

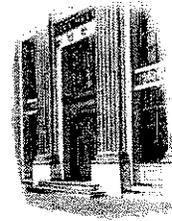


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The City Council of the City of Quincy met on Monday, November 14, 2011 in the City Hall Council Chambers with City Council President Kevin F. Coughlin presiding. Present were Councilors Finn, Gutro, Keenan, McFarland, McNamee, Orlando, and Palmucci. Late Arrival: Councilor Laforest.

President Coughlin opened the meeting with a moment of silence in recognition of all the men and women serving our nation in the military, both at home and abroad. He also recognized the recent death of city employee Robert DeCristofaro.

Councilor Gutro recognized Quincy resident, and Boston Firefighter, Glenn McGillvray, for his heroic rescue of a six-year-old boy in a house fire, and presented him with a commendation from the City Council.

#2011-111 – Pending in Ordinance Committee regarding utility advisory council fines, city tax and payment. #2011-112 – Pending in Ordinance Committee. The discussion which began in the 6:30 p.m. Ordinance Committee meeting was continued. After a lengthy discussion this matter was continued to a future Ordinance Committee meeting.

Acceptance of a gift in the amount of \$1,000 from Dunkin Donuts for the D.A.R.E. program. Councilor Gutro moved acceptance. On the motion made by Councilor Gutro, seconded by Councilor McFarland with a recommendation it ought to pass, the order passed by an 8-0 roll call vote.

Acceptance of a gift in the amount of \$350 from various donors for the D.A.R.E. program in memory of Sgt. Kenneth Borst. Councilor Orlando moved acceptance. On the motion made by Councilor Orlando, seconded by Councilor Finn with a recommendation it ought to pass, the order passed by a 9-0 roll call vote.

Communications:

Installation of a tow zone, no stopping, no standing, on the west side of McGrath Highway from Washington Street to Miller Stile Road and the Dennis Ryan Parkway, on both sides of Revere Road from Miller Stile Road, Dennis Ryan Parkway to Mechanic Street, and on both sides of the Hannon Parkway from Mechanic Street to Granite Street. This has been approved by the Traffic Engineer. Councilor Gutro recommended the Traffic Commissioner come before the Council at a future meeting to discuss traffic on the Walter Hannon Parkway. This was referred to the Ordinance Committee and Advertising, all in favor.

#2011-165 - Amending Council Order for conduit location number 156 dated March 1, 1954, and Council Order for conduit location number 539 dated June 20, 1955. This is relative to a conflict with existing utility poles beneath the public way known as Walter J. Hannon Parkway. Councilor McFarland moved waiving the reading, all in favor. This will require advertising and a public hearing. This item was moved to the Public Works Committee and Advertising, all in favor.

Appropriation not to exceed \$160,000 to Discover Quincy/Quincy Chamber of Commerce Tourism, to be distributed in quarterly payments, and transferred from the Hotel/Motel Tax. Mr. Fatseas addressed the Council. He stated this is an annual appropriation, but will be made quarterly in \$40,000 increments. Councilor Gutro moved approval. Donna Mavromates, Director of Tourism for the Quincy Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Council. She stated they are excited about their upcoming plans. She provided copies of several brochures for review and answered questions from the Councilors. On the motion made by Councilor Gutro, seconded by Councilor McNamee with a recommendation it ought to pass, the order passed by a 9-0 roll call vote.

Reports of Committees:

Ordinance Committee:

#2011-154 – Installation of No Parking 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m. on the west side of Belmont Street from Holbrook Road to Hamilton Avenue. This has been approved by the Traffic Engineer. Councilor Gutro moved positive recommendation. On the motion made by Councilor Gutro, seconded by Councilor McFarland with a recommendation it ought to pass, the order passed by a 9-0 roll call vote.

#2011-155 – Installation of handicapped parking at 36 Prospect Avenue. This has been approved by the Traffic Engineer. Councilor Gutro moved positive recommendation. On the motion made by Councilor Gutro, seconded by Councilor Finn with a recommendation it ought to pass, the order passed by a 9-0 roll call vote.

#2011-156 – Installation of handicapped parking at 11 Ellington Road. This has been approved by the Traffic Engineer. Councilor Gutro moved positive recommendation. On the motion made by Councilor Gutro, seconded by Councilor Keenan with a recommendation it ought to pass, the order passed by a 9-0 roll call vote.

#2011-157 – Installation of handicapped parking at 195 Newbury Avenue. This has been approved by the Traffic Engineer. Councilor Gutro moved positive recommendation. On the motion made by Councilor Gutro, seconded by Councilor McNamee with a recommendation it ought to pass, the order passed by a 9-0 roll call vote.

#2011-158 – Installation of handicapped parking at 71 Avalon Avenue. This has been approved by the Traffic Engineer. Councilor Gutro moved positive recommendation. On the motion made by Councilor Gutro, seconded by Councilor Orlando with a recommendation it ought to pass, the order passed by a 9-0 roll call vote.

#2011-159 – Installation of handicapped parking at 28 Vine Avenue. This has been approved by the Traffic Engineer. Councilor Gutro moved positive recommendation. On the motion made by Councilor Gutro, seconded by Councilor Orlando with a recommendation it ought to pass, the order passed by a 9-0 roll call vote.

