

Ordinances & Administration Committee
 Monday, June 17, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.
1st Fl. Council Conference Room - City Hall
 -Minutes-

Present: Chair, Councilor Steve LeBlanc; Vice Chair, Councilor Jamie O’Hara

Absent: Councilor Nolan

Also Present: Councilor Cox (entered the meeting at 6:11 p.m.); Joanne Senos; Jim Destino

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. *Appointments:*

Council on Aging

Rosalie Nicastro

TTE 02/14/22

Ms. Nicastro, the city’s Food Inspector advised she’s held that position for the last 20 years although retired, she is now working as a contractor for the Health Department until a new full-time Inspector is hired. When she was a full-time Food Inspector she conveyed she was always a member of the Council on Aging but now no longer in that role, she’d like to be appointed to the Board to continue her work with the Council on Aging.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara , seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to recommend that the City Council appoint Rosalie Nicastro to the Council on Aging, TTE 02/14/22.

Gloucester Cultural Council

Shayla Kaufmann Swigart

TTE 02/14/20

Ms. Kaufmann Swigart conveyed that she’s an artist and painter saying that she and her husband have one of the last live/work art spaces in West Gloucester. She also taught in the Gloucester Public School System and now teaches in Salem, she noted. She expressed that she has an abiding interest in the city’s arts and cultural life and wished to help to maintain it. She noted she was unable to attend the June 25 Council meeting due to extenuating family circumstances.

Chair, Councilor LeBlanc advised she was excused provided she submitted the required documentation and was sworn in at the Clerk’s office. He noted that the city works because of the dedicated volunteers on the city’s many boards, committees and commissions, and expressed his appreciation for Ms. Kaufmann Swigart and the other appointees’ participation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to recommend that the City Council appoint Shayla Kaufmann Swigart to the Gloucester Cultural Council, TTE 02/14/20.

Tourism Commission

Jennifer Goulart Amero

TTE 02/14/21

Ms. Goulart Amero explained to the Committee that she wanted to join the Tourism Commission because she has spent most of her career in hospitality and hospitality marketing. She was a director of marketing for a restaurant group and has run the Taste of Gloucester since its inception. After many years of working in Boston she is locally based and now has the opportunity to do more work in the community as a volunteer for tourism. She conveyed she knew of a need to create an effective bridge between the Tourism Commission with the new iteration of Discover Gloucester. To serve the city in this capacity would be a good spot for her, she added.

Councilor LeBlanc advised he knew Ms. Goulart Amero personally, saying that the Commission needs people like her to spearhead the Commission’s mission to move it forward. There is some City Council guidance, he mentioned. He explained that he’s been advocating for a joint meeting of the Tourism Commission and the Waterways Board which have areas of mutual interest to help move the city’s tourism goals forward.

Councilor Cox offered that Ms. Goulart Amero will be a “fantastic” addition to the Commission, and advised she’d endorse her appointment at Council as well. She conveyed she wished to start an effort to combine the Tourism Commission and the Downtown Development Commission. **Councilor Cox** advised that the Mayor has voiced support to her on the concept which she and **Councilor LeBlanc** discussed briefly.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara , seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to recommend that the City Council appoint Jennifer Goulart Amero to the Tourism Commission, TTE 02/14/21.

Reappointments:

Magnolia Pier Advisory Committee

Richard D. Wilson (Cont'd from 06/03/19)

TTE 02/14/22

Mr. Wilson noted that the Mayor's office and Mr. Destino has been very helpful on the rebuilding project for the Magnolia Pier. He touched on the recent loan order to pay for the Magnolia Pier rebuild along with the recent amended total saying that the Magnolia Pier Fundraising Committee is still in the process of raising funds to support the city's efforts to pay for the rebuild. He commented it has been a great community effort. **Jim Destino**, CAO, advised that the work on rebuilding the Pier should start very shortly.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Richard D. Wilson to the Magnolia Pier Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/22.

2. *Application of Eric Magers for a Permit for Scientific Research in Coastal Waters & Tidal Flats of the City of Gloucester pursuant to GCO Ch. 20, Sec. 20-27 "Permits for Scientific Works in coastal waters and flats in the city (Cont'd from 06/03/19)*

Mr. Magers was not present, **Councilor LeBlanc** advised and that he was in favor of moving this matter forward for Council consideration, and that he was in receipt of some suggested conditions from Mr. Destino (on file) for the permit for scientific work to be conducted

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Nolan) absent, to recommend that the City Council Approve under GCO Ch. 20, Sec. 20-27 "Permits for Scientific Works in coastal waters and flats in the city", a permit for Seaside Sustainability, Inc. to conduct scientific research in coastal waters and tidal flats of the City of Gloucester for the purpose of assisting the city of Gloucester departments in water quality monitoring, conducting mudflat acidification assessments and monitoring and assessing the health of eelgrass beds with the following conditions:

1. Acquiring the appropriate permit from Mass. Department of Marine Fisheries;
2. Appears before the local Conservation Commission for a negative determination of applicability for the proposed work;
3. Obtain signoffs from the City Administration as property owners where the work will take place.
3. *CC2019-022 (Memhard): Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles", Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" and Sec. 22-291 Tow-away zones" re: Rackliffe Street (Cont'd from 06/03/19 & TBC 07/15/19)*

This matter is continued to July 15, 2019.

4. *CC2019-023(LeBlanc): Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Sec. 22-270.1 "Resident sticker parking only" by ADDING Foley Road, York Road and Berton Road for their entire lengths (TBC 07/15/19)*

This matter is continued to July 15, 2019.

5. *Committee Discussion on Ride Sharing Services in the City of Gloucester (Cont'd from 06/03/19)*

This matter is continued to July 15, 2019.

6. *Update on the City of Gloucester Beach Parking and Traffic Ad Hoc Committee Report of January 24, 2017 (Cont'd from 05/06/19)*

Councilor LeBlanc noted this matter was referred to the Council for input but the Committee received no feedback. He suggested that the Committee keep their ears and eyes open and bring to the Committee their concerns. He mentioned he and Mr. Destino spoke about one improvement that could be made which was to cease issuance of beach stickers at the guard booths at the beach parking lots while in line waiting to enter. There was a discussion between **Councilor Cox** and **Councilor LeBlanc** on her suggestion that the cut-off date could be mid-June to cease guard booth sticker sales. However, both **Councilor LeBlanc** and **Mr. Destino** voiced their endorsement the ceasing of all beach sticker sales at guard booths to beach parking lots. **Mr. Destino** touched briefly on the issue of filling police details during summer weekends to assist with beach traffic in order to alleviating some roadway congestion through better on-the-spot traffic management, and funding.

7. *CC2019-024 (O'Hara): Request General Counsel drafts a Home Rule Petition to cease the addition of sodium fluoride in the City's public water supply; and request the City of Gloucester's state legislators file the Home Rule petition on behalf of the City*

This matter was be continued to July 15, 2019.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgensson

Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.