

Ordinances & Administration Committee
Monday, May 1, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Harbormaster’s Conference Room, 19 Harbor Loop
and via Zoom
-Minutes-

Present (in person): Chair, Councilor Sean Nolan; Councilor Frank Margiotta

Present (remotely): Vice Chair, Councilor Jamie O’Hara

Other Councilors present (remotely): Councilor Jeff Worthley

Also Present (in person): Clerk of Committees, Sherry White

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

This meeting was conducted in person and remotely through ZOOM. All votes conducted by ROLL CALL.

Chair, Councilor Nolan announced: “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.

1. Boards, Committees and Commissions

<u>New Appointment</u>		
Animal Advisory Committee	Thomas “Tom” Markert	TTE 2/15/26

Summary of Discussion: **Mr. Markert** stated that he recently retired and moved to Gloucester from the Albany, New York area. He stated that he has been a pharmacist for his whole professional career and is excited to join the Animal Advisory Committee.

The **Members of the O&A Committee** thanked **Mr. Markert** for his willingness to serve.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **On a motion by Councilor Margiotta, 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 Thomas Tom” Markert to the Animal Advisory Committee, TTE 2/15/26.**

<u>Reappointments</u>		
Gloucester Housing Authority	Barbara Snare	TTE 5/17/28

Summary of Discussion: **Ms. Snare** was not in attendance. Her reappointment was moved forward as she is known to the O&A Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **On a motion by Councilor Margiotta, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Barbara Snare to the Gloucester Housing Authority, TTE 5/17/28.**

Licensing Board**Melissa Teixeira Prince****TTE 5/30/29**

Summary of Discussion: Ms. Teixeira Prince stated that she graduated from law school in 2007 and has worked at the courthouse for over thirty years. She stated that she also is a member of the School Committee for the past fourteen years and has been on the Licensing Board for the past three years. She stated that she has enjoyed the work of the Licensing Board and supporting small business.

The **Member of the O&A Committee** thanked Ms. Teixeira Prince for her commitment to the City and her willingness to serve.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Margiotta, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted by ROLL CALL 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council reappoint Melissa Teixeira Prince to the Licensing Board, TTE 5/30/29.

2. **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 4/3/23)**

Summary of Discussion: This matter was continued to June 19, 2023. *[After the meeting ended, it was realized that June 19, 2023, is a holiday so, per Councilor Nolan, this matter has been continued until July 17, 2023.]*

3. **CC#2023-011 (Worthley): Request that the Traffic Commission review the traffic patterns at the intersection of Washington Street and Centennial Avenue to improve the traffic flow and improve pedestrian safety and make a written recommendation on the finding of their review, including any traffic ordinance amendments if recommended (cont. from 4/3/23)**

Summary of Discussion: Councilor Worthley stated that a site visit took place with the Traffic Commission in which a number of suggestions were provided to make this a safer intersection. Councilor Worthley withdrew his Council Order without objection and stated that he will resubmit individual Council Orders based on the suggestions in the future.

Councilor Worthley wished to note that there have been 56 reported accidents in this area.

4. **CC#2023-024 (Memhard): Amend GCO Ch. 22, Sec. 22-271 “Parking prohibited from May 1st to September 15th – Generally” and Sec. 22-284 “Service or Loading Zones” re: Rocky Neck Avenue (cont. from 4/3/23)**

Summary of Discussion: Councilor Nolan explained that Councilor Memhard met with the Traffic Commission regarding this matter and it was determined to change the affected area to a loading zone instead of a total prohibition of parking.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Margiotta, 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 Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 22 as follows:

AMEND Sec. 22-271 ‘Parking prohibited from May 1st to September 15th – Generally’ by ~~[DELETING] Rocky Neck Avenue, easterly side, beginning at a point 137 feet from its intersection with Horton Street for a distance of 181 feet in a northerly direction;~~ and AMEND Sec. 22-284

“Service or loading zones” by **ADDING** to the existing loading zone Rocky Neck Avenue, easterly side, from a point 58 feet opposite the northerly entrance of Sumac Lane in a southwesterly direction for a distance of 40 feet **[ADDING] from the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

MOTION: 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 adjourn the meeting at **6:21 p.m.**

Submitted by Sherry White, Clerk of Committees

Documents submitted at the meeting: None.

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