

At a special meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on May 11, 2023

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:00 P.M. by Councilor W. Worthy, Town Council President.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Cheryl A. Greathouse; Walter M. O. Steere, III; Jonathan E. Burlingame; Stephen W. Arnold, Vice President; William A. Worthy, Jr., President

Also Present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Jane Steere, Tax Collector

III. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Correction of Adopted 2023/2024 Budget - Discussion and/or Action

A. Motions to Correct presentation of adopted budget, if needed

Councilor W. Worthy stated that it has come to Council's attention that further motions are needed to correct the adopted budget.

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to MOVE \$150,000 from "PAVING"; \$100,000 from "For Future Fg Regional Proration" & \$100,000 from "For Future Operations (GPS) (on Page 4) ADJUSTMENTS to (Page 2) SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS; seconded by Councilor S. Arnold

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to REDUCE on (Page 4) ADJUSTMENTS "Abatements/allowances for Uncollected Taxes" by \$10,000 for a final total of \$90,000; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

B. Adoption of Corrected Budget to present to voters

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to ADOPT the 2023/2024 Budget (now dated 5/11/2023) presented at Public Hearing on April 18th & April 20th, 2023, as amended by Town Council, for presentation to the voters at the Financial Town Referendum to be held on May 23, 2023; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

C. Adoption of 2023 Corrected Ballot Questions

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Arnold to **ADOPT Corrected Question #1** for the ballot of May 23, 2023: Shall the Town Budget for fiscal year 2023/24 appropriate a sum of **\$32,962,673** which includes Municipal Services & Capital Expenses; Gloucester School Dept. Operating & Capital Expenses; Gloucester's share of the Foster/Glocester Regional Operating & Capital Expenses; and includes a Levy of Property Tax (not including Motor Vehicle taxes) not less than **\$24,854,009** or more than **\$25,095,310**; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to **ADOPT Corrected Question #2** for the ballot of May 23, 2023: Shall the Town Budget include an appropriation of **\$130,526** from the surplus for capital expenses?

This appropriation will come from existing surplus and will not increase the amount to be raised by taxes; seconded by Councilor W. Steere

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Questions #3, #4, and #5 remain as adopted by Town Council on May 4, 2023.

VI. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ADJOURN at 7:04; seconded by

Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- J. Burlingame, C. Greathouse , W. Steere, S. Arnold , W. Worthy

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED