

Ordinances & Administration Committee
Remote Meeting
Monday, November 1, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
-Minutes-

Present: Chair, Councilor Sean Nolan; Vice Chair, Councilor Steven LeBlanc; Councilor Jamie O’Hara

Other Councilors Present: Councilor Melissa Cox

Also Present: Clerk of Committees, Sherry Karvelas

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

*This meeting was conducted remotely through ZOOM
All votes conducted by ROLL CALL*

Chairman, Councilor Nolan announced: Consistent with Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted by remote participation. The public may not physically attend this meeting but every effort will be made to allow the public to view and listen to the meeting in real-time and participate when necessary. If you are calling in on a phone, you can press Star 9 (*9) to request to speak. If you are watching on a computer or device there is a “raise hand” button that you can tap or press to request to speak. Please use either of these options to be recognized to speak.

Councilor O’Hara joined the meeting at 6:08 pm.

1. New Appointments:

Board of Health Eric Kaplan (fulfilling an unexpired term) (TTE 2/14/24)

Summary of Discussion: **Dr. Eric Kaplan** stated he had been a pediatrician for forty years and had been the managing partner of his group, which consisted of over fifty employees. He stated he had been visiting the City for over forty-five years and when he retired in 2017 he moved to the City permanently. He added that he had held an elected position on the Chelmsford Board of Health for five years, as well as being the school and town physician for thirty years.

Members of the O&A Committee, as well as **Councilor Cox**, thanked **Dr. Kaplan** for his willingness to serve the City on the Board of Health.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Eric Kaplan (fulfilling an unexpired term) to the Board of Health, TTE 2/14/24.

2. CC#2021-018 (Cox): Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-277 “One-hour parking – Generally” by ADDING “Pleasant Street, easterly side from a point 140’ from its intersection with Prospect Street in a southerly direction for a distance of 42’” (Cont. from 10/4/21; TBC 11/1/21)

Summary of Discussion: **Councilor Cox** asked to continue this matter in order to request a site visit with the Traffic Commission and the constituent who had brought this matter to her attention, as the Traffic Commission gave an unfavorable recommendation for this matter at their October 28, 2021, meeting. By

way of background, **Councilor Cox** stated this request was in the area of a law practice that catered to elderly/disabled clients who would benefit from having this one-hour parking space.

This matter was continued to the next O&A meeting on November 15, 2021.

3. CC#2021-019 (Memhard): Amend GCO Chapter 22, Sec. 22-270 “Parking Prohibited at all times” and Sec. 22-291 “Tow-away zones” re: Farrington Avenue

Summary of Discussion: **Councilor Nolan** stated the Traffic Commission gave a favorable recommendation regarding this matter and that he had visited the area and agreed with the Traffic Commission’s recommendation.

This matter will be advertised for Public Hearing on December 14, 2021.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-270 “Parking Prohibited at all times” and Sec. 22-291 “Tow-away zones” by ADDING “Farrington Avenue, northerly side, from its intersection with Eastern Point Boulevard in an easterly direction to its intersection with St. Louis Avenue.”

4. CC#2021-020 (Pett): Amend GCO Chapter 22, Sec. 22-269 “Stop Intersections” by adding School Street, at its intersection with Proctor Street

Summary of Discussion: **Councilor LeBlanc** stated this matter fell under the purview of the Traffic Commission, who had unanimously approved this matter, and the Stop Sign has already been installed.

5. CC#2020-003 (LeBlanc): Request review of City Charter pursuant to Sec. 10-1(b) (Cont. from 10/04/21)

Summary of Discussion: **Councilor LeBlanc** stated the Members of the O&A Committee had reviewed the City Charter and after speaking with the City Clerk and General Counsel it was determined that the verbiage of he/she was covered under Sec. 10-1. He stated any further changes would require a full charter review by a Charter Commission authorized by a Home Rule Petition. He added that a full charter review had been done in 2010 and could be done again next in 2030.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Submitted by Sherry Karvelas, Clerk of Committees

Documents submitted at the meeting: None.

Meeting Recording: <http://gloucester-ma.gov/1097/Past-Remote-Public-Meetings>