

At a Special meeting of the Town Council in and for the Town of Gloucester on July 01, 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 please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Personnel

A. Resignation – Discussion and/or Action

1. Finance Director

Councilor W. Worthy stated that Council has received the resignation of the Finance Director, Elizabeth Beltram, effective, end of day, July 17, 2026.

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to ACCEPT the resignation of Finance Director, Elizabeth Beltram, effective end of day July 17, 2026; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: Councilor J. Burlingame stated a recommendation for an appointment to be made of an interim as the chief financial officer.

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

B. Authorization to Seek Replacement Employee – Discussion and/or Action

Discussion: None

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to AUTHORIZE the acting HR Director to post and advertise the position of Finance Director; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: J. Fecteau stated a concern about the ad posted by the HR Director which stated the finance director was also the school business manager. J. Fecteau stated that the Charter does not state that the finance director is the school business manager so the ad should be corrected. Councilors agreed that the ad should be corrected to be in line with the Charter.

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

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

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 Convene to Closed Executive Session Pursuant to:

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 Minutes - Discussion and/or Action

MOTION was made by Councilor W. Steere to Reconvene Open Session, Disclose One (1) vote was taken in Executive Session & to SEAL the minutes of Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilor J. Burlingame

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

VII. ADJOURN

MOTION was made by Councilor J. Burlingame to ADJOURN at 6:33 p.m.; seconded by Councilor S. Westgate

Discussion: None

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

NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

Adjourn

