

CITY COUNCIL AND
CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE
Ordinances & Administration
Monday, June 14, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.
Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

Present: Chair, Councilor Sefatia Theken; Vice Chair, Councilor Ann Mulcahey, Councilor Steven Curcuru (Alternate)

Absent: Councilor Tobey

Also Present: Councilor Paul McGeary; Councilor Jacqueline Hardy; Councilor Joseph Ciolino; City Clerk, Linda T. Lowe; Jim Duggan

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Items were taken out of order. There was a quorum of the City Council.

1. *Continued Business*

A) Appointments & Reappointments (Continued from 05/17/2010 and 05/03/2010 respectively)

All appointees and reappointees were reminded of the new Open Meeting Law to take effect as of July 1, 2010; that their meeting minutes were filed with the City Clerk's office; and were also asked to be sure the results from taking the State's Ethics exam on line were turned into the City Clerk's office, if they had not already done so.

Councilor Theken asked Mr. McLeod about the Gloucester Housing Authority as a separate entity from the City and how they worked in conjunction with the City for which he gave a brief overview.

Councilor Mulcahey expressed complaints from constituents about the new cleaning contractor at McPherson and Sheedy Park.

Mr. McLeod stated this cleaning company is under a one year contract. Supposedly it was being addressed. If not he will have them back, and will get back to the Councilor by the following Wednesday.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Theken, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council the reappointment of Michael McLeod to the Gloucester Housing Authority, TTE 05/28/2015.

Councilor Curcuru entered the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Ms. Gaspé Beaubien's appointment to the Tourism Commission came about due to the recent resignation of Mona Faherty. Her appointment was referred by the City Council on 6/7/2010.

Ms. Gaspé Beaubien expressed her reasons to become a member of the Tourism Commission stating she was a tourism industry professional and wished to contribute to their Commission to bring it to the next level in the promotion of Gloucester as a tourist destination.

Councilor Theken spoke with Ms. Beaubien about her feelings on the Welcome Center and all the groups involved in Gloucester in the City's promotion. She was disappointed that there was a lack of information on upcoming events within the City at the Center, and that there needed to be better organization within the Center for the volunteers to have more information at their fingertips. She hoped

that going forward Ms. Beaubien will help to bring unity to the Commission. She noted a new CATA bus service of a trolley that will take you around the downtown areas. She wanted the Commission to focus on things other than a brochure.

Councilor Mulcahey thanked Ms. Beaubien for her stepping forward, and thought she'd bring some fresh, new ideas to the Tourism Commission encouraging her not to be afraid to speak up.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council the appointment of Alisa de Gaspe Beaubien to the Tourism Commission, TTE 02/14/2013.

Lorre Anderson in response to the question why she wished to serve on the Tourism Commission stated she was a business owner on Main Street (The Black Swan) and previously had owned a business in York, ME, another tourist town. She noted once people are here, they're very impressed with the City and want to come back and bring their friends. She felt the greatest issue was getting more exposure for the City and bringing more people here believing she could help with that.

Councilor Hardy spoke of the different groups involved in tourism; that there has been some conflict as to who sits on what board. She asked if there was some affiliation with another group that would deter Ms. Anderson going forward in the best interest of the City of Gloucester serving on the Tourism Commission.

Ms. Anderson felt that would not be the case, feeling she could help with that issue. She put together a group downtown to represent the businesses called "Gloucester Downtown". She felt it was a normal process to have all of these people who are bright and active speaking up to create interest in tourism and now was the time to blend these groups together into one voice.

Councilor Hardy stated Ms. Anderson, then, would be enforcing the belief that we should be pulling in the same direction and not recreating what someone else has already done or is going to do.

Ms. Anderson reiterated they could all work together to coordinate, communicate and move forward.

Councilor Theken reviewed her comments on the Visitor Welcome Center to Ms. Anderson as she had with Ms. Gaspe Beaubien.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council the appointment of Lorre Anderson to the Tourism Commission, TTE 02/14/2011.