Councilor Finn asked consent of the body to allow Mr. Harrington to speak on agenda item 4. Councilor Keenan moved this item be removed from Committee and placed back before the Council, seconded by Councilor Gutro, all in favor. Mr. Harrington stated this order will abandon the aerial on Revere Road. The City has paid to install the conduits, and are required to pay to connect the buildings, however, the City is requesting that National Grid pull their wires through the underground at their own expense. Councilor Finn recommended favorable passage of this article. On the motion made by Councilor Finn, seconded by Councilor McFarland with a recommendation it ought to pass, the order passed by a 9-0 roll call vote.

Petitions, Memorials, Remonstrances:

Councilor Finn stated he has been contacted by constituents complaining about the fact that when sidewalks are opened up they are staying open for a significant period of time before contractors complete the work. He asked the Commissioner of Public Works to provide an update of the schedule of what has been completed to date. Commissioner Raymondi addressed the Council. He stated when he assumed this position there was a backlog of over 1000 sidewalks, both concrete and asphalt, with 10-15 new calls coming in per day. They have now developed a policy and procedure where the city workers open the sidewalks and a private contractor comes in to base and top the sidewalk. This has increased productivity four to five fold, however, there are occasions when sidewalks may be open for two to three weeks. As their season is coming to an end he will be able to better assess what work has been completed and what work remains and will provide that information to the Council.

Scheduling of Meetings:

A meeting of the Ordinance Committee is scheduled for *Monday, November 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.*

A meeting of the Downtown Committee is scheduled for *Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.*

A public hearing with the Department of Public Utilities regarding the petition to conduct an investigation of National Grid's response to Tropical Storm Irene will be held on *Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.*

Motion made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



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Installation of a tow zone, no stopping, no standing, on the east side of McGrath Highway from Washington Street to Miller Stile Road/Dennis Ryan Parkway. This has been approved by the Traffic Engineer. This was referred to the Ordinance Committee and Advertising, all in favor.

Installation of a tow zone, no stopping, no standing on both sides of McGrath Highway from Southern Artery to Washington Street. This has been approved by the Traffic Engineer. This was referred to the Ordinance Committee and Advertising, all in favor.

Installation of no parking on the north side of Barbour Terrace from Moffat Road, to 250 feet east of Moffat Road. This has been approved by the Traffic Engineer. This was referred to the Ordinance Committee and Advertising, all in favor.

Installation of handicapped parking at 93 Safford Street. This has been approved by the Traffic Engineer. This was referred to the Ordinance Committee and Advertising, all in favor.

Installation of handicapped parking at 23 Warwick Street. This has been approved by the Traffic Engineer. This was referred to the Ordinance Committee and Advertising, all in favor.

Installation of handicapped parking on Wall Street behind 1173 State Street. This has been approved by the Traffic Engineer. This was referred to the Ordinance Committee and Advertising, all in favor.

Petitions, Memorials, Remonstrances:

President Coughlin asked Commissioner Raymondi if he had any information relative to a mailing that was sent to senior citizens regarding an insurance policy for their water service. Commissioner Raymondi stated he received one of these mailings at his home and many phone calls have been received on this matter. He stated this entity is offering insurance for homeowners' water pipes. He cautioned people to read this thoroughly and be cautious when deciding whether to purchase this insurance. He emphasized this is not a city sponsored program.

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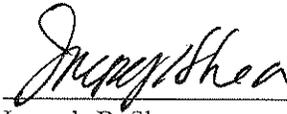
A meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for *Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fenno House, 540 Hancock Street*, to address Council Order 2011-129, relative to traffic safety near the Fenno House.

A meeting of the Ordinance Committee is scheduled for *Monday, December 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.*

Councilor Gutro requested three items be put on the Council agenda before the end of the year: an update on the track, the appeal of the civil service action relative to the Fire Chief, and the plan on paying for city hall improvements.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Robert DeCristofaro.

Motion made to adjourn, the motion passed by an 8-0 roll call vote. Meeting adjourned.



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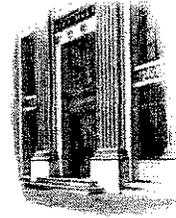


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The City Council of the City of Quincy met on Monday, November 21, 2011 in the City Hall Council Chambers with City Council President Kevin F. Coughlin presiding. Present were Councilors Finn, Gutro, Keenan, Laforest, McFarland, McNamee, Orlando, and Palmucci.

President Coughlin opened the meeting with a moment of silence in recognition of all the men and women serving our nation in the military, both at home and abroad.

Councilor Gutro and President Coughlin recognized the William R. Caddy Detachment #124 on its 65th anniversary, and presented them with a commendation from the City Council.

Appropriation of \$99,615.91 to Drain Department Personal Services (\$48,912.64) and Expenditures (\$50,703.27). Same to be charged to Revenue of FY 2012 (Hurricane Irene). Councilor Keenan moved reference to the Finance Committee. On the motion made by Councilor Keenan, seconded by Councilor Gutro with a recommendation it ought to pass, all in favor.

