

Ordinances & Administration Committee
Monday, September 17, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.
1st Fl. Council Conference Room – City Hall
-Minutes-

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Councilor Holmgren; Joanne M. Senos; Grace Poirier

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m

1. *New Appointments to Boards, Committees & Commissions*

Clean City Commission

Sarah Steward

TTE 02/14/21

Ms. Steward advised the Committee that she and her sister own a shop in the city, “One Love,” having an abiding interest in the environment; they give back 5% of their profits to help keep the oceans clean. She noted that volunteering for the Clean City Commission is an extension of her interest in the environment.

The Committee members offered their thanks to Ms. Steward for stepping forward to volunteer with the Clean City Commission to give back to the city. **Councilor Nolan** noted that Ms. Steward and her sister have already done great things for the community.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Sarah Steward to the Clean City Commission, TTE 02/14/21.

2. *Memorandum from General Counsel re: request law firm Anderson Kreiger (A&K) of Boston, MA be classified as a Special Municipal Employee*

Councilor LeBlanc advised that he spoke with General Counsel, Chip Payson on the matter of classifying a law firm or firms as Special Municipal employees. He noted that the city already deals with Anderson Kreiger (A&K), and that this action by the Council will allow A&K to continue to represent private clients in matters unrelated to opioids and before permitting boards and other municipal bodies in the city. He advised he had no objection to this action by the Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint all outside legal counsel for the City of Gloucester in litigation against opioid manufacturers as Special Municipal Employees of the City of Gloucester pursuant to GCO Chapter 2, Sec. 2-44 “Special Municipal Employees” (b)(2).

3. *Memorandum from General Counsel re: MuniCode Ordinance Review & Recommendations for Gloucester’s General Code of Ordinances & Gloucester Zoning Ordinance - List 2 (Cont’d from 08/06/18)*

Mr. Payson asked that this matter be continued to the O&A Committee’s October 1, 2018 meeting.

This matter is continued to October 1, 2018.

4. *CC2018-029 (Holmgren): Request Traffic Commission review the matter of limiting amount of time & locations that commercial box trucks are allowed to park on public streets (Cont’d from 06/18/18) - To be withdrawn*

Councilor Holmgren explained that a constituent brought the issue of box truck parking on public ways to her attention. Considering the range of city neighborhoods, she advised, she knew this matter could be difficult. After bringing it to the Traffic Commission and in speaking with the Ward Councilors, it was decided that there should be no changes at this time to the city’s traffic ordinances in regard to this specific issue.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council permit the withdrawal without prejudice CC2018-029 (Holmgren): Request Traffic Commission reviews the matter of limiting amount of time and locations that commercial box trucks are allowed to park on public streets.

This matter will come forward under "Committee Report."

5. *CC2018-033 (LeBlanc/Nolan) Request Traffic Commission perform a speed study on Bond Street to determine whether the speed limit should be reduced to 20 MPH and make a written recommendation to O&A, and depending on results of study, O&A recommend the City Council request MassDOT approve a 20 MPH speed limit on Bond Street (TBC 10/01/18)*

Councilor LeBlanc advised that the completed traffic study showed that it isn't that people are speeding on Bond Street, rather, due to the roadway with sharp turns and blind corners with a speed limit of 30 mph, it appears it would be advisable to petition MassDOT to lower the speed limit to 20 mph for safety purposes.

6. *CC2018-034 (LeBlanc) Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles", Sec. 22-270.1 "Resident Sticker Parking Only" be Amended by ADDING: "Babson Street" (TBC 10/01/18)*
7. *CC2018-035 (Gilman/Cox) Amend the February 28, 2017 City Council Rules of Procedure by ADDING Rule 17 re: a City Council Civility Resolution Review & Approval will be placed on a City Council meeting agenda during the month of January of each new term of office*

Councilor LeBlanc, noting that neither Councilors Gilman or Cox were present, explained that the basis for this Council Order came from his expressing concern that the Civility Resolution wasn't signed by the Councilors sworn into office in January 2018, and had suggested that the Council should revote the Resolution every two years right after taking office. He offered his support for this amendment to the Rules of Procedure.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O'Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council AMEND the February 28, 2017 City Council Rules of Procedure by ADDING "Rule 17" as follows:

"Rule 17: Civility Resolution

A City Council Civility Resolution Review & Approval will be placed on a City Council Meeting Agenda during the month of January of each new term of office."

This matter will come forward under "Committee Report."

Councilor LeBlanc advised that the matter of the Memorandum from Mayor re: recreational marijuana recommendations, carried on the O&A Agenda since April 30, 2018, has been removed as the role of the City Council pursuant to the memorandum was now complete.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgensson
Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.