Robert Stewart expressed his desire to continue to serve the City of Gloucester, citing his familiarity with the City's zoning ordinances and with the kinds of cases they review noting his flexibility to deal with the kinds of complicated issues the City has before them.

The Committee and Councilors Hardy, McGeary, Ciolino expressed their support for the reappointment of Mr. Stewart and thanked him for his continuing service to the City.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council the reappointment of Robert Stewart to the Zoning Board of Appeals, TTE 02/14/2013.

- B) Order: CC2009-046 (Grow) Amend Chapter 17 of GCO re: Civil Service Ballot Measure & Procedure for Selection of Chief of Police

Ms. Egan briefly reviewed the updated draft amendment to Chapter 17, Article II Police Department numbered 17-16 through 17-32 with the Committee, noting the changes incorporated from suggestions of the Councilors.

Councilor Theken noted the concerns of Councilor Tobey were addressed in this current version.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Curcuru, seconded by Councilor Mulcahey the Ordinances & Administration committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 17 POLICE, Article II POLICE DEPARTMENT in its entirety with language as provided by General Counsel AND TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

C) CC2010-015 (Ciolino/Mulcahey) Amend GCO Sec. 290 "Parking meter zone-Off Street Parking Areas" re: Manuel F. Lewis Street (Continued from 05/03/2010)

Councilor Theken noted parking on Manuel Lewis Street would be first-come, first-served to the parking spaces for seniors on the street with a current Gloucester Senior beach parking sticker. Parking will know not to ticket those vehicles without a Gloucester Senior beach parking sticker if they do not feed the meters on Manuel Lewis Street. There will be no signs placed on the street.

Councilor Ciolino suggested that a sign be placed in the Senior Center to alert the seniors of this change. He noted they do have the mechanism that when people get stickers that you could park in that area. It's the same principal on I4-C2. He believed this was the right thing to do.

Councilor Theken stated they'd be sure that the seniors were notified in their bulletin each week over the next several issues to let them know of these changes.

Councilor Ciolino noted that the concept of using the current Gloucester beach parking stickers will also be employed for the special event overflow parking for I4-C2 where people can park for free with Gloucester beach parking stickers and felt they could build on this. He believed that allowing seniors to park for free with a Gloucester senior beach parking on Manuel F. Lewis Street was the right thing to do for the City's senior citizens and was all for it.

Councilor Hardy asked if this was Monday through Friday or seven days per week. She also wondered if there would be lost meter revenue.

Councilor Theken noted this would be for the seniors at any time a meter would be in effect just on Manuel F. Lewis Street, and that this was on a first-come, first-serve and that Gloucester seniors would not have to 'pump' the meter. However, if a vehicle didn't have a current Gloucester senior beach parking sticker, they'd have to feed the meter or be ticketed. She noted the continuance of the matter to this meeting to see if the abutters would come regarding the center area of the parking lot for 9 spaces be reserved for the Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Abutters were sent a letter notifying them of this meeting of O&A's intentions. All the surrounding area around the Senior Center will be by Gloucester Senior Beach parking sticker. Guests of the Senior Center will have to sign in and get a temporary parking pass. She did note that business owners she had spoken with prior to the meeting had no issues with the proposed changes.

Wayne Campbell, owner of the Liquor Locker, 287 Main Street felt this was fine for the parking spaces to be designated in the lot; however, they can't park on his private property which is a continuing problem. He also noted the parking lot was not well maintained. The lines need repainting very badly. People park their vehicles inappropriately. He hoped the City would label the lot properly.

Councilor Hardy wanted to remind the Chair that during the discussions on the matter they had asked the Administration would be kind enough to go to the Center on a few of their busy days to sell senior beach parking stickers.

The Committee agreed they would request that the DPW post signs at specific locations in the Manuel F. Lewis Parking Lot for the existing 9 spaces parallel to the eight spaces adjacent to Rogers Street with signage to read as follows:

"Parking for Rose Baker Senior Center Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Only";

and would ask that the Administration send representatives from the Treasurer's office to arrange with Senior Center staff to sell the senior beach parking stickers for the seniors at the Senior Center at their earliest convenience.

