

**155th ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE
MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
OF GLOUCESTER CITY, NEW JERSEY
Thursday, January 4, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
313 Monmouth Street**

Minutes

1. **Call to Order by Mayor Baile/Sunshine Law Statement:** This meeting is being held in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Notice has been legally advertised in the Gloucester City News & Courier Post. Copies have been given to those requesting same. By Mayor Baile at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Invocation:** Pastor Debra Connor
4. **Roll Call:** Baus, Berglund, Johnson, Page, Timm and Mayor Baile present.
5. **Oath of Office:**
Ed Cilurso, III, Councilman At-Large, *unexpired term, expiring 12/2025*
6. **Roll Call:** Baus, Berglund, Cilurso, Johnson, Page, Timm and Mayor Baile present.

7. **Resolutions:**

R001 Appointing Professionals for the Calendar Year 2024:

<i>Auditor</i>	<i>Bowman & Company LLC</i>	<i>Prosecutor</i>	<i>Andrew S. Viola</i>
<i>Bond Counsel</i>	<i>Parker McCay, PA</i>	<i>Public Defender</i>	<i>Charles Wigginton</i>
<i>Solicitor</i>	<i>Wade, Long, Wood & Long, LLC</i>	<i>Special Counsel/Tax Office</i>	<i>Brett Wiltsey, Obermayer</i>
<i>Engineer</i>	<i>Pennoni Associates, Inc.</i>	<i>Grants Management</i>	<i>Triad Associates, Inc.</i>
<i>Special Labor Counsel</i>	<i>Brown/Connery</i>	<i>Risk Management</i>	<i>Conner Strong & Buckelew</i>
<i>Special Counsel/Redevelopment</i>	<i>Maley Givens</i>	<i>Special Projects/Redev.Engr.</i>	<i>Remington & Vernick Engineers</i>
		<i>Environmental Engineer</i>	<i>Pennoni Associates, Inc.</i>

R002 Appointing Commissioner to the Camden County Joint Insurance Fund and Southern New Jersey Health Insurance Fund (*Brian Morrell, Dayl R. Baile, Alt.*)

R003 Appointment of Councilmanic Member of the Planning Board
George Berglund, Class III, 1 year term expiring 12-31-2024

R004 Mayoral Appointment, with Advice and Consent of Council, of the Committees of Common Council of Gloucester City for 2024

<u>Police</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Finance/Admin.</u>	<u>Pub. Works</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Licensing</u>	<u>Celebrations</u>
<i>Baile</i>	<i>Baile</i>	<i>Baile</i>	<i>Baus</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Baus</i>
<i>Berglund</i>	<i>Baus</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Berglund</i>	<i>Baus</i>	<i>Berglund</i>
<i>Page</i>	<i>Cilurso</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Timm</i>	<i>Cilurso</i>	<i>Timm</i>	<i>Timm</i>

Council Liaison to Boards & Committees

Planning & Zoning Board: *Councilman Berglund*

Economic Development Council/ UEZ/GCBA: *Councilman Timm*

Sports Organizations & Veterans Organizations: *Bruce Parry*

School Board Liaison: *Councilman Berglund*

Zero Tolerance Board: *Mayor Baile/Councilman Page*

Board of Health: *Councilwoman Baus*

Marketing/Technology: *Councilman Timm & Lori Ryan*

R005 Appointment of Members of Board of Health

R006 Authorizing and Designating Official Signatures on Various Gloucester City Bank Accounts

R007 Authorizing Investment of Idle Funds and Fund Transfers

R008 Naming Official Depositories/Night Depository for 2024

R009 Policies and Procedures for the Office of the Tax Collector for the Year 2024

R010 Authorizing the City Clerk's Office to Establish a Petty Cash Fund in the Amount of \$1,000.00

R011 Designating Official Newspapers

R012 Authorizing the Filing of Tax Appeals by Tax Assessor

R013 Resolution Designating a Public Agency Compliance Officer

R014 Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Contract with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (*Employee Assistance Program*)

R015 Awarding a Contract to Senior Citizens United Community Services of Camden County, Inc. for Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services

R016 Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Independent Animal Care Services LLC for Animal Control Services and as Animal Cruelty Investigator

R017 Resolution Adopting Temporary Municipal Budget

R018 Resolution Awarding a Contract to Voorhees Animal Orphanage for Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services

R019 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Managed Service Provider

R020 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for VOIP Phone System/Services

R021 Resolution to Appoint PM Consultants, LLC as Certified Municipal Finance Officer and Related Services
R022 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Special Licensed Water/Sewer Operator Services
R023 Resolution Authorizing Re-Appointment of Class II & Class III Police Officers for the Gloucester City Police Department
Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Page to approve. All in favor.
Roll Call: Baus, Berglund, Cilurso, Johnson, Page, Timm and Mayor Baile voting in the affirmative.

8. Correspondence from Mayor Baile: Mayoral Appointments:

Gloucester City Planning Board:

Dave Smith, Class 1 Member, Mayor's Designee, 1 yr. term, term expiring 12/2024
Pat Gartland, Class 2 Member, 1 yr. term, term expiring 12/2024
George Berglund, Class 3 Member, 1 yr. term, term expiring 12/2024
Doris Wasko, Alt. #1 Member, 2 yr. term, term expiring 12/2025
Sean Unitis, Alt. #3 Member, 2 yr. term, expiring 12/25

Gloucester City Library Board of Trustees:

Brian Francis, Alt. for Superintendent 1 yr. term, term expiring 12/2024
Carol Eller, Alt. for Mayor, 1 yr. term, term expiring 12/2024
Sara Prepsel, Member, 5 yr. term, term expiring 12/2028

9. Open Forum: 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.

- Sandy Reed, 637 Hunter Street, questioned Pat's Selects being a possible Cannabis Dispensary.

10. Remarks: from Mayor & Council:

- Johnson welcomed new councilmember Cilurso.
- Berglund stated he is looking forward to the challenges of the New Year.
- Mayor Baile welcomed the new council member and is looking forward to the New Year. Thanked the Committees.

Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Page to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST:


VANESSA L. LITTLE, City Clerk