

**Caucus Meeting of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Monday, December 18, 2023 6:00 P.M.
313 Monmouth Street**

Minutes

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** By Mayor Baile at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call:** Baus, Berglund, Johnson, Timm and Mayor Baile present. Page being excused.
4. **Open Public Meetings Act Notice:** This meeting is being held in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, otherwise known as the "Sunshine Law." It has been legally noticed in accordance with the law and copies have been given to those requesting the same.

Public Comment Period: The Governing Body, in accordance with P.L. 2002, c. 80, have adopted the following guidelines relative to the Public Comment Period (PCP) at Caucus, Work session, Special and Emergency Meetings of the Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City: The PCP shall occur at the beginning of each meeting; it shall be no longer than one half-hour in length; every person wishing to speak may do so once during the period for no longer than five minutes. No changes have been made for the PCP of the regular monthly meetings. Our attorneys have advised us that we cannot prevent you from making remarks about our employees. They have requested that we advise you that our employees are not Public Officials and you are not immune from civil actions they may bring as a result of your remarks.

- Sara O'Brien, 923 Monmouth Street, requested reinstating the Mayor's Wellness Campaign in 2024.

5. **Reports:**
 - I. **Engineer's Report:** Report provided by Joe Rayday.
 - II. **Committees of Council:**
 - a) **Celebrations:** Winter Wonderland was a great event and all went well.
 - b) **Community Dev.:** L. Ryan provided a report.
 - c) **Finance & Administration:** No report.
 - d) **Fire:** Chief Hagan provided a report.
 - e) **Housing:** No report.
 - f) **Licensing:** Pine Grove Bingo #1-2024, Bingo #2-2024 & Raffle #3-2024

Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Baus to approve. All in favor.

g) **Police:** No report.

h) **Public Works/Water Dept:** No report.

i)

6. **Minutes:** November 20, 2023 Caucus Meeting with Executive Session and November 27, 2023 Monthly Meeting with Executive Session
Motion By: Timm, **Second By:** Baus to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Timm and Mayor Baile voting in the affirmative. Johnson abstained from November 20, 2023 Caucus Meeting and Berglund abstained from November 27, 2023 Monthly Meeting.

7. **Resolutions:**
Public Comment for Resolutions Only:
 - R261 Resolution Approving Meeting Dates for 2024
 - R262 Resolution Requesting Permission of the Director of Local Government Services to Anticipate Special Item of Revenue in the 2023 Budget of the City of Gloucester City Pursuant to 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L.1948) FY23 COPS Hiring Program
 - R263 Resolution providing for Budget Transfers
 - R264 Resolution to Refund Payments on Various Tax Records
 - R265 Resolution to Adjustments to Various Tax Records
 - R266 Resolution to Correct Billing Charges on Utility Records
 - R267 Resolution Authorizing CO No. 2 to the Contract with Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC for Hudson Street Sewer Rehabilitation

- R268** Resolution Authorizing the Award of the Contract for Hypochlorite Solution to Buckman's Inc.
- R269** Resolution Awarding a Contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers for Scope of Services and Proposal for the Resurfacing of Atlantic Street from Market Street to Ridgeway Street
- R270** Resolution Authorizing Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$30,000.00 for a project for the Gloucester City UEZ Events Program #2022-08008-1781
- R271** Resolution Authorizing Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$50,000.00 for a project for the Gloucester City UEZ Events Storage Building Program #2022-08008-1782
- R272** Resolution to Place Municipal Charges on Tax Properties Where Service Work was Ordered and Work was Performed as Outlined on 108 S King St and 207 S King St
- R273** Resolution to Place Municipal Charges on Tax Properties Where Service Work was Ordered and Work was Performed as Outlined
Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Berglund to approve Resolutions 261 through 273.
Roll Call: Baus, Berglund, Johnson, Timm and Mayor Baile voting in the affirmative.
- R274** Resolution Authorizing Hiring of Firefighter for the Gloucester City Fire Department
Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Baus to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Berglund, Johnson, Timm and Mayor Baile voting in the affirmative.

8. Ordinances Next Week for Second Reading/Public Hearing:

Removed, No action.

O -2023 Ordinance Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for Block 61, Lots 1, 17, 17.01, 17.02, 27, 28, 29, Block 62, Lots 1, 2, 5, 6, and the Atlantic Street Row, A Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area, Within the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey

Removed, No action.

O -2023 Ordinance Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for Block 50, Lot 1, a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area, Within the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey

9. Correspondence:

- a)** From Pine Grove Civic Association, requesting to waive the local bingo/raffle license fees
Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Baus to approve. All in favor.

10. Adjournment:

Motion By: Timm, **Second By:** Baus to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST:


VANESSA L. LITTLE, City Clerk