017 Catalyst Fund in the amount of \$5,000 (Refer B&F)
4. Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Request (2017-SA-34) from the CFO (Refer B&F)
5. Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Requests 2017-SA-22, -23, -24, -25, -26, -31, -32 and -33 from Harbormaster (Refer B&F)
6. Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Requests 2017-SA-29 & -30 from Building Inspector (Refer B&F)
7. Memorandum from City Solicitor & Purchasing Agent re: Request for Proposal for the purchase of city-owned land & building located at 120 Maplewood Avenue (formerly known as Maplewood Avenue School) (Refer B&F)

8. Special Budgetary Transfer Request (2017-SBT-18) from the Auditor's Office (Refer B&F)
9. Local and national media reports regarding Gloucester's on-going leadership with recovery assistance & opioid abuse prevention (Info Only)
9. Letter of resignation of Mary Rudolph Black from the Planning Board due to her recent confirmation as Massachusetts Probate Judge (Info Only)
 - **COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS**
 1. Response from mayor's Office to Oral Communications of March 20, 2017 City Council Meeting to
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 - **APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS**
 1. SCP2017-005: Amendment to SCP granted on March 20, 2017 re: Great Republic Drive #38, Map 263, Lot 64, GZO Sec. 1.5.3(c), 5.7 "Major Project" and Sec. 5.27 "Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facilities" (Refer P&D)
 - **COUNCILORS ORDERS**
 1. CC2017-010 (Gilman) Request that the Traffic Commission perform a speed study on Riverview Road to determine whether there should be a speed limit of 20 mph and whether the City Council should petition MassDOT to approve said speed limit (Refer O&A & TC)
 - **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
 1. City Council Meeting: 03/28/2017 (Approve/File)
 3. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 04/06/2017 (under separate cover), O&A 04/03/2017, P&D 04/05/2017 (Approve/File)

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

By unanimous consent of the Council the Consent Agenda and Unanimous Consent Calendar was accepted as present.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance: April 6

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council under MGL c. 44, §53A accept a federal grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) for the FEMA 4241 January 26-28th, 2015 Blizzard Grant reimbursement for a total amount of \$355,530.04.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Memhard conveyed that this is a grant reimbursement that the city has had in the works for 2 ½ years since the January 2015 48-hour blizzard. He commended Carol McMahon, Assistant Emergency Preparedness Director, saying that without the hard work and diligence the city might not have received as much reimbursement funding as it did. He noted that throughout this information gathering period, Ms. McMahon was joined in this effort by city staff members who were asked countless times for more and more documentation which led to the city's receipt of the funding. The \$355,530.04 reimburses the city for: \$2,426.22 for the repair of the Good Harbor Beach boardwalk; \$38,723.27 for repairs to curbs, signs and sidewalks; \$23,510.06 for the snow removal of (school) roofs; and \$290,870.49 for city-wide snow removal, with this last portion just received in on April 6.

Council President Ciolino expressed his gratitude to the Administration for their efforts to recoup these funds.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Lundberg) absent, under MGL c. 44, §53A to accept a federal grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) for the FEMA 4241 January 26-28th, 2015 Blizzard Grant reimbursement for a total amount of \$355,530.04.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council under MGL c. 44, §53A to accept a federal grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), a Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from Federal Fiscal Year 2016 for an Emergency Operations Center Improvement Grant for a total of \$6,460 for the

purpose of the City of Gloucester's emergency sheltering operations and training of its Emergency Management team through the Fire Department's division of Emergency Management.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Memhard explained that this grant is applied for and received annually for the purpose of making improvements to the city's Emergency Operations Center located in the O'Maley Innovation Middle School and to fund training.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Lundberg) absent, under MGL c. 44, §53A to accept a federal grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), a Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from Federal Fiscal Year 2016 for an Emergency Operations Center Improvement Grant for a total of \$6,460 for the purpose of the City of Gloucester's emergency sheltering operations and training of its Emergency Management team through the Fire Department's division of Emergency Management.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council under MGL c. 44, §53A to accept a federal grant of \$15,000.00 from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service as passed through the Massachusetts Historical Commission for an archeological survey for the purpose of defining Dogtown in the City of Gloucester as a part of the National Registry of Historical Places. This grant has a 100% match to be met with private funding sources.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Lundberg) absent, under MGL c. 44, §53A to accept a federal grant of \$15,000.00 from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service as passed through the Massachusetts Historical Commission for an archeological survey for the purpose of defining Dogtown in the City of Gloucester as a part of the National Registry of Historical Places. This grant has a 100% match to be met with private funding sources.

Councilor Memhard called for a Motion to Reconsider as this matter must be submitted to the state as soon as possible.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted 0 in favor, 8 opposed, 1 (Lundberg) absent, to reconsider the vote to accept a federal grant of \$15,000.00 from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service as passed through the Massachusetts Historical Commission for an archeological survey for the purpose of defining Dogtown in the City of Gloucester as a part of the National Registry of Historical Places. This grant has a 100% match to be met with private funding sources.

