

At a Special meeting of the Town Council in and for the Town of Gloucester on June 22, 2026

I. Call to Order

Councilor W. Worthy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Jonathan E. Burlingame; Stephanie C. Westgate; Cheryl A. Greathouse; Walter M. O. Steere, III, Vice- President; William A. Worthy, Jr., President

Also present: Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor W. Worthy asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Personnel

A. Appointments

1. Police Department

a. Part Time Dispatcher- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council received a memo from the Acting Chief on June 11, 2026; (item was accidentally omitted from previous agenda) which he read as follows:

TO: Honorable Town Council Members

Date: June 11, 2026

Subject: Part-Time Dispatcher

Dear Council Members,

I would *respectfully* request to appoint Jessica Silva of Gloucester Rhode Island, to a per-diem dispatcher position within the Gloucester Police Department. Candidate Silva is currently working at the Cranston Fire Department as a full-time fire dispatcher and would assist with dispatch vacancies when they occur within the agency.

Candidate Silva would need training for this dispatch position and would be paid at rate of \$18.00 per hour. Once she successfully completes training she will be afforded a part-time hourly rate of \$24.50 per hour. There will be no fringe benefits with this position and will be effective Sunday June 22, 2026.

Thank you for your consideration in this appointment.

Jeffrey Jenison
Acting Chief of Police
(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to APPOINT Jessica Silva to the position of part time per-diem dispatcher within the Gloucester Police Department. Said appointee would be hired at the rate of \$18 per hour while training and transition to \$24.50 per hour once training is completed. Said position has no fringe benefits and is effective June 22, 2026; Seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Westgate, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

b. Police Officer Recruit - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council received a memo from the Acting Chief on June 11, 2026; which he read as follows:

To: Honorable Town Council

Date: June 11 , 2026

Subj: Police Officer Recruit Appointment

Dear Council Members:

I would respectfully request to appoint Anthony Chavez of Burrillville to the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy commencing on August 3, 2026.

His Rhode Island Municipal Training Academy salary will be \$900.00 per week until December 18, 2026, and he will be afforded all medical benefits according to the Town of Gloucester policy handbook. This would be an increase in the weekly pay of \$150.00 dollars to account for the cost living increases. This dollar amount has not been increased in several years and would assist in providing additional revenue while attending the Rhode Island Police Academy. All recruit candidates are required to have healthcare coverage while in the municipal police academy.

The town will provide the opportunity to enroll the candidate as of August 3, 2026, to meet this stipulation if needed.

After successful completion of the Rhode Island Municipal Training Academy on December 18, 2026, Anthony Chavez will be granted a one-year probationary police officer position with the **Glocester Police Department**.

This position further provides a full salary and benefit package in accordance with the current IBPO 638 collective bargaining agreement.

This police officer recruit appointment process was approved by the Town Council in the FY2026/2027 Budget to fill current vacancies and anticipated police officer retirements this upcoming year. Candidate Chavez has successfully completed all phases of the recruit selection process and background investigation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Jenison

Acting Chief of Police

(end of memo)

MOTION was made by Councilor S. Westgate to APPOINT Anthony Chavez to the RI Municipal Police Training Academy commencing on August 3, 2026; said position will have a salary of \$900 per week until December 18, 2026 and be afforded all medical benefits per the Town of Glocester handbook policy; After successful completion of the Rhode Island Municipal Training Academy on December 18, 2026, Anthony Chavez will be granted a one-year probationary police officer position with the Glocester Police Department with a full salary and benefit package in accordance with the current IBPO 638 collective bargaining agreement; seconded by Councilor C. Greathouse

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Westgate, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

V. Seek to Convene to Closed Executive Session Pursuant to:

A. DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL, VOTE OR OTHER ACTION RE:

1. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(1) Any discussions of the job performance, etc.;
- a. Personnel Session (interviews of candidates for Police Chief)

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to Seek to Convene to Closed Executive Session Pursuant to:

- A. DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL, VOTE OR OTHER ACTION RE:
1. RIGL 42-46-5(A)(1) Any discussions of the job performance, etc.;
a. Personnel Session (interviews of candidates for Police Chief)
seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Councilor W. Worthy asked the Clerk to call the roll:

Councilor Burlingame- Aye
Councilor Westgate- Aye
Councilor Greathouse- Aye
Councilor Steere- Aye
Councilor Worthy- Aye

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OPEN SESSION

- VI. Reconvene Open Session – Disclosure of votes taken in Executive Session & Consideration of the Sealing of the Minutes of Closed Executive Session- Discussion and/or Action

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to Reconvene Open Session – Disclose Zero (0) votes were taken in Executive Session & to Seal the Minutes of Closed Executive Session:

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Westgate, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

- VII. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to ADJOURN at 8:06 p.m.; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Burlingame, Westgate, Greathouse, Steere, Worthy

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