D) CC2010-023 (Tobey) Amend GCO Sec. 22-289 re: Main Street Parking Meter Time Limits
(Continued from 05/03/2010)

Councilor Theken stated this was to eliminate 'feeding the meters', and to possibly remove meters from Main Street from Flanagan Square to Washington Street. She did her own little survey and found that many businesses didn't wish to see the meters removed. Councilor Tobey wanted to know what the 'take' was on the meters. The last time they took up this matter Mr. Towne let them know when they institute their new ticketing system; it will be a lot harder to 'feed the meters'. If you move beyond 500 ft. you can't ticket the vehicle.

Councilor Ciolino felt there were two separate items on this order; one was to remove the meters and the other was shuffling. At this time the City doesn't have the means to police this change. The shuffling part is worth looking into and developing because it is a major problem for downtown.

Councilor Theken reminded the Committee that State law says that as long as a person feeds the meter and moves beyond 500 ft. after their time is up, they can do so and can't be ticketed. She wanted an ordinance that bans shuffling no matter where you park on Main Street. Mr. Towne did feel shuffling would be reduced with their new hand-held ticketing system; but she would ask that Ms. Egan draft an ordinance to designate no shuffling for Main Street.

Councilor Curcuro asked if the merchants downtown don't wish to see the meters removed, why was the O&A Committee still considering the possibility of removing them.

Councilor Theken responded in fairness she didn't talk to every single business owner. She also hadn't heard the report from the CFO yet and didn't feel they were ready to advertise for a public hearing on the matter.

Councilor Ciolino understood that there was no shuffling ordinance. There wasn't a basis for ticketing the worst abusers.

Councilor Theken felt it should be for Main Street not for other areas. She was concerned if this was City wide it could hurt other businesses away from the downtown area.

Ms. Lowe noted Councilor Tobey's desire was just to have this on Main Street, especially the removal of parking meters.

Councilor Theken summarized that the new ticketing method coming on line in July will make it easier to enforce a new shuffling ordinance and wanted language from General Counsel for an ordinance encompassing from Flanagan Square to the intersection of Main Street and Washington Street banning shuffling on Main Street during the hours meters are enforced.

This matter was continued to the next O&A Meeting of June 28, 2010.

E) CC2010-025 (Hardy) Amend GCO Sec. 270.1 "Resident Parking Only" and Sec. 22-291 "Tow Away Zones" re: entire length of High Street as well as all side streets

Councilor Hardy noted there are a couple of residents from Lanesville in attendance and expressed her surprise that Mr. Ryan of the Traffic Commission was not there to walk them through it. There is an effort in Lanesville to reestablish many of the parking signs that have been missing over the years due to the North Gloucester sewer project and to reevaluate which sides of the streets folks can park on so as to allow emergency vehicles to be able to pass through without impediment.

Councilor Mulcahey noted all of the signs that were taken down and wondered if they have to be deleted.

Councilor Hardy stated that will come at a later time before O&A. Mr. Ryan and the Traffic Commission have diligently researched whether or not these are duplicates and determined they aren't.

Councilor Theken stated those that were previously there and missing now do not need to come to this Committee; they go through the DPW. If roadways need new or additional signage, that would come before them. She spoke about examples of researching signs whether they already were on the books or not.

Councilor Hardy noted the language at the Traffic Commission regarding GCO Sec. 22-270.1, resident sticker parking only from May 1 through September 15 only and GCO Sec. 22-291 tow away zones by adding Tucker Street, west side where it intersects with Washington Street for its entire length in a southerly direction to a point at which it intersects with High Street. There was a great deal of discussion at the Traffic Commission meeting where they agreed that the limitation of the dates, seasonally, would be appropriate so that during holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas would allow for residents and their guests to park on the streets in front of their yards.

Jeff Ward, 27 High Street noted this effort stemmed from an ongoing situation in the vicinity of the Plum Cove School and Vernon's Quarry spearheaded by Councilor Hardy. This was a continuation of the recent ordinance changes on Hickory and Sawyer Streets in order to eliminate some of the parking issues with the quarries. He and Mr. Thibodeau are working on this also and wanted these changes for the High Street area to be seasonal as a compromise of May 1 through September 15. There were reservations expressed by some of the neighbors. There may be a way to have some sort of placard in the future for vehicles. They will alert the neighbors to come out for the public hearing.