Appropriation of \$54,518.21 to Park Department Personal Services (\$8,355.71) and Expenditures (\$46,162.50). Same to be charged to Revenue of FY 2012 (Hurricane Irene). Councilor Gutro moved reference to the Finance Committee. On the motion made by Councilor Gutro, seconded by Councilor Keenan with a recommendation it ought to pass, all in favor.

Appropriation of \$4,500 to Yard Waste Contractual. Same to be charged to Revenue of FY 2012 (Hurricane Irene). Councilor Gutro moved reference to the Finance Committee. On the motion made by Councilor Gutro, seconded by Councilor Keenan with a recommendation it ought to pass, all in favor.

Appropriation of \$830 to Sewer Department Personal Services. Same to be charged to Revenue of FY 2012 (Hurricane Irene). Councilor Gutro moved reference to the Finance Committee. On the motion made by Councilor Gutro, seconded by Councilor Keenan with a recommendation it ought to pass, all in favor.

Reclassification of Fire Claims Offset to General Revenue (\$6,951.25). The clerk indicated he did not have an order for this item. This item will be tabled, all in favor.

Appropriation of \$6,951.25 to Fire Department Expense. Same to be charged to Revenue of FY 2012. Councilor Keenan moved reference to the Finance Committee. On the motion made by Councilor Keenan, seconded by Councilor Laforest with a recommendation it ought to pass, all in favor.

Acceptance of a gift in the amount of \$19,140 from Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament for various local charities. Councilor McFarland moved acceptance. On the motion made by Councilor McFarland, seconded by Councilor Orlando with a recommendation it ought to pass, the order passed by a 9-0 roll call vote.

Solicitor Timmins addressed the Council to provide an update on the status of construction of a running track in the City of Quincy. The School Committee has voted to approve the citing of the track at Faxon Park. In spring 2011 the Council transferred the funding and the project is moving forward at Faxon Park. The bid package is being restyled and will be going out shortly. They anticipate doing site work over the course of the winter and work will commence as soon as possible, with the goal of having the facility ready by June 2012. Councilor Gutro asked how the City paid for the site prep work. Solicitor Timmins indicated Faxon was used as a staging area for the new high school project and there was a stipulation that Faxon be returned to its prior state of two ball fields, so the money allocated for that work was used instead for the site prep work for the track. Councilor Gutro asked the Solicitor to explore whether there was a separate bond issued for the track. Councilor Palmucci asked for the status of the lawsuit. Solicitor Timmins indicated the matter has been settled and it was determined the land is in the control of the School Department.

Solicitor Timmins addressed the Council to provide an update on the Civil Service Appeal regarding the Fire Chief position. He stated the City has a 30A appeal pending in Suffolk Superior Court. The order of the Civil Service Commission ordered the City do certain things which would have taken the Mayor out of the process and the Commission does not have authority to dictate process in that manner. He appeared in court to request a stay so everything remains status quo pending a resolution of the appeal. He is hoping to have resolution of this matter in Spring 2012. An extensive discussion was held regarding this matter.

Commissioner Raymondi addressed the Council to provide an update on the purchase of a new salt shed at the Department of Public Works. He stated when he assumed his current position they began assessing utilizing the current shed or buying a new shed which would streamline their operation. He discussed this with the Chief Financial Officer who indicated it would be an appropriate expense under snow and ice. Purchasing entered this into the central registry on August 31, 2011. They went through the conservation process, filed a notice of intent on October 14, and there was a public hearing conducted on November 2. The foundation of the new shed will be concrete blocks, a steel frame, and a fabric structure that will secure the contents of the salt shed. Councilor Finn expressed concern that this project was not brought before the Council or the Public Works Committee. He asked if the Director of Municipal Finance sought an opinion from the Department of Revenue as to the advisability of charging this to the snow and ice account. The City Auditor stated it would be her opinion that a capital expenditure should have been budgeted for under a capital expenditure line, not to the snow and ice account. Councilor Keenan stated he feels the Commissioner has justified the need for the shed and suggested the administration come in with an order for the shed as a capital expenditure and the budget for snow and ice removal would be decreased. President Davis asked that the Mayor bring an order before the Council for this capital expenditure, as described, in the amount of \$250,000.

Councilor Keenan presented a report in support of rezoning of Wollaston Business District. Councilor Keenan stated in 2009 a neighborhood meeting was held and the concept of rezoning Wollaston Center was presented. He is submitting this report for the record so the Council can work on this in the next session. He moved reference to the Downtown Economic Development

Committee. On the motion made by Councilor Keenan, seconded by Councilor Gutro with a recommendation it ought to pass, all in favor.

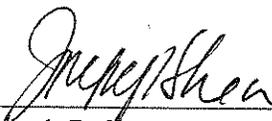
Reports of Committees:

Councilor Gutro thanked Councilor Palmucci, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for the field meeting he conducted at the Fenno House regarding Senior Safety Zone legislation.

Public Safety Committee:

Councilor Palmucci thanked the Fenno House for allowing them to hold the recent Public Safety Committee meeting there.

Motion made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.



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