

**Regular Monthly Meeting of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Thursday, December 28, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
313 Monmouth Street**

Minutes

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** By Mayor Baile at 7:00 p.m.
 2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
 3. **Roll Call:** Baus, Johnson, Page and Mayor Baile present. Berglund and Timm 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.
 5. **Proclamation:** Joseph Hargesheimer
 6. **Oath of Office:** Evan Cox, Firefighter
 7. **Resolution:**
R275 Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement for the Sale of Certain Lands, owned by the City of Gloucester City, No Longer Needed for a Public Purpose, in Accordance with the Requirements of the Local Lands and Buildings Law (301 Essex Street)
Motion By: Page, **Second By:** Baus to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Johnson, Page and Mayor Baile voting in the affirmative.
 8. **Old Business/New Business:**
a) Bills Paid Week of November 22, 2023 \$ 17,825.61
Bills Paid from Nov. 28, 2023 to Dec. 14, 2023 \$ 1,373,031.12
Bills Approved December 28, 2023 \$ 457,636.66
Total amount being approved: \$ 1,848,493.39
Motion By: Page, **Second By:** Johnson to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Johnson, Page and Mayor Baile voting in the affirmative.
 9. **Open Public Forum on any topic:**
The Governing Body has approved the following rules governing the procedures of the Open (General) Public Forum:
 - Any citizen or taxpayer wishing to address the Governing Body may do so after approaching the rail, stating his or her name and address and being recognized by the chair. Said citizen or taxpayer will then be permitted to address the Governing Body for five minutes. After all persons wishing to address the Governing Body have had the opportunity, persons may approach the rail for a second and final five-minute interval during this session. 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.
 - No persons wishing to speak.
Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Page to enter into Closed Session for Personnel at 7:15 p.m. All in favor.
R276 Closed Session
Motion By: Page, **Second By:** Johnson to come out of Closed Session at 7:23 p.m.
- After Closed Session, the following action was taken:
- R277** Resolution Filling Vacancy for the Position of an At-Large Common Council Seat, Pursuant the "Municipal Vacancy Law" as Set Forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:16-3, N.J.S.A. 40A:16-5 and N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11
Motion By: Page, **Second By:** Johnson to approve. All in favor.

Motion By: Baus, **Second By:** Johnson to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST:


VANESSA L. LITTLE, City Clerk