Mike Thibodeau, 10 Hickory Street noted what happens on High Street affects the situation on his street. Their primary goal was to raise awareness on the part of the City as to the escalating unstable situation in their neighborhood. He described the concerning situation at the Vernon's Pit and got in touch with the Police Chief, Councilor Hardy, Mr. Duggan and was pleased with the forward progress being made. It has become too dangerous for the neighborhood to handle the situation on their own.

Councilor Hardy noted this action the Committee is being asked to undertake includes High Street, High Street Place, Tucker, Day Avenue, and Young Avenue. There will be additional streets coming forward. Because of what's happening on Hickory and Sawyer Streets has prompted what is now being undertaken for the other area streets.

Councilor Curcuru asked if these were on for a site visit.

Councilor Hardy indicated none of these were.

Councilor Theken asked how the resident parking would be designated.

Councilor Hardy related Mr. Ryan suggested that Lanesville would be the perfect target area to begin the resident Gloucester Beach Parking sticker parking restrictions so that you would know what section of the City folks were from and would be immediately evident. The resident beach sticker parking would be on a trial basis and would have to create a special ordinance to bring that into the neighborhoods. This would be for GCO Sec. 22-291 tow away zones.

Councilor Curcuru noted that this is something they talked about for Beach Court. They spoke about having zones on the stickers. It was to protecting people in their areas. If you live in Ward 5, your sticker would have a 5 on it, and you'd be able to park anywhere where there was established parking without exception within Ward 5 but it would not be applicable in other wards of the City.

Councilor Theken expressed concern about limiting it to wards/zones. She felt that was unfair as a resident she should be able to use her resident beach sticker for parking in many areas of the City and not be restricted or limited on public streets by ward/zone.

Councilor Curcuru noted other communities already do this, Cambridge being a good example. He noted Ward 3 has limited parking, and it is a problem. This was something he'd like to see go further.

Councilor Hardy expressed her concern the parking sticker issue may confuse the issue before them, and noted this was indicated as resident Sticker Parking Only as it relates to the dates, which is seasonal, May 1 through September 15, and the only affiliation with resident parking. In the future if they do a test run of the beach parking stickers, Mr. Ryan thought this would be an excellent place to start.

Mr. Ward pointed out that the Traffic Commission affirmed that the "Resident Sticker Parking" would apply to those vehicles with current resident beach parking stickers during the May 1 to September 15

limitations to the on-street parking. This will be only on the streets they are discussing this evening and did not apply to their previous actions on Hickory or Sawyer Streets.

Councilor Hardy responding to **Councilor Mulcahey's** statement that what's to stop other folks in the City coming up these streets and parking to use the quarry noting that nothing created today can't be changed tomorrow. They're trying to work with the neighborhood and the area residents; and this is the first step.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to amend GCO 22-270.1 "Resident Sticker Parking Only, May 1 to September 15 (Seasonal) by adding:

- **High Street both sides, from its intersection with Washington Street in a southerly direction to the point at which it intersects with Tucker Street AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.**

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to amend GCO 22-291 Tow Away Zones by adding:

- **High Street both sides, from its intersection with Washington Street in a southerly direction to the point at which it intersects with Tucker Street AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.**

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to amend GCO 22-270.1 "Resident Sticker Parking Only, May 1 to September 15 (Seasonal) by adding:

- **High Street Place, both sides, from its intersection with High Street, beginning at its intersection with High Street for its entire length in a southerly direction AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.**

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- **Young Avenue, both sides, from its intersection with Washington Street, beginning at its intersection with Washington Street for its entire length in a southerly direction to the point at which it intersects with High Street AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.**

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to amend GCO 22-291 Tow Away Zones by adding:

