

**Ordinances & Administration Committee**

Remote Meeting

Monday, December 6, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

-Minutes-

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

**Also Present:** City Clerk, Joanne Senos; Clerk of Committees, Sherry Karvelas

**The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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.

1. *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 11/15/21; TBC 12/06/21)*

**Summary of Discussion:** The City Clerk, Joanne Senos stated Councilor Cox sent an email to the Clerk of Committees requesting that the matter be withdrawn without prejudice.

**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 withdraw CC#2021-018 without prejudice.

2. *CC#2021-021 (LeBlanc): Request that the Ordinances and Administration Standing Committee review Chapter 21, “Streets, sidewalks and public places,” Article III Excavations*

**Summary of Discussion:** Councilor LeBlanc stated that the ordinance regarding street openings needed to be reviewed and revamped; he added that the DPW Director was working on language to update the ordinance. He explained that the current ordinance was vague as to who was responsible if, for example, a sinkhole happened on a City road that had previously been dug up by National Grid. He stated that whatever company opened up the roadway should be held accountable to repair the road opening for a specific timeframe.

This matter was continued to the January 31, 2022, O&A meeting.

**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 6:08 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>