MOTION FAILS.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council under MGL c. 44, §53A to accept a private grant of \$15,000.00 from the Dusky Foundation for an archeological survey for the purpose of defining Dogtown in the City of Gloucester as a part of the National Registry of Historical Places.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Memhard explained that the MHC grant is being matched by the Dusky Foundation, a private entity, in full.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Lundberg) absent, under MGL c. 44, §53A to accept a private grant of \$15,000.00 from the Dusky Foundation for an archeological survey for the purpose of defining Dogtown in the City of Gloucester as a part of the National Registry of Historical Places.

Councilor Memhard called for a Motion to Reconsider as this matter must be submitted to the state as soon as possible as the proof of the matching grant from a private donor must accompany the documentation from the vote of the Council on the Mass. Historical Commission grant as well.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted 0 in favor, 8 opposed, 1 (Lundberg) absent, to reconsider the vote to accept a private grant of \$15,000.00 from the Dusky Foundation for an archeological survey for the purpose of defining Dogtown in the City of Gloucester as a part of the National Registry of Historical Places.

MOTION FAILS.

Councilor Memhard announced that Tony Roselli, Partner in the firm of Roselli, Clarke & Associates, the city's contracted Outside Auditor, will report to the Budget & Finance Committee on the city's FY2016 Basic Financial Statements on Thursday, April 20. This meeting will start at 5:00 p.m because of this special report to the Committee.

Ordinances & Administration: April 3

There were no further matters for Council action from this meeting.

Planning & Development: April 5

There are no matters for Council action from this meeting at this time.

Scheduled Public Hearings:

1. **PH2017-020: Petition for road repairs in accordance with GCO Article IV, "Repair of Private Ways, Sec. 21-80 et seq re: Park Lane**

This public hearing is opened at 7:31 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

Jim Destino, CAO, speaking on behalf of the Mayor's Office, said that the Administration is in favor of the petition to repair and pave Park Lane, a small private road. He thanked Councilor Nolan for bringing this matter forward. He cited that this process falls under the city's current Code of Ordinances statute but advised that the ordinance is being rewritten to streamline the process. Because this petition falls under the current ordinance, he noted, this matter will return to the Council with a funding source for the project, he said, and advised that with the newly streamlined ordinance such a matter will only have to come forward once to the Council both for accepting a petition and the funding. He reiterated the Administration's support for the petition saying that Park Lane is a model private road paving project.

Daniel Donahue, 4 Park Lane, spoke to the very poor condition of Park Lane and asked for the Council support for the petition for Park Lane's repair and repaving. **Mr. Donahue** submitted a letter from Scott Pantages, 7 Linden Avenue in support of the petition to repair and pave Park Lane (placed on file).

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions:

Councilor Gilman said there are many private road paving issues in all the wards, and asked for clarification as to whether this petition is asking for funding by a borrowing through the city. **Mr. Destino** said that when the Administration comes next before the Council on this matter, they will come forward for funding for the paving project. He explained that typically the Administration would come to the Council for the approval of a loan order to fund the paving project, or that there might be an existing loan order to tie the project to. At that point, he added, the neighborhood has taken their votes and decided how the betterments will be divided up, and then will choose the term of the betterment. He advised for such a small project like this, it will likely be a five-year betterment term. He said within the new ordinance there will be no choice as to the length of the betterment term -- the number of

years of the betterments will be determined by the cost of the project. He reiterated that at the next Council meeting a funding source will be tied to the paving project, and said that the Park Lane paving project is a 100% betterment of the road's abutters.

Council President Ciolino confirmed with **Mr. Destino** that the city will only move forward with 100% betterments on these types of projects, and moving forward it will always be with 100% betterments. **Mr. Destino** reminded the Council that the residents of these private roads always have the option to do these types of paving projects themselves through self-funding. **Council President Ciolino** mentioned that at times bundling streets can at times yield lower paving estimates. **Mr. Destino** suggested that were a private road to do their own paving project it would likely be a far lower price than the city's because when the city undertakes such a project prevailing wages must be paid as well as other factors that have to be considered that affect pricing of a paving project over a self-funded paving project.

This public hearing is closed at 7:37 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, that under Sec. 21-83 of the Gloucester Code of Ordinances that the City is to repair/repave the private way of Park Lane. The abutters of Park Lane agree to provide all easements, rights of way, designs, permits and legal certifications necessary for said improvements. The cost resulting from said improvements to be carried out is based on Sec. 21-83, "Funding for approved Construction and Repair." The full cost of this project is not to exceed \$18,700; one hundred percent of the costs shall be borne by abutters and assessed as betterments.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Nolan explained that the process was smooth as the Park Lane residents were easy to work with. He noted this roadway has been in need of repair for a long time. He said the residents of Park Lane came together as a team, reviewed their options and worked out the details.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor Orlando, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Lundberg) absent, that under Sec. 21-83 of the Gloucester Code of Ordinances that the City is to repair/repave the private way of Park Lane. The abutters of Park Lane agree to provide all easements, rights of way, designs, permits and legal certifications necessary for said improvements. The cost resulting from said improvements to be carried out is based on Sec. 21-83, "Funding for approved Construction and Repair." The full cost of this project is not to exceed \$18,700; one hundred percent of the costs shall be borne by abutters and assessed as betterments.