- Young Avenue, both sides, from its intersection with Washington Street, beginning at its intersection with Washington Street for its entire length in a southerly direction to the point at which it intersects with High Street AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to amend GCO 22-270.1 “Resident Sticker Parking Only, May 1 to September 15 (Seasonal) by adding:

- Day Avenue, both sides beginning at its intersection with High Street for its entire length in a southerly direction AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to amend GCO 22-291 Tow Away Zones by adding:

- Day Avenue, both sides beginning at its intersection with High Street for its entire length in a southerly direction AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to amend GCO 22-270 “No Parking at All Times” on the easterly side of Tucker Street AND TO FURTHER ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to amend GCO 22-291 Tow Away Zones by adding the easterly side of Tucker Street AND TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend t the City Council to amend GCO 22-270.1 “Resident Sticker Parking Only, May 1 to September 15 (Seasonal) by adding:

- Tucker Street, western side, from its intersection with Washington Street, beginning at its intersection with Washington Street for its entire length in a southerly direction to the point at which it intersects with High Street AND TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to amend GCO 22-291 Tow Away Zones by adding:

- Tucker Street, western side, from its intersection with Washington Street, beginning at its intersection with Washington Street for its entire length in a southerly direction to the

point at which it intersects with High Street AND TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

- F) CC2010-011 (Hardy) Order that City Council review the current Rules of Procedure in order to bring them up to date (Continued from 05/17/2010)

This matter was continued to June 28, 2010.

2. CC2010-028 (Mulcahey) Amend GCO Sec. 22-287: delete 44 Warner Street, one handicapped Parking space and add 46 Warner Street

Councilor Mulcahey noted that the person at 44 Warner Street passed away and that Ms. Duchene has passed in her handicapped placard to prove her status.

Joan Duchane at 46 Warner Street stated she did need the space.

Councilor Curcuru stated he was at the Traffic Commission meeting when the matter was discussed and was in favor of moving the handicapped space to #44 Warner Street.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to amend GCO Sec. 22-287 Disabled veteran, handicapped parking space by DELETING one handicapped parking space at 44 Warner Street and ADDING one handicapped parking space at 46 Warner Street AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

3. CC2010-029 (Hardy) Amend GCO Sec. 22-270 "Parking Prohibited at all Times" re: Dennison Street

Councilor Hardy noted that the residents are in favor of no parking on the water side. The sign does not need to be part of the action to be advertised.

Councilor Theken felt that all this had been previously discussed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to amend GCO Sec. 22-270 "Parking Prohibited at all Times" by adding Dennison Street on the southerly (water) side for a distance of 200 feet in an easterly direction from its intersection with Washington Street (to pole #1412) AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

4. CC2010-030 (Hardy) Amend GCO Sec. 22-291 "Tow Away Zones" re: Dennison Street

Councilor Hardy informed the Committee this request is the same information but to indicate a Tow Away Zone for the southerly side of Dennison Street under GCO Sec. 22-291.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to amend GCO Sec. 22-291 "Tow Away Zone" by ADDING Dennison Street on the southerly (water) side of for a distance of 200 feet in an easterly direction from its intersection with Washington Street (to pole #1412) AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

5. CC2010-031 (Hardy) Amend GCO Sec. 22-269 "Stop Intersections" re: Leonard Street from its Intersection with Rogers Lane

Councilor Hardy noted that an overhead photograph was taken and at the Traffic Commission meeting presented showing how as you come up Leonard Street as you get to the rise on the hill when you're already powering up picking up speed as you get to the top and plateau there is a home practically on the street, no more than 2 feet from it that acts as a visual obstruction to the roadway. In addition, right there is Rogers Lane. The Traffic Commission did a site visit and recommended a stop sign be placed there and a white stop line should be painted on the roadway at that intersection.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to amend GCO Sec. 22-269 "Stop Intersections" by ADDING Leonard Street from it's intersection with Rogers Lane and that a wide white STOP line be painted on the roadway at said intersection AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

6. CC2010-032 (Hardy/Mulcahey) Amend under GCO Sec. 22-93 "Marked crosswalks; yielding right of way to pedestrians: Harbor Loop to add a crosswalk

Ms. Lowe informed the Committee that a communication was received from Harriet Webster, Executive Director of the Maritime Heritage Museum who were requesting and endorsing the creation of a crosswalk as being discussed by them now (on file).

