

SPECIAL GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

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Present: Councilor Steven LeBlanc; Councilor Melissa Cox; Councilor Valerie Gilman; Councilor Ken Hecht; Councilor Jen Holmgren; Councilor Scott Memhard; Councilor Sean Nolan

Absent: Councilor Lundberg, Councilor O’Hara

Also Present: Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken; Jim Destino; Joanne Senos; Kenny Costa; John Dunn; Eric Smith; Dr. Richard Safier; Grace Poirier; Jonathan Pope

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Flag Salute & Moment of Silence. Councilor Cox dedicated the Moment of Silence to Caroline Foote [Mrs. Foote passed away on April 21, 2018].

Oral Communications: None.

Consent Agenda: None.

Presentation: Mayor Sefatia Theken – Presentation of Mayor’s Proposed FY19 Budget

Mayor Romeo Theken thanked the City Council and City Managers and reported the following (full statement on file):

- The FY19 Budget is responsible, balanced, meets commitments and obligations
- Reserve balances have grown
- Funding has increased in Fire and EMS and creative solutions to delivering those services are being developed
- Upper management positions [currently vacant] in the DPW will not be filled in FY19. Additionally there will be staff reductions in the Mayor’s office, City Clerk’s office and School Department
- Capital and facility maintenance stabilization funds will be used in FY19 for capital expenditures and maintenance of school and city buildings

Mayor Romeo Theken added that she looked forward to working with the City Council and that she and her team would be available during the budget review to answer any questions they might have.

Councillor Cox informed the City Council of the following:

- The upcoming Budget and Finance Standing Committee meetings regarding the FY19 budget will be posted as Committee of the Whole.
- At the Budget & Finance Standing Committee budget review meetings, the committee will have the meeting and answer any questions from the Committee of the Whole at the end of each meeting. Councillor questions can also be emailed to Councillor Cox in advance of each meeting and those will be addressed at the meeting.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Holmgren, seconded by Councilor Cox, the City Council voted 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent that in accordance with MGL c.44, §32 and pursuant to the Gloucester City Charter Sec. 6 that the City Council accepts receipt of the Mayor’s FY19 Proposed Budget and becomes the budget of the City Council and to refer this budget to the Budget & Finance City Council Standing Committee for further review.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace E. Poirier
Assistant City Clerk

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING:

- City of Gloucester FY19 Proposed Budget
- Mayor’s statement