For Council Vote:

1. **Decision to Adopt: Application of Richard Hersey for the proposed amendment to the Ward 5-2 Wastewater District Map for 650R Essex Avenue pursuant to GCO Sections 23-42(H)(2)**

Councilor Orlando advised that under MGL c. 268A that he would recuse himself from this Council action as he did for the public hearing at the last Council meeting and stepped away from the dais.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilman, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Lundberg) absent, 1 (Orlando) recused, to adopt the Decision on the Application of Richard Hersey for the proposed amendment to the Ward 5-2 Wastewater District Map for 650R Essex Avenue pursuant to GCO Sections 23-42(H)(2).

Councilor Orlando returned to the dais.

Unfinished Business: None.

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

Update of the Waterways Board by City Council Representative, Councilor Steven LeBlanc who explained that the Waterways Board has two new members just appointed to it, he said, and cited the hiring of a new harbormaster, creating and filling the position of Assistant Deputy Harbor and the Harbormaster's Department reorganization. The new Harbormaster has instituted a new app, "Dockwa" that gives users real time mooring information, see where the moorings are, what amenities are available to boaters, and information on the harbor

shuttle as well as information on local land-based amenities and areas of interest in the city. He announced that there is a new mooring program; additional transient moorings have been made available. The new mooring program allows transient boaters to book their moorings in advance—by the old method by April 1, 2016 the Harbormaster’s office had 17 advance bookings—by April 1, 2017 there are 57 advance bookings for transient moorings, a great improvement, he said. He explained that the Solomon Jacobs Park and Pier remediation project is nearly over and the Harbormaster’s office will reopen there soon. The revitalized area will include new city docks for larger visiting vessels and are looking to have an area for transient boaters to dock dinghies for greater lengths of time than the 30 minutes allowed by current city ordinance. He noted that the price of the harbor shuttle is now included with transient mooring fee. He lauded the work of the new Harbormaster and the Assistant Deputy Harbormaster for accomplishing so much just in the seven months of their tenure. The Waterways Board is the most improved board in the city in some time, he exclaimed.

Councilors’ Requests to the Mayor:

Councilor Orlando announced he’ll be out of the city for the next 10 days starting the following day and will be responding to constituent email inquiries but not as frequently during this time.

Councilor Cox announced that: On Sunday, April 30 at 12 noon Pride Stride will kick off its 30th year and invited everyone to attend. The Great Gloucester Clean-up on Saturday, April 22 runs from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. She encouraged anyone who wants to participate to visit Facebook and RSVP to the location of one’s choice. On Saturday, April 29 is the Cape Ann Sustainability Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the O’Maley Innovation Middle School. She added her thanks to those participants who came out for “Take Back the Night” event last evening and highlighted that State Sen. Bruce Tarr was in attendance.

Councilor Gilman noted the previous evening she held a Ward 4-1 meeting at the O’Maley Innovation School saying it was well attended. She extended her thanks to Catherine Ryan for posting visuals on Good Morning Gloucester, and to Councilor Nolan, School Committee Chair, Jonathan Pope and School Committee member, Kathy Clancy along with Senior Project Manager, Stephen Winslow from the Community Development Department. She added her thanked Council President Ciolino and the city’s Economic Development Director, Sal DiStefano for co-organizing a Tax Incentive Financing Workshop, and added special thanks to State Senior Regional Director Peter Milano with the Massachusetts Office of Business Development for facilitating the workshop just before this City Council meeting. **Councilor Gilman** asked when the draft Gloucester Housing Plan will be presented to the Council, a presentation which has been postponed for several weeks now. **Council President Ciolino** said he would reach out to the Administration on that matter.

Councilor O’Hara thanked folks for attending this evening’s meeting. He announced that on Saturday, April 15 starting at 9:00 a.m. the Magnolia Library is holding is an Easter Egg Hunt followed by a pancake breakfast.

Councilor LeBlanc asked that a Request to the Mayor be submitted to install a sign indicating, “Resident Parking Only” for Kent Circle. He announced he will organize a Governors Hill Park clean-up in May.

Council President Ciolino noted he’s been working with the City Hall Restoration Commission to spruce up the Council dais with work to be done through the DPW. He mentioned that at 6:00 p.m. on April 25 the Council will have a workshop to review Special Council Permitting to hone their skills further.

Councilor Nolan noted that the City Clerk’s office is in great need of a new typewriter and asked for Council assistance in that matter.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgensson
Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING:

- **Written statement made under Oral Communications by Jennifer A. Holmgren**
- **Letter submitted during PH2017-020: Petition for road repairs in accordance with GCO Article IV, “Repair of Private Ways, Sec. 21-80 et seq re: Park Lane in favor of petition from Scott Pantages, 7 Linden Avenue, Gloucester**