Councilor Hardy noted that this has been in front of the Council several times. The Traffic Commission had done their due diligence and made their measurements and recommendations and provided them within their most recent minutes.

Councilor Mulcahey noted in 2007 the workup was done to make sure that the trailer trucks were not displaced; that they were further back from the curve where it's hard to see and that the walkway comes down from the steps onto the proposed crosswalk. It would necessitate the removal of one parking meter. They left ample space on either side of the crosswalk so that people will be seen when they're crossing the street, especially if there's any large vehicles near the crosswalk. She approved it then as a member of the Traffic Commission, but it did not move forward.

Ms. Lowe recommended deletion of any existing ordinances on a Harbor Loop crosswalk in the vicinity of this proposed ordinance amendment before adding a new one.

Councilor Theken asked Ms. Lowe to investigate any existing old ordinances regarding the parking of trailer trucks on Harbor Loop and on crosswalks within Harbor Loop.

Councilors Hardy and Mulcahey discussed the Traffic Commission referencing of their July 24, 2007 meeting on the matter and issues related to it.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council under GCO Sec. 22-93 "Marked crosswalks; yielding right of way to pedestrians by creating a crosswalk at Harbor Loop from the bottom of the stairs at the back of the Fitz H. Lane building leading across the street to the Solomon Jacobs Park – Heritage Center location (23 Harbor Loop) and further to restrict all parking to a safe distance away from said crosswalk so as to have a safe lines of sight and erect appropriate signage and to be in compliance with GCO Sec. 22-285(d) governing trailer truck parking on Harbor Loop AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

7. CC2010-033 (Hardy) Amend GCO Sec. 22-292 "Fire Lanes" re: Andrews Street along Lanes Cove Seawall

Councilor Theken stated this matter was TABLED by the Traffic Commission until a site visit could be conducted with area residents during a busy period to see the area at its most congested.

This matter is continued and will return to the O&A Agenda upon a recommendation by the Traffic Commission after the conclusion of their site visit.

8. CC2010-034 (Hardy) Amend GCO Sec. 22-267 “One way streets-Generally” by deleting Washington Street from Andrews Street to Butman Avenue, and amend Sec. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times” by adding Washington Street from Andrews Street

Councilor Theken stated this matter was also TABLED by the Traffic Commission after discussions with Councilor Hardy and area residents and will combine a site visit with CC2010-033 (Hardy) concerning Andrews Street to also view the situation.

This matter is continued and will return to the O&A Agenda upon a recommendation by the Traffic Commission after the conclusion of their site visit.

9. CC2010-035 (Hardy) Amend GCO Sec. 22-270 “Parking Prohibited at all Times” re: Leverett St.

Councilor Hardy spoke regarding the matter and that agreed at the Traffic Commission meeting to change the easterly side to no parking for the entire length, while the westerly side would have a sign installed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to amend GCO Sec. 22-270 “Parking Prohibited at all times” by ADDING Leverett Street easterly side for its entire length AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

10. CC2010-036 (Tobey) (a) Rescinding for FY12 Budget Cycle the CSO debt shift enacted on May 25, 2010 and (b) instituting a stormwater fee system pursuant to the ordinance enacted September 2009

This matter was continued to June 28, 2010 as Councilor Tobey, who brought the matter before the Committee, was not in attendance.

11. CC2010-040 (Whynott/McGeary/Verga) City Council to investigate possibility of removing the restriction of “special events only” and amend the GCO Chapter 11 “Hawkers and Peddlers, and Transient Vendors” §11-5(6), §11-8, and §11-10 for the Stage Fort Park vendor site

No action was taken by the Committee on this matter.

