

At a Special meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on December 29, 2021:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 5:30 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Members present: William E. Reichert, Vice-President; Walter M.O. Steere, III; and William Worthy, Jr.

Member absent: Julian P. Forgue, President & Stephen Arnold;

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

Councilor W. Reichert asked all to stand to observe a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of our fellow Councilor, Council President Jay Forgue.

Councilor W. Reichert asked for a motion to convene to executive session.

IV. Seek to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to:

R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) Pending Litigation:

A. Opioid Class Action Suit

Discussion, vote or other action by Town Council pertaining to opioid litigation including:

1. Rhode Island Memorandum of Understanding Between the State and Cities and Towns Receiving Opioid Settlement Funds

B. Discussion, vote or other action by town pertaining to: Extension of Pilot Agreement between Factory Mutual & Town of Gloucester

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to Seek to Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to: R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) Pending Litigation: A. Opioid Class Action Suit Discussion, vote or other action by Town Council pertaining to opioid litigation including: 1. Rhode Island Memorandum of Understanding Between the State and Cities and Towns Receiving Opioid Settlement Funds B. Discussion, vote or other action by town pertaining to: Extension of Pilot Agreement between Factory Mutual & Town of Gloucester; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Worthy, Reichert, Steere

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

After Executive Session

V. Reconvene Open Session - Disclosure of votes take in Executive Session & Consideration of the Sealing of Minutes - Discussion and/or Action

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to RECONVENE Open Session, DISCLOSE one vote was taken in Executive Session and to SEAL the minutes of Closed Executive Sessions; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Worthy, Reichert, Steere
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VI. New Business

A. Discussion, vote or other action by town pertaining to: Extension of Pilot Agreement between Factory Mutual & Town of Gloucester

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to AUTHORIZE the Town Council Vice President to sign the document entitled "FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES ("PILOT") AGREEMENT" between Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, Factory Mutual Insurance Company and the Town of Gloucester; said amendment shall extend the current PILOT Agreement from December 31, 2021 to February 28th, 2022; said extension is valid upon signature of all parties named; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Worthy, Reichert, Steere
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Councilor W. Reichert stated the Clerk would like Council to amend the agenda, for a discussion item only to allow Council to discuss the actions necessary to fill the vacant seat on the Town Council.

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ADD Item B. Discussion regarding Town Council Vacant Seat; seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Worthy, Reichert, Steere
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

B. Town Council Vacant Seat

The Clerk explained that per the Charter she has called for a Board of Canvassers meeting to certify the next eligible candidate from the November 2020 election. The Clerk further explained that once the remaining candidate list is certified the candidate with the next highest vote total will be sworn into office at the beginning of the next Town Council meeting. The Clerk stated after that person is sworn into office they will be seated with Council and there will be an election of President and Vice President if needed.

After discussion it was agreed that Town Council liaison positions previously held by Councilor Forgue could be reassigned. Add to Agenda.

VII. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to ADJOURN at 6:05 p.m.; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Worthy, Reichert, Steere
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED