

**Ordinances & Administration Committee**

Remote Meeting

Monday, August 15, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

-Minutes-

**Present: Chair, Councilor Sean Nolan; Vice Chair, Councilor Jamie O’Hara; Councilor Frank Margiotta**

**Other Councilors Present: Councilor Tracy O’Neil**

**Also Present: Mayor Greg Verga; City Clerk, Joanne Senos**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.**

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

**Chairman, Councilor Nolan** announced: Consistent with Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, 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 Nolan** announced the names of City councilors and City staff in attendance.

**Matters were taken out of order; the minutes reflect the order in which matters were taken.**

1. ***CC#2022-004 (Gilman/Nolan/Memhard): Ordered that the City Council audit and amend the GCO to be consistent with new resident parking regulations adopted by the City Council on May 25, 2021 (Cont. from 6/6/22)***

**Summary of Discussion:** Mayor Verga stated that during the last few months of the former General Counsel’s employment with the City he was working on the parking ordinances which, he stated, over the years have become convoluted as the Council made changes to create, for instance, new parking areas and resident parking areas. He stated that the work of the former General Counsel has been reviewed by the current **General Counsel, Suzanne Egan**, and the matter will be in the upcoming Mayor’s Report for City Council review.

**Councilor Nolan** stated that this matter is continued until September 19, 2022.

2. ***CC#2022-014 (Gilman): Amend City Council Rules of Procedure by ADDING “Rule 19: Requests to seek information from City Staff” (Referred back to O&A and General Counsel)***

**Summary of Discussion:** Councilor Nolan stated that **General Counsel** is in the process of preparing a statement on this matter; this matter is continued until the September 19, 2022.

3. ***Boards, Committees and Commissions***

**New Appointments****Committee of the Arts****Judith Hoglander****TTE 2/14/24**

**Summary of Discussion:** Ms. Judith Hoglander stated that she has a background in music and singing and explained that when she stopped singing she started using her voice to advocate for the arts.

The Members of the O&A Committee thanked Ms. Hoglander for the work that she and her husband have done for the City. Mayor Verga stated that when he took office the Committee for the Arts consisted of one member whose term expiration was imminent. He stated that the Committee of the Arts is important as the Committee makes recommendations on public art installations. Mayor Verga gave a brief overview of the make-up of the Committee and stated that the ordinance is currently being updated. He further explained that Ms. Hoglander was the former chair of the Committee and thanked her for her work that she has done for the City.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Margiotta, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Judith Hoglander to the Committee of the Arts, TTE 2/14/24.

Committee of the Arts

Karen Ristuben

TTE 2/14/23

**Summary of Discussion:** Ms. Karen Ristuben stated that she is currently employed by the Essex County Community Foundation and that she is also the Program Director for the Creative County Initiative which is investing in arts and culture throughout the communities within Essex County, as well as being a practicing musician. She stated she also has a background in the music industry and teaching art full-time at Hamilton-Wenham High School.

Mayor Verga and the Members of the O&A Committee thanked Ms. Ristuben for her willingness to serve the City.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Margiotta, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Karen Ristuben to the Committee of the Arts, TTE 2/14/23.

Committee of the Arts

Rebecca Reynolds

TTE 2/14/23

**Summary of Discussion:** Ms. Rebecca Reynolds stated that she is the Executive Director for the Manship Artists Residency with a specialty in American sculpture. She explained that she is a former member of the Committee for the Arts, with a background of working in museums, and has a lot of experience with restoration and renovation of sculpture and other work.

The Members of the O&A Committee thanked Ms. Reynolds for her willingness to serve. Mayor Verga commented on Ms. Reynolds' extensive background in the arts, particularly with sculpture, and is looking forward to her working with the rest of the Committee on the upcoming restoration of the Tablet Rock.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Margiotta, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Rebecca Reynolds to the Committee of the Arts, TTE 2/14/23.

Committee of the Arts

Miranda Aisling

TTE 2/14/25

**Summary of Discussion:** Ms. Aisling was not in attendance. Mayor Verga stated that Ms. Aisling has an extensive background in the arts and is employed by the Cape Ann Museum. Without objection, the O&A Committee agreed to move the appointment of Ms. Aisling forward to full City Council.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Margiotta, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Miranda Aisling to the Committee of the Arts, TTE 2/14/25.

Mayor Verga informed the new appointments for the Committee of the Arts that once each appointee takes their oath they can get down to business and that they do not have to wait for the vote of the full City Council.

**Council on Aging**

**Stephen M. Aiello**

**TTE 2/14/25**

**Summary of Discussion:** Mr. Stephen Aiello stated that he recently retired from the Fire Department and did several presentations at the Rose Baker Senior Center, as well as being the liaison between the Fire Department and the Council on Aging. He stated that he was also an EMS Officer at Brooksby Village providing emergency medical services to the aging population.

The Members of the O&A Committee thanked Mr. Aiello for his many years of service to the City. Mayor Verga stated that Mr. Aiello is a good fit for the Council on Aging.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Margiotta, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Stephen M. Aiello to the Council on Aging, TTE 2/14/25.

**Gloucester Cultural Council**

**John Hicks**

**TTE 2/14/25**

**Summary of Discussion:** Mr. John Hicks stated that he has a background in theater and music he has been directing musicals in local school systems for a number of years and also a member of the Good Ol' Salty Jazz Band.

The Members of the O&A Committee commented on Mr. Hicks' extensive background and thanked him for his willingness to serve.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Margiotta, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint John Hicks to the Gloucester Cultural Council, TTE 2/14/25.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 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>