12. Request by CAO Jim Duggan regarding a fee structure and recommendations of the DPW Director for temporary parking on the Parcel known as I4-C2 under City Charter Sec. 7-16(a)

Mr. Duggan provided a memo dated 06/14/2010 from the DPW Director to the Mayor requesting approval of parking fees for 65 Rogers Street. The memo is on file. He then reviewed for the Committee that under City Charter, Sec. 7-16(a) any rate, fee or other charge must be referred by the Director of Public Works to the Mayor for her review and was presenting that to them now. The proposed plan mirrors the fee structure of Stage Fort Park, with a 2010 City of Gloucester Beach Parking Sticker parking will be free; all others will be charged:

- passenger car/truck of \$10.00
- Buses \$25.00.

Councilor Theken questioned if this would be for just this lot, 65 Rogers Street or would they be looking for an ordinance change.

Mr. Duggan responded this would be specifically for this lot only.

Councilor Theken asked Ms. Egan if this matter needed an ordinance.

Ms. Egan responded they simply needed to add it under the Beach and Stage Fort Park regulations.

Councilor Theken asked if this would have a temporary date on the change.

Mr. Duggan stated he didn't expect this to be permanent; however, if the Councilor wished to make it temporary for the 2011 fiscal year he didn't have any issue with that.

Councilor Theken expressed her concern the possibility of I4-C2 being left as a parking lot.

Councilor Curcuru recalled it didn't fall under the criteria for this area, that it could never be permanent as it wouldn't be allowed under the DPA which Mr. Duggan confirmed.

Councilor Theken stated she knew that under the DPA and Chapter 91 nothing was permanent; but nothing said it couldn't stay there for another two years. We all said the lot was going to go forward until a permanent solution for the lot was found. But if they leave it open air parking, they don't know what will happen because it's not on the books.

Councilor Theken asked if under the Eminent Domain this could stay as a parking facility.

Ms. Egan responded no.

Councilor Theken continued that they have to work towards economic development to expand and utilize the lot starting by the Administration holding listening posts to determine what they're going to do with it. In the meantime this can stay a parking lot for all that time. If it takes five or six years before they do anything with it, it will remain a parking lot.

Councilor Curcuru asked if the Councilor was asking if the Administration would have to come forward every year to O&A to ask to use the lot for open air overflow event parking.

Councilor Theken qualified her statement that she realized they wouldn't have to come forward to ask each year because the lot wouldn't likely have a plan within the very next year. It would take at least a year just for the listening posts; and she wasn't worried about this Administration's commitment.

Mr. Duggan stated what was before the Committee was the parking fee structure for their approval. With regard to any long-term use, that was not on the table at this time.

Councilor Theken stated she wanted to see an end date for the fee structure. She didn't pay \$1.5 million for a parking lot or a park. If it went on the books open-ended, she felt there would be no impetus to push the matter forward to look for a final solution to the empty lot. She wished to see the Administration come forward to the City Council with a plan for the lot. And if they could not, she would want them to come forward to explain why they were still in the same place. She was concerned about the rules being followed when the Council had made changes in regulations. She wanted to protect the City that I4-C2 doesn't end up for years and years as a special event overflow parking lot. She wanted the next Administration, whoever it may be, to come forward to ask for a continuation of the fee structure and tell the Council why and where they are on forward movement on their plans for the lot.

Mr. Duggan stated for the record that at this point the parking on I4-C2 will be temporary over the course of the next year, potentially leading into two years. Beyond that he didn't believe that the State would even allow that in any shape or form.

Councilor Theken asked Ms. Egan if she agreed with that.

Ms. Egan stated it is valid to limit the ability to assess parking fees to two years.

Councilor Theken stated there's nothing wrong with coming back each year, with whomever the Mayor is, to answer to the City Council what is happening on that lot and request the permission for the fees again. The Mayor should have no problem with this commitment.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Mulcahey, seconded by Councilor Curcuru voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council under the City Charter, Sec. 7-16(a) to charge for interim special event parking at the parcel known as I4-C2, 65 Rogers Street, for fees in a two year term ending in 2013 as follows:

- **Current City of Gloucester Beach Parking Sticker: free**
- **Passenger car/truck: \$10.00**

- **Buses: \$25.00**

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dana C. Jorgenson
Clerk of Committees**